

First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
18th Sunday after Pentecost

October 1, 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 “God Welcomes All” (Hymnal 399)
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 137

“He Came Down”

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 (sung) “Let All Nations Praise the Lord”

First Lesson: Matthew 21:23-32 (NT, pg. 23)

A Time with Children

Anthem

“Listen to the Word”

Children are now invited to Bible Time.

Second Lesson: Philippians 2:1-13 (NT, pg. 197)

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 761 "Called as Partners in Christ's Service"

* Affirmation of Faith Philippians 2:5-11

***Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death - even death on a cross.
Therefore, God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord
to the glory of God. Amen!***

Minute for Peace and Global Witness Offering
Offering
Offertory

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper (Hymnal, p.8)
Prayers of the People

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Hymn 738 "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"
* Charge and Benediction
* Response "Amen, Amen"
* Postlude

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

* All who are able shall stand.

The flowers are given by Erika Adams in honor of all couples who are celebrating an autumn wedding anniversary.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Pastor	Rev. William Carter
Coordinator of Children and Youth	Jana Schillinger
Organist	Kay Ten Eyck
Liturgist	Dana Miller
Minute for Mission	Alan Baker
Minute from the Generosity Team	Linda Woodley
Ushers	Chris Jeske, John Conklin

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 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.

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 following the anthem, children are invited to go (with adult leadership) for Bible Time (lasting about 20 minutes) and return for the Prayers and the end of service.

We are 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.

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, Bob, Bonnie, Leslie, Sara, Susan, Flo, Gretchen, Jim, Lisa, Janet, Patty, Dean, Sharon, Naylor family, Sonny, Ralph, Linzy, Sue, Dillon, Tony, Lisa Bourcier family, Donna, Andy, Margaret, Aiden, Colleen M., Glynn family, staff of all Times Shamrock newspapers, LeAnne, Wayne.

State Hospital Luncheon: On Tuesday, October 3, we will share lunch with guests from Clarks Summit State Hospital. If you can help with set up, serving, or clean up of the meal, as well as greeting our guests, please come at 11:30 that morning to be ready to greet guests shortly before noon.

Wednesday, October 4 Adult Education begins at 6:00 p.m.

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



New this year: We will host a Blessing of the Animals on Saturday, October 7, at 11:00 a.m. in the lower parking lot (adjacent to Fellowship Hall). All are invited to bring their pets for a brief liturgy and a blessing. Cats, lizards, birds, and dogs on a leash are all cordially invited.

Want to read through the Bible with friends? An Immerse Bible Reading Group will meet at 1:30 p.m. on Monday, October 9, at 152 Edgewood Drive, South Abington Township. This introductory gathering will set the group's meeting schedule. If there is sufficient interest, we will create more than one group. To save a seat, contact Jamie Strong at (570) 586-6776 or email her at jastrong@hotmail.com

**Arts at First Presbyterian Presents
An Autumn Serenade
with The Bill Mays Trio
Sunday, October 15 at 4 p.m.**



The pianist Bill Mays brings bassist Dean Johnson and drummer Ron Vincent for an afternoon of jazz, featuring music from their latest CD. With a top-shelf career spanning sixty years Mays has performed with the likes of Frank Sinatra, Phil Woods, and Gerry Mulligan. A prolific composer, and heard on countless movie scores, Bill's trio will dazzle us with its artistry.

Immigration Resettlement Volunteer Opportunity

Catholic Social Services Immigration Resettlement needs 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 or social services appointments. The current coordinator needs 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.

**There's still time to help with
2023 Worship Through Service Weekend**

Sunday, October 1

Our annual Worship Through Service event is a reminder that praise begins inside the church and moves outside to love our neighbors and serve our community. The service activity at Weinberg project took place yesterday, however there is still time to participate in projects for today (see below). You could sing, work in the church attic, help CE writing cards for home-bound Members, Make Sandwiches, or help with quilts for the homeless.

- Hymn Sing at the Pines – Sunday, October 1 at 1:00pm (Jan Thyren)
- Collection of Personal Items for SafetyNet – items will be collected until Sunday, October 1 (Tabbi Miller-Scandle)
- Collection of socks, scarves, gloves, hats for Clarks Summit State Hospital (Janet Dobson)
- Church and Attic Cleanup – Sunday, October 1 (Jay Clymer)
- Card Writing and Assembly of “Thinking of You” Packages for Homebound Members – Sunday, October 1 (Patti McGonagle)
- Sandwich Making for the Youth Shelter – Sunday, October 1 (Patti McGonagle)
- Assembling My Brother's Keeper Quilts for the Homeless – Sunday, October 1, following worship (Marie Cochrane)

If you have any questions or need a ride to an event, please contact Tabbi Miller-Scandle at (570) 470-9762.

This Week at a Glance

Sunday, October 1 – World Communion Sunday

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

Tuesday, October 3

- **11:30 a.m.**, Luncheon with guests from Clarks Summit State Hospital, Fellowship Hall
- **7 p.m.**, Mission and Justice, room 206

Wednesday, October 4

- **10:30**, Prayer and Share, room 209
- **6 p.m.**, Adult Education begins, room 206
- **7 p.m.**, Adult Choir, sanctuary
- **8 p.m.**, Adult Bell Choir, Fellowship Hall

Thursday, October 5

- **8:30 a.m.**, Men's Breakfast, room 206
- **5 p.m.**, Worship, Music and Arts, room 206
- **5:45 p.m.**, Girl Scouts, Fellowship Hall
- **7 p.m.**, Christian Education, room 206

Saturday, October 7

- **9 a.m.**, Piano Competition, Fellowship Hall and Sanctuary
- **11 a.m.**, Blessing of Animals, lower parking lot

Sunday, October 8

- **10 a.m.**, Worship in the sanctuary and online
 - **Bible Time** for young children following anthem
- **After worship** (for 30 minutes) “We Worship Together” – a series exploring church traditions (See announcement in October Presbyter)



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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