



**No one who puts a hand to the  
plow and looks back is fit for  
the kingdom of God.**

Luke 9:62, NRSV

**First Presbyterian Church**

Service for the Lord's Day  
Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

June 25, 2023

10:00 a.m.

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

**ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME**

Hymn Sing (9:45 a.m.) 248, 459, 81  
Words of Welcome  
Prelude

Call to Worship

O sing to the Lord a new song;

**sing to the Lord, all the earth.**

Sing, and give praise to God's name;

**tell the glad news of salvation from day to day.**

Let us worship God.

\* Hymn 32 "I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

*Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.*

\* Call to Confession

\* Prayer of Confession

on Galatians 5:13-20

**Lord, you have called us into the freedom of your grace.**

**We confess we have twisted that freedom into self-indulgence.**

**We follow our natural inclinations and show little restraint.**

**Rather than live in peace, we bite and devour one another.**

**We create division and animosity, and shrug off peace.**

**We demand love rather than offer love.**

**Even when you offer the guidance of your Spirit,**

**our souls are consumed by a hunger for consumption.**

**Set us free from ourselves and our appetites, and**

**fill us with enough faith that we may be reckoned as righteous;**

**We ask this through Jesus Christ, who gave his life to set us free.**

\* Silent Confession

\* Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace

\* Response: "The Fruit of the Spirit"

Brian C. Casebow

**For the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace,  
patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,  
gentleness, self-control; for such there is no law.**

## **PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD**

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20 (OT, p. 537)

Second Lesson: Galatians 5:1, 13-25 (NT, p. 190)

A Time with Children

Special Music

Gospel Lesson: Luke 9:51-62 (NT, p. 70)

Sermon: "Choosing Which Way to Go"

Rev. Samford

## **RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

\* Hymn 738 "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"

\* Affirmation of Faith: Apostles' Creed (Hymnal, p. 35))

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

\* Doxology 606

\* Prayer of Dedication

**GO IN GOD'S NAME**

\* Hymn 724 "O Jesus, I Have Promised"

\* Charge and Benediction

\* Postlude

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

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\* All who are able shall stand.

**PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE**

Guest Preacher	Rev. William Samford
Coordinator of Children and Youth	Jana Schillinger
Director of Music	Frank Jones
Organist	Nathaniel Worrell
Liturgist	Tabbi Miller-Scandle
Ushers	John Conklin, Jim McLaughlin

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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.

**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, Christian, Valerie, Christian, Megan, Margaret, Bob, Bonnie, Leslie, Sara, Susan, The Moore family, Gretchen, Jim, Lisa, The Adams family, Karis.



**Take us out to the Ball Game!** That's right. The Fellowship Committee has planned a trip to see the Scranton/Wilkes Barre RailRiders play the Rochester Red Wings on August 4. Game time is 6:35 p.m. The cost is \$12 per ticket. A sign-up sheet will be placed in the Narthex. **The deadline to order is July 18.** A car pool will be organized for those needing a ride. Watch and listen for more details!

**The Fellowship Committee** is looking for families and church groups who would like to host refreshments after church during the months of June through August. A sign-up sheet has been placed in Fellowship Hall. Call Karen White, 570-575-7005, with any questions.

**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.

**Reminder: Camp Lackawanna** is accepting registrations for the 2023 season. Folders with details can be found in the Narthex.

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.





**WHAT:** VBS 2023

**WHEN:** Monday, July 17 to Friday, July 21, 9am-12pm

**WHERE:** First Presbyterian Church  
300 School Street, Clarks Summit

**WHO'S INVITED:** all children age 4 to completed grade 5

**TO REGISTER, VISIT:** [myvbs.org/fpccs](http://myvbs.org/fpccs)

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**Want to volunteer?** You can help children explore Babylon by teaching, leading, or preparing. One day or the whole week, we need **YOU** to make it possible! Please contact Jana Schillinger or send an email to [fpccs.vbs@gmail.com](mailto:fpccs.vbs@gmail.com)