

Follow Me,  
and I  
will make you



fish  
for  
people.

Mark 1:17, NRSV

**First Presbyterian Church**

Service for the Lord's Day  
Second Sunday after Epiphany

January 14, 2024

10:00 a.m.

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

**ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME**

Gathering Hymn  
Words of Welcome  
Prelude

“Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult”

arr. Dale Wood

Call to Worship

from Psalm 139

Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence?

***If I ascend to heaven, you are there;  
if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.***

If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the limits of the sea,  
***even there your hand shall lead me,  
and your right hand shall hold me fast.***

\* Hymn 410            “God Is Calling through the Whisper”  
*Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.*

\* Call to Confession

\* Prayer of Confession

***Holy God, you see each of us  
and know us as creatures in need of your constant care.  
We confess that we have neither listened for your word  
nor followed your will.  
We have failed our nation, neighbors, families, friends,  
and ourselves.  
Give us ears to hear your wisdom.  
Lead us to honesty and faith  
so that we may begin again with renewed strength;  
in Jesus’ name. Amen.***

\* Silent Confession

\* Assurance of Pardon

\* Passing of the Peace

\* Response (refrain to 113)

***Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!***

## **PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD**

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: Jonah 3:1-5, 10 (OT, p. 860)

Psalter: Psalm 139 (Hymnal 28)

A Time with Children

Anthem                    “Now Thank We All Our God”

arr. John Carlton

Second Lesson: Mark 1:16-20 (NT, p. 35)

Sermon: “By Hook or By Net”

Rev. Carter

## **RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

\* Hymn 726                    “Will You Come and Follow Me”

\* Affirmation of Faith: Apostles’ Creed (Hymnal, p. 35)

Offering

Offertory

“O Jesus, I Have Promised”

arr. Wilbur Held

The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

Invitation to the Lord’s Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord’s Prayer (Hymnal, p. 35)

The Words of Institution

Communion of the People

*Please hold the bread until all are served, so that we might share it as a sign of our unity in Christ. As a sign of individual devotion and commitment, you may drink the cup as you are served.*

Prayers of the People

### **GO IN GOD'S NAME**

\* Hymn 720

“Jesus Calls Us”

\* Charge and Benediction

\* Postlude

“O God, Beyond All Praising”

arr. John Behnke

*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** today have been given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Franklin and Juanita Curtis Gelder, by daughter Margaret Reese, and grandchildren Kristen, Jeff, and Sandy Reese.

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

Pastor

Rev. William Carter

Coordinator of Children and Youth

Jana Schillinger

Director of Music

Frank Jones

Organist

Kay Ten Eyck

Liturgist

Alan Baker

Ushers

Sue Flynn and Bill Keller

**The communion elements now include a gluten-free bread or cracker option.** The wafers 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, please, take advantage of the gluten-free items.

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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 and archived for later viewing on the same site.
- Please use the **red attendance pads** to record your presence today.
- **Large-print bulletins** are located at the rear of the sanctuary.

**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 leaders downstairs for Bible Time (lasting about 20 minutes) and return for the Prayers and the end of service.

**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.

**Adult Education** continues Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. in room 206. We are taking a look at and discussing some portions of "**The Chosen**," a remarkable film series on the life of Jesus. All are welcome, especially newcomers. This class will continue through January 24.

**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, Betty, Lisa, Janet, Patty, Sharon, Jim, Sonny, Ralph, Linzy, Sue, Dillon, Tony, Aiden, Margaret, Colleen M., Bill, LeAnne, Wayne, Dennis V., Liz, Jerry, Wayne, Tracy, Bette, and the families of Judy Keiser, Kate Hopkins, and Gerald Miller.

**Calling All Keys** - Have a church key that you are not using weekly? We need it back. Our keys are expensive to replace, and we have some folks who need the keys that you might not be using. *It's Amnesty Week.* Bring them home to Nancy.

