



The Fruit of the Spirit – Ivan Guaderrama

First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
7th Sunday after Pentecost

July 16, 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.)

Hymns of Healing: 796, 795, 800

Words of Welcome

Prelude

“The Lord's My Shepherd”

arr. Robert Hobby

Call to Worship

Our help is in the name of the Lord,

who made heaven and earth.

This is the day the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

* Hymn 393

“O Day of Rest and Gladness”

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: Matthew 12:15-21 (NT, p. 12)

Psalter: Psalm 4 (Hymnal 776)

A Time with Children

Special Music

Second Lesson: Matthew 9:35-38 (NT, p. 9)

Sermon: “Living in the Spirit with Kindness”

Rev. Carter

Sermon Series: Cultivating the Fruit of the Spirit

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn “Be Kind to One Another” (see insert)

* Affirmation of Faith: Apostles’ Creed

***I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand***

*of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. 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

"I Need Thee Every Hour"

arr. Roy M. Darley

* Doxology 606

* Prayer of Dedication

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Hymn 548

"May God Support You All Your Days"

* Charge and Benediction

* Postlude

"Praise Him! Praise Him!"

arr. Mary McDonald

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

* All who are able shall stand.

The flowers have been given by Joe and Ginny O'Brien and their children, Mary, Kate and Sadie, in loving memory of their mother and grandmother, Mary Copley.

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

Meg Hatch

Ushers

Barbara and Chris Norton

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Be Kind to One Another

AURELIA 7.6.7.6 D ("The Church's One Foundation")

Be kind to one another, be tender-hearted too —
forgiving one another, as Christ has pardoned you.
Refrain from any gossip, for gossip is a sin.
Be open to new friendships, and welcome people in.

Be kind in all your speaking and hear what others say.
Be open to Christ's teaching, and in all matters, pray.
Be gentle, loving, faithful and keep a humble mind.
Remember what is truthful. In everything be kind.

Be kind within your circle, but look past what you see;
Be kind to those in trouble — the poor, the refugee.
The world is filled with violence; write letters, call out sin!
Don't ever sit in silence and let the evil win.

O God of love, you've taught us. You've shown us what to do:
Be just, commit to kindness, walk humbly here with you.
Your Spirit gives us courage to truly live this way.
May love become our message; may kindness win the day.

Tune: Samuel Sebastian Wesley, 1864 ("The Church's One Foundation")

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Vacation Bible School Starts TOMORROW!
July 17 to 21, 9am to noon



WHAT: VBS 2023

WHEN: TOMORROW! 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

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 red attendance pads have returned to the pews! Please sign 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, Valerie, Christian, Megan, Margaret, Bob, Bonnie, Leslie, Sara, Susan, Marta, Flo, The Moore family, Gretchen, Jim, Lisa, The Adams family, Karis, Janet, Patty, the family of Penny Stoeckle.

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.

Would you (and some friends) like to host refreshments on either August 20 or 27? A sign-up sheet has been placed in Fellowship Hall. Call Karen White, 570-575-7005, with any questions.

My Brother's Keeper

The quilting group has been busy the first half of 2023. Since January 1, we have completed 63 sleeping bags for Keystone Mission to deliver to the homeless. These were completed by 22 individuals from our community and have been possible because of your donations. Thank you! The need is great, so please continue bringing us your surplus sheets, blankets, mat-tress pads, comforters, towels, wash cloths, socks, hats, scarves, gloves.

Our group is hosting Fellowship today. Please join us for refreshments and a display of MBK through the years at First Presbyterian Church.

Upcoming Activities being organized by our Fellowship/Church Life Committee

**You are invited to the Church Family
Parking Lot Picnic
Sunday, July 30 following worship**



Food will be provided by the Fellowship Committee. Plan on staying after church and joining us for food, fun and fellowship!!!



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.** Call Betty Keen (570- 587-0217) if you have questions or need a ride.

Join us for Dinner with Church Friends Wednesday,
August 16, 6:00 p.m.
at La Cucina Restaurant, 600 S Blakely St, Dunmore

Please let Jeanne (westcollect@gmail.com or 570-479-7960) or JoAnn (jodihall@nep.net or 570-806-1591) know if you would like to come.

The restaurant needs a tentative number of diners by August 7.
Meet us there or we can carpool from the church if you are interested.



This Week at a Glance

Sunday, July 16

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

Monday, July 17

- **9 a.m.-Noon** Vacation Bible School

Tuesday, July 18

- **9 a.m.-Noon** Vacation Bible School
- **Deadline** to order SWB Ball game tickets (See announcement)

Wednesday, July 19

- **9 a.m.-Noon** Vacation Bible School

Thursday, July 20

- **9 a.m.-Noon** Vacation Bible School
- **2 p.m.**, Senior Game Group, Fellowship Hall

Friday, July 21

- **9 a.m.-Noon** Vacation Bible School

Saturday, July 22

- **11:00 a.m.**, Memorial Service Inge Mills, Sanctuary

Sunday, July 20

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

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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