

First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day

1st Sunday in Lent

February 18, 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 "If You But Trust in God to Guide You" arr. James D. Kimball

Call to Worship

Psalm 25:4-5

Make me to know your ways, O LORD;

teach me your paths.

Lead me in your truth, and teach me,

for you are the God of my salvation;

for you I wait all day long.

* Hymn 12 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession

on Ecclesiastes

God of mystery,

our hearts are restless as we seek vain pursuits.

Our minds dream up empty substitutes for your presence.

Our tongues fill the air with useless words.

Our hands reach for what they can never hold.

Every attempt to capture you falls far short.

We are ensnared by our own foolishness.

In the light of your eternity,

grant us wisdom as we live our grounded days.

Teach us to trust and worship what we cannot see,

and keep us in the grace of your covenantal love;

through Christ our Savior. Amen.

* Silent Confession

* Kyrie 575 ***Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.***

* Assurance of Pardon

* Passing of the Peace

During the season of Lent, we will refrain from singing alleluias.

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: Genesis 9:8-17 (OT pg. 7)

Psalter: Psalm 25:1-10 (OT pg. 502)

A Time with Children

Anthem

Second Lesson: Ecclesiastes 2:1-17 (OT pg. 615))

Sermon: "When Pleasure is No Fun"

Rev. Carter

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 494 "Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts"

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

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Prayer Response 471

O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer. When I call, answer me.

O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and listen to me.

Minute for One Great Hour of Sharing

Offering

Offertory "Forty Days and Forty Nights"

arr. Jane Nixon

* Response (Hymnal 698)

Take, O take me as I am. Summon out what I shall be.

Set your seal upon my heart and live in me.

* Prayer of Dedication

GO IN GOD'S NAME

- * Hymn 166 "Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days"
 - * Charge and Benediction
 - * Postlude "Lord Jesus, Think on Me" arr. J. Bert Carson
- If you are leaving before the postlude is finished, please do so quietly.*

* 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	Betsy Ellis
Ushers	Diana Pope-Albright, Peter Moore

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HELPING HANDS **LACKAWANNA**

**ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN WORK WEEKENDS AT
CAMP LACKAWANNA WITH LEHIGH PRESBYTERY'S
HELPING HANDS MINISTRY**

**WE ARE ASKING ANYONE
WHO WANTS TO HELP IF
THEY CAN GIVE AS MUCH
OR AS LITTLE TIME THE
WEEKS OF**

Feb 1-4

Feb. 8-11

Feb. 15-18

Feb 22-25

TO DO:

- demolish two small bathrooms
- rebuild one large bathroom with a handicap area
- repair and paint old picnic tables and benches
- paint a couple bathrooms
- fix emergency exit in some cabins

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT CAROL
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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 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.

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.

Adult Education on Ash Wednesday, 6 p.m., room 206: "**Singing the Blues: A Study of Ecclesiastes.**" Drawing on study materials produced by Presbyterian Men, the group will explore life's persistent questions: Why are we here? What is the "good life"? What matters most? All are welcome as we explore one of the most enigmatic books of the Bible.

LIFT: Living In Faith Together - Join us after worship on **Sunday, February 18** for a meal and intergenerational program. Families with children as well as congregants of all ages are invited. Enjoy a meal, Bible reading and discussion, and activity as we begin the season of Lent. It's a great opportunity to share fellowship and faith with our friends and family.

Coming Soon: As Lent begins, we also begin our invitation to support **One Great Hour of Sharing**. This annual appeal addresses world hunger, assists those who suffer from disasters, and lifts up those who wish to improve the circumstances of their lives.

Looking ahead: On **Sunday, February 25**, our church will have bagpipes and a **theremin**. Can you imagine that? The bagpiper comes on the shoulder of Jim Bates, who will bring us an update on Camp Lackawanna. The theremin will be demonstrated during coffee hour by Jason Smeltzer.

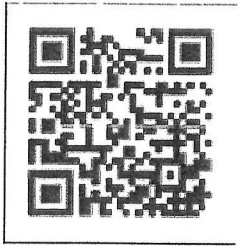
For Your Information: Please bear with us as our office is managed by volunteers for a few weeks. Nancy Owens, our church administrator, will be on medical leave. We are fortunate to have many capable volunteers handling the daily operations. If you don't get an immediate response to a phone message or email, please be patient and try again.

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.

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, Gerry, Tracy, Kathy, and the Woehling family.

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.



This Week at a Glance

Today, February 18

- **10 a.m.**, Worship in the sanctuary and online
- **11 a.m.**, Coffee Hour, downstairs in Fellowship Hall

Monday, February 19

- **President's Day**, Office Closed

Tuesday, February 20

- **10:00 a.m.**, Presbyterian Women Bible Study

Wednesday, February 21

- **10:30 a.m.**, Prayer and Share, Room 209
- **6 p.m.**, Adult Education, Room 206
- **7:00 p.m.**, Adult Choir, Sanctuary
- **8 p.m.**, Adult Bell Choir, Fellowship Hall

Thursday, February 22

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

Friday, February 23

Saturday, February 24

Sunday, February 25

- **10 a.m.**, Worship in the sanctuary and online
- **11 a.m.**, Coffee Hour, downstairs in Fellowship Hall