



"I came
that they may
have *life*,
and have it
abundantly."

John 10:10, NRSV

First Presbyterian Church
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Service for the Lord's Day

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 30, 2023

10:00 a.m.

In preparation for worship, please turn off all cell phones and electronic devices.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Music

Words of Welcome

Prelude

“He Lives!”

arr. Lani Smith

Call to Worship

Praise God, the Good Shepherd.

In the valley's deep shadows, God's voice guides us.

We are God's sheep,

and the Shepherd never abandons the beloved sheep.

* Hymn 231

“Christ Is Risen While Earth Slumbers”

Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession

Lord Jesus, through the power of the Holy Spirit

we have been raised to share in your glorious resurrection.

Yet we have not lived as Easter people.

We are unsure of your promise, confused about your will,

and afraid in the face of danger.

Like Mary, we weep at the tomb,

but do not recognize your presence.

Call us by name, risen Lord,

that we may know you with confidence.

Whenever we are tempted to fear death,

give us courage to confess your Easter victory.

Whenever we are overwhelmed by the power of evil,

reveal to us your triumph over every destructive power.

Set us free from our sin and open the way to abundant life.

In your holy name, we pray.

* Silent Confession

* Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace

* Response 240 (refrain only)

Alleluia! Alleluia! Give thanks to the Risen Lord.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Give praise to his name.

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: 1 Peter 2:19-25 (NT, p. 233)

Psalter: Psalm 23 (Hymnal 803)

A Time with Children

Anthem "Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing" Cathy Moklebust

Second Lesson: John 10:1-10 (NT, p. 103)

Sermon: "Is There Another Way?" Rev. Carter

Sermon Series: Lent and Easter in the Company of John

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 187 "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

* Affirmation of Faith Book of Common Worship

***This is the good news which we have received,
in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast:
that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures,
that he was buried,
that he was raised on the third day,
and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter,
and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses.
We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God.
Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end;
he is our Lord and our God. Amen.***

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.
Amen.**

Offering

Offertory "Old Hundredth" arr. David Kellermeyer

* Doxology *Congregation will stand on cue.*

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Hymn 410 "God is Calling Through the Whisper"

* Charge and Benediction

* Postlude "Christ Arose!" arr. Richard Tambling

If you are leaving before the postlude is finished, please do so quietly.

* All who are able shall stand.

The flowers have been given in loving memory of Bob Reese by the Reese family.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Pastor	Rev. William G. Carter
Coordinator of Children and Youth	Jana Schillinger
Director of Music	Frank Jones
Director of Bell Choir	Richard Cochrane
Organist	Kay Ten Eyck
Liturgist	Marie Cochrane
Ushers	The Farrell Family

Church Family Announcements

Our congregation worships God, equips God's people for ministry in the world, and serves God in ways that are faithful to the Gospel.

Thank you for joining us for Worship. We worship in two ways!

- **Join us in person at 10:00 a.m.**
- **Tune in online** for our service, which is broadcast live on [our video page on YouTube](#) and archived for later viewing on the same site.

Large-print bulletins can be found at the rear of the sanctuary.

The Nursery is open Sunday mornings from 9:40-11:10 a.m. for children ages 3 and younger in room 208. The nursery is staffed by Heather Lyons.

They are back! Next time you sit in one of our pews, look for **the red attendance pad**. After you see it, please fill out your name and pass it to the next person across the pew. We are trying to do a better job keeping track of those who come to worship.

Tell us your prayer concerns. Prayer Request Cards are in the pew racks. Pass them to the center aisle to be collected during the first hymn.

Please pray for: Hall, Kate, Leonard, Chuck, Jane, Rachel, Wayne, Alice, Cheryl, Kathy, Otto, Dawn, Colleen, Anne, Aria, Morse, Nicole, Becky.

Upcoming Adult Education: Our Mission & Justice committee continues an educational series called **The Challenges of Immigration Reform**. The Wednesday classes will meet at 6:00 p.m. in room 206.

- **Wednesday, May 3** – Proposed Immigration Legislation – Reaching Across the Aisle
- **May 10** – Comprehensive Immigration Reform—Challenges and Solutions
- **May 17** - Immigrants' Stories – Film and Discussion
- **May 24** – Immigration, A New Personal Perspective

This Week at a Glance

Sunday, April 30

- **10 a.m.**, Worship in the sanctuary and online
- **11 a.m.**, Inquirer's Class, room 206
- **4 p.m.**, Big Band Jazz: Basie, Buddy, and Ella, sanctuary

Monday, May 1

- **5 p.m.**, Girl Scouts, Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, May 2

- **7 p.m.**, Mission and Justice, Room 206

Wednesday, May 3

- **10:30 a.m.**, Prayer and Share, Room 209
- **6 p.m.**, Adult Study, Room 206, **The Challenges of Immigration**
- **7:00 p.m.**, Adult Choir Rehearsal, Choir Loft
- **8 p.m.**, Adult Bell Choir Rehearsal, Fellowship Hall

Thursday, May 4

- **5 p.m.**, Worship, Music and Arts, Room 206
- **7 p.m.**, Building and Grounds, Room 209
- **7 p.m.**, Christian Education, Room 206

Sunday, May 7

- **10 a.m.**, Worship in the sanctuary and online
- **3:30 p.m.**, recital, sanctuary



Camp Lackawanna is accepting registrations for the Summer 2023 Season!

Camp programs are scheduled between
June 23 through July 21.

Check out the options
www.camplackawanna.org

Camping scholarships are available from our
Christian Education Committee.
Check with Jana Schillinger for details.

Programs are planned for children
and young people in
grades 1 through 12.





The Arts

at First Presbyterian Church
April 30, 2023 - 4:00 pm

Presents

The NEPA Repertory Orchestra
with

Big Band Jazz:

Basie
Buddy
Ella



The Arts at First Presbyterian 2022-2023

Big Band Jazz:

Basie, Buddy, and Ella
Sunday, April 30 4:00 pm

We will close our season with the NEPA Repertory Orchestra, a 16-piece jazz band under the direction of saxophonist Tom Heinze and pianist Bill Carter. They have gathered the region's finest musicians to offer a toe-tapping afternoon of classic big band music.

The band will perform some of the classic music of Count Basie and Buddy Rich. Vocalist Jessica Dunleavy will sing a number of songs by Cole Porter and George Gershwin, as recorded by Ella Fitzgerald.

As with all of our events, it is open to the public free of charge; a free-will offering will be taken to defray the costs of the event. For more information, please call the church at 570-586-6306 or visit our website at [www. fpccs.org](http://www.fpccs.org). The church is located at 300 School Street in Clarks Summit.

Looking Ahead:

- **Sunday, May 7, An Inquirers Class** will be offered after church, room 206, for anyone wishing to find out more about our congregation.
- **A Congregational Meeting has been called for May 7** immediately after worship for the purpose of hearing and acting on the report of the Nominating Committee. We will meet in the sanctuary.

We are grateful for the many ways that people support our church's ministry to the community and world. If you wish to contribute by cell phone, scan here.



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