

## First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day  
22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

October 29, 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: Hymn 708, verses 1 and 2

Words of Welcome

Prelude "Blessed Jesus, We Are Here" arr. Johann Walther

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 305 "Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!"  
*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.***

\* 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

First Lesson: Matthew 22:34-46 (NT, pg. 25)

Psalter: Psalm 1 (OT, pg.489)

A Time with Children

Anthem "His Grace Will Lead Us Through" Mary McDonald

Second Lesson: Philippians 4:10-20 (NT, pg. 199)

Sermon: "Learning the Secret"

Rev. Carter

*Sermon Series: Dwelling in Philippians*

### RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

\* Hymn 694 "Great God of Every Blessing"

\* 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!***

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.***

Minute for Stewardship

Offering and Dedication of Pledges

*All are invited forward to dedicate themselves and their offerings.*

Offertory

“Built on a Rock”

Ludvig M. Lindeman

\* 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 275

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

\* Charge and Benediction

\* Postlude

“A Mighty Fortress is Our God”

arr. John Leavitt

*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**

Preacher

Rev. William Carter

Coordinator of Children and Youth

Jana Schillinger

Director of Music

Frank Jones

Organist

Kay Ten Eyck

Liturgist

Charles Pinches

Minute from the Generosity Team

David Naehar

Ushers

John Conklin, Chris Jeske



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## This Week at a Glance

Sunday, October 29

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

Wednesday, November 1

- **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, November 2

- **8:30**, Men's Breakfast, Room 206

Sunday, November 5

- **10 a.m.**, Worship in the sanctuary and online
  - **Bible Time** for young children following anthem
- **3 p.m.**, Concert by Choral Society of NEPA, our Sanctuary

**Save the date:** All Church Recital, Sunday, November 19, 4:00 PM featuring music by choirs, bells, vocalists, instrumental soloists.

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.



Daylight Savings Time Ends  
November 5, 2023



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



You are invited for a **Trunk or Treat** event this afternoon from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. It's a safe and fun event. 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 and 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-century.

**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.

**Scout BSA Troop 160 and 1600 of Clarks Summit** will host their Annual Eat In or Take Out Breakfast Saturday, November 11, 2023 from 7:00 to 11:30 a.m. at Clarks Summit United Methodist Church, 1310 Morgan Highway. Cost: Adults \$12.00.

**Highway Clean-up:** Our next Highway clean up to clean our strip of the Morgan Highway (between Winola and Country Club Roads) in on Saturday, November 11th, meeting at 9:00 a.m. in the parking lot of Clarks Summit United Methodist Church (corner of Morgan Hwy. and Grove St.). PennDOT supplies us with garbage bags, gloves, and safety vests, and we put up warning signs to alert traffic from both directions. The work usually takes about an hour. Please consider joining. For additional information, contact Alan Baker at [abaker2@verizon.net](mailto:abaker2@verizon.net)

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

**Do you have a college student or military person far from home?** The Deacons would like to send them a goodie box to break the winter monotony. If you will forward the student's name and complete mailing address to Grace Farrell (570-878-7396 / [glee1124@yahoo.com](mailto:glee1124@yahoo.com)) or the church office ([office@fpccs.org](mailto:office@fpccs.org) / 570-586-6306), we'll be happy to make that happen.

**We are collecting coats** to support the local mission project of the Troy Presbyterian Church. They are beginning an outreach to those in need within their small town in a rural area. **Do you have lightly used or new coats to donate?** Please bring coats of all sizes to the church by Monday, November 20. We will deliver them on the 21st.