**2024 Offering Envelopes** can be found on the table in the hallway by the pastor's office. Please take yours home today. If you would like a box of envelopes, and one hasn't been prepared for you, contact the church office (570-586-6306).

**The 2024 Flower Calendar** is located on the bulletin board next to Rev. Carter's office. If you would like to place flowers in the sanctuary for a Sunday morning, please sign up. You will be contacted directly for more information.

**NEPA Chamber Music Society will perform a concert "Sensational Strings" at First Presbyterian Church on Sunday, January 14 at 4 pm featuring string sextets by Tchaikovsky and Brahms.** The church is located at 300 School Street in Clarks Summit. The concert is open to the public free of charge, with a free-will offering taken to help defray the costs of the event.

NEPA Chamber Music Society is led by violinist John Michael Vaida and his wife, Amy Iwazumi. NEPACMS is thrilled to present its most ambitious program yet, pairing the sublime Brahms Second Sextet, a masterpiece exuding elegance and rich lyricism, with Tchaikovsky's Souvenir de Florence, a bright and vigorous composition for string sextet, reminiscent of his renowned ballets. Over several years, Tchaikovsky painstakingly sketched, worked on, and reworked Souvenir de Florence, and expressed that composing for a string sextet is "terribly difficult...it seems that rather than writing for six voices, I am, in essence, composing for the orchestra, and only then arranging it for six string instruments." Indeed, these magnificent string sextets will fill the venue with resonances like an orchestra! The concert will feature John Vaida and Ambroise Aubrun on violin, Amy Iwazumi and Kristina Giles on viola, and Erin Ellis and Lisa Caravan on cello.

The series is supported by a grant from the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts, a Lackawanna County Community Arts and Culture Grant, and by individual contributions.

**Interested in a Presbyterian trip to Scotland?** Our church is sponsoring a Presbyterian Heritage Tour of Scotland for September 5-14, 2024. The trip will take our travelers to Edinburgh, Glasgow, St. Andrews, and the mystical island of Iona. A brochure is available in the Narthex. An information session will be **Tuesday, January 16, at 7:00 p.m. in Room 206 and on Zoom** (link available the week before). The meeting will be recorded. The trip will be capped off at 24 travelers. Interested? Let Rev. Carter know.



**It's almost time for Chili!** The Clarks Summit Ice Festival will be held on **January 27-29, 2024**. As part of the Ice Festival, Our **Chili Cafe** will take place on Saturday, January 27th -11 a.m.-2 p.m. We are looking for donations of crockpots of chili and we also need a crew of volunteers to help pull this event together. Please see or call/ text Karen White at 570-575-7005. More details on the Ice Festival are available in our January Presbyter and the weekly email, Light From the Hill. If you do not receive the **Presbyter** in your mailbox, but would like to, notify the church office at 570-586-6306.

## This Week at a Glance

Today, Sunday, January 14, 2024

- **10 a.m.**, Worship in the sanctuary and online
- **After worship**, “We Worship Together” program for children, theme is **Baptism**.
- **After worship**, Session, Room 206
- **4 p.m.**, NEPA Chamber Music Society presents “**Sensational Strings**”, in our Sanctuary.

Monday, January 15

Church Office is closed in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King’s birthday

Tuesday, January 16

- **10 a.m.**, Women’s Bible Study, Fellowship Hall
- **7 p.m.**, Scotland trip information meeting, room 206 and ZOOM

Wednesday, January 17

- **10:30 a.m.**, Prayer and Share, Room 209
- **6 p.m.**, Adult Education, Room 206
- **7 p.m.**, Adult Choir, Sanctuary
- **8 p.m.**, Adult Bell Choir, Fellowship Hall

Thursday January 18

- **8:30 a.m.**, Men’s Breakfast, Room 206
- **1:30 p.m.**, Sr. Game Group, Fellowship Hall
- **5 p.m.**, Generosity Team, Room 209

Friday, January 19

Presbyter Deadline

Saturday, January 20

Sunday, January 21

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