



First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
15th Sunday after Pentecost

September 10, 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 Music

Call to Worship

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
This is the day the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

* Hymn 336

“We Gather Together”

Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession

on the Letter to the Philippians

***God our Father, we do not focus our lives on whatever is true,
honorable, just, pure, or pleasing to you.***

We worship our appetites and glorify what is shameful.

***We have set our minds on earthly things,
and deny the citizenship we hold in heaven.***

***Humble us like Christ, and conform us to Christ’s glory,
that we would know your power***

that has raised him to rule over all things.

For it is in his name that we pray, Amen.

* Silent Confession

* Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace

* Musical Response: “Grace to You and Peace”

***Grace to you and peace, grace to you and peace
from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.***

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 18:15-20 (NT, p. 20)

Psalter: Psalm 149 (Hymnal 550))

A Time with Children

Anthem

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

arr. Royal Stanton

Epistle Lesson: Philippians 1:1-11 (NT, p. 196)

Sermon: “Every Time I Think of You”

Rev. Carter

Fall Sermon Series: Dwelling in Philippians

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 506

“Look Who Gathers at Christ’s Table”

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism (Hymnal, p. 14)

Presentation of Sofie Kozlowski

* 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
Minute for Peace and Global Witness Offering

Offering

Offertory

* Doxology 609

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, in Jesus fully known; Creator, Word, and Spirit one.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

* Prayer of Dedication

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Hymn 804 "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart"

* Charge and Benediction

* Postlude

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

* All who are able shall stand.

Today we baptize Sofie Kozlowski, daughter of Erin and Michael Kozlowski.

Assisting elder is Carol LaCoe, Sofie's grandmother.

The rose is given in honor of Sofie on the day of her baptism.

The flowers are given in loving memory of family members who are no longer with me, by Janet Stansbury.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Preacher	Rev. William Carter
Coordinator of Children and Youth	Jana Schillinger
Director of Music	Frank Jones
Organist	Kay Ten Eyck
Liturgist	Wayne Griffiths
Minute for Mission	Nancy Zink
Ushers	Bill and Leelah Farrell

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WELCOME TO RALLY Day!



After the service, please join us downstairs for a **pancake brunch** in Fellowship Hall. We'll take some time to catch up with one another, discuss a Bible story, and find out about the year ahead.

All are welcome!

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.

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, 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.

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.

Immigration Resettlement Volunteer Opportunity

Catholic Social Services Immigration Resettlement could really use some help coordinating new refugee needs with services and volunteers. There are volunteers and case workers to pick up at the airport, furnish apartments, take food shopping, schedule and take to doctor appointments or social services appointments. But the current coordinator could really use some help lining everything up. If you think you might like to help out with this, or any other part of welcoming our newest neighbors, please email Ginny at ginny8149@gmail.com.

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

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.



This Week at a Glance

Sunday, September 10

RALLY DAY

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

Tuesday, September 12

- **10 a.m.**, MBK Quilters in Fellowship Hall
- **7 p.m.**, Session, room 206

Wednesday, September 13

- **10:30**, Prayer and Share, room 209
- **7 p.m.**, Adult Choir, sanctuary
- **8 p.m.**, Adult Bell Choir resumes in Fellowship Hall.

New Ringers are welcome.

Thursday, September 14

- **7 p.m.**, NEPA Philharmonic, Sanctuary. Tickets must be purchased from the Philharmonic.

Friday, September 15

Deadline for the October Presbyter

Saturday, September 16

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

Sunday, September 17

- **10 a.m.**, Worship in the sanctuary and online
- **Following the Anthem: Bible Time Begins** (see announcement earlier in this bulletin for more details)
- **11:15 a.m., A Bird Walk** at Lackawanna State Park with Meg Hatch after worship

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