

***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
- * Doxology 606
- * Prayer of Dedication

"Gigue"

Douglas Wagner

GO IN GOD'S NAME

- * Hymn 712 "As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought"
- * Charge and Benediction
- * Postlude

"Sortie"

Douglas Wagner

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

Pastor	Rev. William G. Carter
Coordinator of Children and Youth	Jana Schillinger
Director of Music	Frank Jones
Organist	Kay Ten Eyck
Liturgist	Judy Cutler
Ushers	Barbara and Chris Norton



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Service for the Lord's Day
8th Sunday after Pentecost

July 23, 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.) "Christmas in July"
First verses of Hymns 113, 114 (and second verse of 115), 121,
122, 133, 134. AND all verses of Hymn 143

Words of Welcome
Prelude

"Pastorale"

Douglas Wagner

Call to Worship 2 Corinthians 8:9
For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ,
**that though he was rich, yet for our sakes he became poor,
so that by his poverty we might become rich.**

* Hymn 157 "I Danced in the Morning"
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 6:19-24 (NT, pg. 6)
Psalter: Psalm 86 (OT, pg. 544)
A Time with Children

Special Music

Second Lesson: 2 Corinthians 9:6-11 (NT, pg. 183)
Sermon: "Living in the Spirit with Generosity" Rev. Carter
Sermon Series: Cultivating the Fruit of the Spirit

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 697 "Take My Life"

Verses 1: all voices. Verse 2: male voices. Verse 3: female voices.
Verse 4: window side. Verse 5: hallway side. Verse 6: all voices.

* 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.**

This Week at a Glance

Sunday, July 23

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

Monday, July 24

Tuesday, July 25

- **5:30 p.m.**, Session and Deacons Potluck and combined meeting

Thursday, July 27

- **8:30 a.m.**, Men's Breakfast, room 206

Sunday, July 30

- **10 a.m.**, Worship in the sanctuary and online
- Church Picnic after church

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.



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, Dean.

Vacation Bible School was GREAT!

Thank you to everyone who was here, both volunteers and children.

It was a wonderful week!



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.

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!!!





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.

Our next Arts Event: The King's Brass

**Friday, August 11 at 7:00 pm
Sanctuary, First Presbyterian Church**



This 9-piece brass band from Fort Wayne, Indiana, consists of three trumpets, three trombones, one tuba, keyboards, and percussion, all excellent musicians from across the country. It is said of The King's Brass that they are a fine group of dedicated folks who take their music (but not themselves!) seriously. Their performance is a delightful blend of tasteful variety, light-hearted fun, and musical excellence. You won't want to miss it!

Nine host families are needed to house the band members overnight and give them breakfast. If you would be able to do this, please contact John Weiss at 570-586-0434.