

WHATEVER IS *true,*  
WHATEVER IS *honorable,*  
WHATEVER IS *just,*  
WHATEVER IS *pure...*  
IF THERE IS ANYTHING  
*worthy of praise,*  
THINK ABOUT THESE THINGS.  
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**First Presbyterian Church**

Service for the Lord's Day  
21<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

October 22, 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                                      “Amazing Grace”                                      arr. Robert Hobby

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.***



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.***

A Minute for Generosity

Offering

Offertory

“Blessed Assurance”

arr. Harold DeCou

\* 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 37 “Let All Things Now Living”

\* Charge and Benediction

\* Postlude “How Firm a Foundation” arr. Lani Smith

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

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\* All who are able shall stand.

**The flowers** have been given to the glory of God in memory of Paul L. Cosner  
by Diane Cosner Conklin.

### **PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE**

Preacher	Rev. William Carter
Coordinator of Children and Youth	Jana Schillinger
Director of Music	Frank Jones
Director of Bell Choir	Richard Cochrane
Organist	Kay Ten Eyck
Liturgist	Bill Keller
Minute from the Generosity Team	Betsy Ellis
Ushers	Chris Jeske

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## 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 our program for 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.

**Adult Education** continues Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. Rev. Bill Carter is leading a three-week introduction to Paul's letter to the church in Philippi. This fall, we are taking a deep dive into his biblical document. This Bible study will explore the themes of the text, the circumstances under which it was written, and its importance for our spiritual life. All are welcome!

**Make some music with us.** Every Wednesday, **the Adult Choir** rehearses at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary, and **the Bell Choir** rehearses at 8 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. New singers and ringers are welcome for these ensembles.

**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, Jim, Lisa, Janet, Patty, Dean, Sharon, Sonny, Ralph, Linzy, Sue, Dillon, Tony, Lisa Donna, Andy, Margaret, Aiden, Colleen M., Glynn family, LeAnne, Wayne, Dennis, Robert, Bill, Barb Frutchey family, Tomachilk family.

**The red attendance pads have returned to the pews!** Please sign your name and pass it to the next person in the pew.

**LIFT: Living In Faith Together** - Join us for a **Potluck Lunch** after worship **TODAY**. We will enjoy a Bible reading and discussion around the table as we share family stories and memories. (Desserts and beverages will be provided.)

**Save a Life** - The Church Life Committee is sponsoring a **CPR class** on Saturday, October 28 at 10:30 in Fellowship Hall. The class is free unless you want to be certified. Then the cost will be \$35. We can only accommodate 20 people so please contact JoAnn at [jodihall@nep.net](mailto:jodihall@nep.net) or 570-806-1591 as soon as possible if you are interested.

## Call for Grocery Donations: Hickory Street Meals

There is still time to help with Hickory Street Meals on October 28.

A few more volunteers are needed to prepare the entrée (ground beef stroganoff), a vegetable side (broccoli supreme), bake or purchase the desert (pumpkin pie), and help serve the meal that day. Sign-Up sheets and additional info can be found in the narthex (entry) of the church.

Bags of groceries are needed as well. History tells us that at least 35 bags of groceries will be distributed that day. When you visit the grocery store this week, pick up some of these items and bring them to the narthex of the church by Thursday, October 26.

1 box of breakfast cereal	1 can of tuna	1 bag of candy
1 four-pack of pudding or jello cups		2 cans of vegetables
1 can or plastic jar of spaghetti sauce		1 box of pasta
1 box of Mac n Cheese	1 can of fruit	1 box of Pop Tarts
1 plastic jar of peanut butter		1 plastic jar of jelly

If you have questions or would like additional information, contact Alan Baker at [abaker2@verizon.net](mailto:abaker2@verizon.net).

You are invited for a **Trunk or Treat** event on Sunday, October 29, from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. It's a safe and fun event – and we look forward to welcoming many children from this community to our upper parking lot on School Street. Here's how you can help:

- Donate some wrapped candy; drop it off at the church office.
- Join in the fun: decorate your car, dress up, and distribute the candy (please arrive by 1:30).



## Choral Society of NEPA Celebrates 25 Years

The Choral Society of NEPA will again fill our sanctuary with music on Sunday afternoon, November 5th at 3:00 pm with songs of LOVE & MARRIAGE, including works of Johannes Brahms, Daniel Pinkham, Alice Parker, and Joseph Haydn. The program celebrates the Society's 25th Anniversary, and will be followed by a dessert reception with displays of history and highlights from the organization's first quarter-decade. This will mark Alan Baker's last trip to the podium with the Choral Society, so we hope you can come and be a part of their special day. General admission will be \$15.00 for adults, \$ 12.00 for ages 65+, with ages 18-and-under admitted free of charge.

## This Week at a Glance

Sunday, October 22

- **10 a.m.**, Worship in the Sanctuary and online
  - **Bible Time**
- **After Worship**, CE LIFT program, Fellowship Hall (See page 2 of announcements for description)

Tuesday, October 24

- **10 a.m.**, MBK Quilting, Fellowship Hall
- **7 p.m.**, Deacons, Room 206

Wednesday, October 25

- **9 a.m.**, Presbyter mailing, Room 206
- **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 26

Friday, October 27

- **1:00-3:00**, Drop off prepared menu items for Hickory St. meal, Fellowship Hall (food will be transported to Hickory Street at 3 p.m.)

Saturday, October 28

- **9 a.m.**, serving food and distributing food pantry items at Hickory St.
- **10:30**, CPR Class, Fellowship Hall

Sunday, October 29

- **10 a.m.**, Worship in the sanctuary and online
  - **Bible Time** for young children following anthem
- **2-3:30 p.m.**, Trunk or Treat, upper parking lot on School Street

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.

