



First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
Jazz Communion Sunday

September 3, 2023

10:00 a.m.

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

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude Music

“The Sidewinder”

Lee Morgan

Words of Welcome

Call to Worship

from Psalm 30:1-2

I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up,
and did not let my foes rejoice over me.

O LORD my God, I cried to you for help,
and you have healed me.

* Hymn 49

“The God of Abraham Praise”

The band will play brief interludes between each of the verses.

* Call to Confession

* Litany of Confession

Leader: Let us confess our sins before Almighty God.

(silent confession, to the music of the blues)

Leader: Let us confess our sins together.

People: ***We confess the hostility that turns nation against nation and neighbor against neighbor.***

Cantor: Almighty God, forgive us; Lord Jesus Christ, forgive us.

People: ***We confess our hunger for things that do not belong to us.***

Cantor: Holy Spirit, forgive us;

People: ***We confess the greed that exploits human labor and plunders the earth;***

Cantor: Forgive your flock this day; and help us walk your Way; and make us righteous; this, O God we pray.

People: ***We confess our slavery to habits and compulsions that degrade the image of God within us;***

Cantor: Almighty God, forgive us; Lord Jesus Christ, forgive us.

People: ***We confess our indifference to all who have no place to call home.***

Cantor: Holy Spirit, forgive us;

People: ***We confess the arrogance of presuming we are always right, and our tendency to trust ourselves rather than God.***

Cantor: Forgive your flock this day; and help us walk your Way; and make us righteous; this, O God we pray.

* Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace

* Musical Response "The Sidewinder, Redux"

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: 1 Samuel 16:14-23 (OT, p. 260)

A Time with Children

Special Music

"Eclipso"

Lee Morgan

Second Lesson: Psalm 40 (OT, p. 513)

Sermon: "Sometimes a Song is Enough"

Rev. Carter

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 792

"There Is a Balm in Gilead"

* Affirmation of Faith

Romans 8:1, 28, 38, 39

We believe there is no condemnation

for those who are in Christ Jesus;

for we know that all things work together for good

for those who love God,

who are called according to God's purpose.

We are convinced that neither death, nor life,

nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come,

nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation,

will separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Offering
Offertory

“Ceora”

Lee Morgan

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
Prayer of Thanksgiving
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.**

The Words of Institution and Communion of the People

All are invited to eat the bread and drink the cup as they are served.

Communion Music

“Melancholee”

Lee Morgan

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Hymn 357

"The Days Are Surely Coming"

The band will play a brief interlude between the verses.

* Charge and Benediction

* Postlude Music

“Cornbread”

Lee Morgan

*If you must leave before the music is finished,
please leave silently in respect for those who are remaining.*

* All who are able shall stand.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Pastor and Pianist

Rev. Bill Carter

Coordinator of Children and Youth

Jana Schillinger

Director of Music

Frank Jones

Liturgist

Connie Weiss

Ushers

Bill and Leelah Farrell

Musicians

Jeff Stockham, trumpet; Tom Hamilton, sax

Joe Michaels, bass; Tyler Dempsey, drums

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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 communion elements now include a gluten-free bread or cracker option. The crackers placed in the middle of each bread plate are gluten-free. Also, individually sealed, gluten-free “snack-packs” can be found in a basket with the bulletins at the back of the sanctuary. If you have a sensitivity to gluten, you may take part using the gluten-free item.

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.

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.

There will be a memorial service for Jean Brown on Saturday, September 16 here at the church. Her family will receive guests beginning at 2 p.m., with the service following at 3 p.m.

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, Bob, Bonnie, Leslie, Sara, Susan, Flo, Gretchen, Jim, Lisa, Karis, Janet, Patty, Dean, Sharon, Naylor family, Sonny, Ralph, Linzy, Sue, Dillon, Marta, Allen, Tony, Lisa Bourcier family, Donna, Andy, Margaret, Aiden.

We will be looking for a sexton to begin work this fall. A job description is posted on the church bulletin board. A letter of application and resume can be sent to the church office.

Rehearsals for Adult Choir have begun. Join us on Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary. ***New singers are welcome.***



Sunday, September 10 Join us for **Rally Day!**

- During Worship, we will **celebrate a baptism** and **present Bibles to our kindergarten and third-grade children.***
- After the service, everyone is invited to enjoy a **pancake brunch** in Fellowship Hall while we catch up and discuss a Bible story and the year ahead.*

Wednesday, September 13 – Bell Choir rehearsals resume at 8 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.*

Thursday, September 14 – Northeast Pennsylvania Philharmonic will present a concert in our sanctuary at 7 p.m. Tickets must be purchased from the Philharmonic.*

Saturday, September 16

- Highway Cleanup - Meet at Clarks Summit Methodist Church at 9 a.m.
- Memorial Service for Jean Brown in church. The family will greet visitors at 2 p.m.; the memorial service begins at 3 p.m.

Sunday, September 17 – Bible Time

Is a new program for our children (age 4 to approx. grade 4) to hear Bible stories told in a fun and engaging way. Each Sunday morning following the anthem, children will be invited to depart the sanctuary for Bible Time (designed to last about 20 minutes). They will return for the Prayers and the end of the service.*

Also on September 17 – A Bird Walk at Lackawanna State Park with Meg Hatch after worship.*

Tuesday, September 19 - The Presbyterian Women begin their **monthly Bible study** with Rev. Bill at 10 a.m. This year's topic:

“Sacred Encounters: The Power and Presence of Jesus Christ in Luke-Acts.”

All women are welcome!*

Wednesday, September 20 - Adult Education begins at 6:00 p.m.

Dr. Charlie Pinches will offer the first series, titled, “The Apostle Paul and the Called Life.”*

September 30 - October 1 - Worship Through Service weekend, with hands-on service projects around the community.*

*Additional details on all these activities are available in the September Presbyterian. If you didn't receive one in your mailbox, please take one from the literature rack in the Nathex (lobby).

This Week at a Glance

Sunday, September 3

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

Monday, September 4 – Labor Day

Church Office is closed.

Tuesday, September 5

Wednesday, September 6

- **10:30**, Prayer and Share, room 209
- **7 p.m.**, Adult Choir, sanctuary

Thursday, September 7

- **8:30 a.m.**, Men's Breakfast, room 206
- **5 p.m.**, Worship, Music, Arts, room 206
- **7 p.m.**, Christian Education, room 206
- **7 p.m.**, Building and Grounds, room 209

Sunday, September 10 **RALLY DAY**

- **10 a.m.**, Worship in the sanctuary and online
- **11 a.m.**, Pancake Brunch in Fellowship Hall

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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