



*... his fame began to  
spread throughout  
the surrounding  
region of Galilee.*

Mark 1:28, NRSV

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# First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day  
Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

January 21, 2024

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

“Prelude in F”

JS Bach

Call to Worship from Psalm 30

O Lord my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me.

***O Lord, you restored me to life.***

Sing praises to the Lord, O you his faithful ones!

***Give thanks to God's holy name.***

\* Hymn 187

“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

*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: Deuteronomy 18:15-20 (OT, p. 174)

Psalter: Psalm 62 (Hymnal 790)

A Time with Children

Anthem “A Gladsome Hymn of Praise” arr. Austin C Lovelace

Second Lesson: Mark 1:21-28 (NT, p. 35)

Sermon: "Not as the Scribes"

Rev. Carter

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

\* Hymn 181 "Silence! Frenzied, Unclean Spirit"

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

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Offering

Offertory

"Andante"

Paul Benoit

\* Doxology 606

\* Prayer of Dedication

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

\* Hymn 463 "How Firm a Foundation"

\* Charge and Benediction

\* Postlude "Fanfare and Trumpet Tune" David Lasky

*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**

Pastor

Rev. William Carter

Coordinator of Children and Youth

Jana Schillinger

Director of Music

Frank Jones

Organist

Kay Ten Eyck

Liturgist

Jay Clymer

Ushers

Sue Flynn and Bill Keller

## **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.

**Mark your calendar:** On two Wednesdays, January 31 and February 7, we welcome Dr. Michael Azar, associate professor of religious studies at the University of Scranton for Adult Education. He will offer an historical introduction to the current troubles in the Holy Land in Room 206, 6 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, Betty, Lisa, Janet, Patty, Barb, Tami, Bette, Sharon, Jim, Sonny, Ralph, Linzy, Sue, Dillon, Tony, Aiden, Bill, Margaret, Colleen M., Carmella, LeAnne, Wayne, Dennis V., Liz, Jerry, Wayne, Tracy, Bette, and the families of Judy Keiser, Kate Hopkins, Gerald Miller and Barb Frutchey.

**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.

**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).

**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 was recorded for your listening. 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 26-28, 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.



**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.

**Thank you from the Worship, Music, Arts Committee.** It's such fun to decorate for Christmas, not as much fun to un-decorate afterwards. So, we especially appreciate all the helpers that spent time during the week of January 9 - 14 to help un-decorate the church. Thanks to Jay Clymer, Dick Cochrane, Janet Dobson, Andy and Donna Kepler, Mary Ellen Lawlor, Nancy Owens, Jack Pittman, Jim Thyren, Linda Weaver, and Karen White! Thanks from the Music, Worship, and Arts Committee, and everyone at FPCCS.

### **Winter weekend of art, music, and magic January 26-28, 2024.**

Here's what we are hosting:

- Ice Sculpture on display just outside the entrance to the sanctuary
- Photography and Art Show in the Session Room
- Saturday, January 27 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Drum Circle led by Cheryl Mozdian
- Saturday, January 27 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Chili Cafe in Fellowship Hall
- Saturday, January 27 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. - Magic Show by Damian the Magician

Looking ahead: **On Mardi Gras Sunday, February 11**, we welcome the South Abington Stompers, an outstanding jazz band of questionable reputation. They will melt all the icicles as they offer some New Orleans music for worship.

## **This Week at a Glance**

Today, Sunday, January 21, 2024

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

Monday, January 22

- **6 p.m.**, Girl Scouts, Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, January 23

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

Wednesday, January 24

- **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 25

- **5:45 p.m.**, Girl Scouts, Fellowship Hall

Friday, January 26          Clarks Summit Ice Festival

Saturday, January 27

Sunday, January 28

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

# Our Church Officers

## Elders

**Rev. William Carter, moderator**

**Beverly Bright, clerk**

### **Class of 2024**

Brad Campbell  
Jay Clymer  
JoAnn Hall  
Ginny O'Brien  
Robin Pinches

### **Class of 2025**

Barbara Decker  
Jeff McLaughlin  
Patti McGonagle  
Chris Norton  
Briar Woodley

### **Class of 2026**

Kim Barrows  
David Naehar  
Jan Thyren  
John Young

## Deacons

### **Class of 2024**

Bill Farrell  
Leelah Farrell  
Kate Hopkins  
Bill Keller  
Peter Moore  
Diana Pope-Albright

### **Class of 2025**

Katie Carter  
John Conklin  
Grace Farrell  
Jamie Strong

### **Class of 2026**

Erika Adams  
Judy Cutler  
Betsy Ellis  
Susan Flynn  
Gwynne Gilbert  
Chris Jeske  
Debbie Miller  
Barbara Norton