



First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
6th Sunday of Easter

May 14, 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

“Canon in D”

Johann Pachelbel

Call to Worship

Jesus said, “I give you a new commandment, that you love one another.”

Just as Christ has loved us, let us love one another.

This is the day the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

* Hymn 254

“That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright”

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.***

Reception of New Members

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: 1 Peter 3:13-22 (NT, p. 234)

Psalter: Psalm 68:8-20 (Hymnal 54)

A Time with Children

Anthem

“We Walk in Love”

Deanna Witkowski

Second Lesson: John 14:15-21 (NT, p. 109)

Sermon: “The Way to Walk”

Rev. Carter

Sermon Series: Lent and Easter in the Company of John

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 300

“We Are One in the Spirit”

* 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.**

Minute for the Pentecost Offering

Offering

Offertory

“Arioso”

J.S. Bach

* Doxology 606

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Hymn 366

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

* Charge and Benediction

* Postlude

“Toccata in E minor”

Johann Pachelbel

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

* All who are able shall stand.

The flowers have been given to the Glory of God in loving memory of Elizabeth and Harold Cooper by their daughter, Connie Baruffaldi.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Pastor

Rev. William G. Carter

Coordinator of Children and Youth

Jana Schillinger

Director of Music

Frank Jones

Organist

Kay Ten Eyck

Liturgist

Andy Kepler

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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, Christian, Schimelfenig family and Comerford family.

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.

- **May 17 - Drafting Workable Comprehensive Reform Bill**
Is it really that difficult?
Facilitated by Immigration Attorney Tracey Hubbard
- **May 24 - Immigration, A new Personal Perspective**
Facilitated by United Neighborhood Centers' case worker Audrey Golosky

Mark your calendars

Alan Baker invites you to the final program of The Lyric Consort's 30th Season at 3:00 pm on Sunday, May 21st at St. Luke's Episcopal Church. The program will range through prayers, chorale variations, Renaissance secular songs, spirituals, and even The Beatles, and include the premiere of a new Whitman setting by local composer, Richard Wargo. General admission is \$10.00, and a reception will follow.

Saturday, May 20 is Church Clean-up Day. There is much to do after a long winter. As they say . . . Many hands make light work. Please plan to come at 9 a.m. on that day to *lend a hand*.

Sunday, May 21, we will ordain and install new elders and deacons.

Sunday, May 28, is the Birthday of the Church! Wear Red in celebration of this special day on the church calendar. We're asking children to carry streamers into the sanctuary during the prelude, and a festive gathering will follow in Fellowship Hall as we break bread and discuss the Church's birthday and the Holy Spirit.

This Week at a Glance

Sunday, May 14

- **10 a.m.,** Worship in the sanctuary and online

Monday, May 15

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

Tuesday, May 16

- **10 a.m.,** Women's Bible Study, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, May 17

- **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 18

- **8:30 a.m.,** Men's Breakfast, Room 206
- **2 p.m.,** Senior Came Day, Fellowship Hall

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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.



**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 logo for Church Camp, featuring a stylized orange and yellow flame above two crossed logs, with the words "Church" and "Camp" written in a black, cursive font below.

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