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# First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day

7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

May 12, 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

“Fanfare and Processional”

Lynn Trapp

Call to Worship

from Psalm 1

Happy are those whose delight is in the law of the LORD!

***They meditate on God’s law day and night.***

They are like trees planted by streams of water.

***In all that they do, they prosper.***

\* Hymn 299

“You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim”

*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 589

“Alleluia”

*Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Now the Lord is risen indeed.*

## PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: 1 John 5:9-13 (NT, p. 241)

Psalter: Psalm 1 (Hymnal 457)

A Time with Children

Anthem

“My Spirit's Gonna Shine”

arr. Dan Edwards

Second Lesson: Acts 1:15-26 (NT, p. 118)

Sermon: "Who's Next?"

Rev. Carter

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

\* Hymn 722 "Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak"

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

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Offering

Offertory

"Be Still, My Soul"

arr. Bill Ingram

\* Response: Old Hundredth (Hymnal 606)

\* Prayer of Dedication

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

\* Hymn 733 "We All Are One in Mission"

\* Charge and Benediction

\* Postlude "Trumpet Processional in G Major"

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.

**The flowers** are given by Bonnie Plantholt to the glory of God and in loving memory of her brother Alan Eckstein.

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

Pastor

Coordinator of Children and Youth

Director of Music

Director of Bell Choir

Organist

Liturgist

Rev. William Carter

Jana Schillinger

Frank Jones

Richard Cochrane

Kay Ten Eyck

Michael Thompson

## 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.

**A Congregational Meeting** has been called for today at 11 a.m., for the purpose of electing elders and deacons, class of 2027.

**Next Sunday is Pentecost!** In the spirit of the day, you are invited to **wear Red** in celebration of this special day on the church's calendar.

**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 Deacons will sponsor a Food Drive in May** that will benefit both the Clarks Summit Gathering Place and the Dalton Food Pantry. You may bring your food donations of non-perishable pantry staples such as cereals, pastas, baby food, etc. to the church narthex.

**Adult Education** meets on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m., Room 206. On May 15 and 22 Rev. Bill and Friends continue a Bible Study series titled "Why Presbyterians Are Like That." We will explore the ways we read the Bible, pray, and serve. All are invited!

**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 26 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's family, Ralph, Linzy, Sue, Dillon, Tony, Aiden, Margaret, Colleen M., LeAnne, Wayne, Dennis V., Liz, Jerry, Wayne, Gerry, Tracy, Kathy, Hannah, Tom, Dick, Chris, Rick, Brian, Len, Joyce, Staci, Travis, Nancy, Helen, Edward, Irena, Maureen, Bentley, Sawyer, Nate, Kay, Ginny, Kelly, Jamie, Judy, Renee.

We held a **CPR class and defibrillator training** in the fall of 2023. Some people expressed an interest in repeating that class for those who were unable to attend. Please contact JoAnn at [jodihall@nep.net](mailto:jodihall@nep.net) or 570-806-1591 if you would be interested.

**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.



### **Hearts and Hands for Camp Lackawanna**

Can you help? Camp Lackawanna has planned a second **Hearts and Hands weekend** for May 17-19. There are many tasks to be done. These include wood splitting, painting, cleaning, minor repairs, spreading woodchips, loading a dumpster, and others. There is something for all ages! You can come for the entire weekend or just one day. Meals and lodging will be provided. Please sign up by May 13 by sending an email to Suzanne Bates at [suzanne@batesemail.net](mailto:suzanne@batesemail.net) or calling 248-320-6095.

**Bike Ride June 1** - Please join us for this year's bike ride through the Lehigh Gorge. It's a 26-mile, all downhill ride from White Haven to Jim Thorpe, with a shuttle back to White Haven. The ride is free, but the shuttle is provided by Pocono Biking for \$24.99. No reservations needed. Meet at the new White Haven Trailhead at 10:00 a.m. on June 1. See Dick Cochrane with any questions.

**Would you like to host refreshments after church this summer?** The Fellowship Committee is looking for families and church groups to provide refreshments after church from June 2 through August 25. A sign-up sheet has been placed in Fellowship Hall. Call Karen White, 570-575-7005, with any questions.

**Later this summer – Check your newsletters for information!**

- June 30 – Parking Lot Picnic
- August 2 – Rail Riders' game

## This Week at a Glance

Today, May 12

- **10 a.m.**, Worship in the sanctuary and online
- **11 a.m.**, Congregational meeting to elect officers, Sanctuary

Monday, May 13

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

Tuesday, May 14

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

Wednesday, May 15

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

Thursday, May 16

- **8:30 a.m.**, Men's Breakfast, Room 206
- **2 p.m.**, Sr. game group, Fellowship Hall
- **5:45 p.m.**, Girl Scouts, Fellowship Hall

Friday, May 17

- **Hearts and Hands weekend** for Camp Lackawanna. Refer to earlier announcement for additional information.
- **Presbyter Deadline**

Sunday, May 19      **Pentecost**

- **10 a.m.**, Worship in the sanctuary and online  
Graduate recognition during worship
- **11 a.m.**, "We Worship Together" series for children. Today's topic is Pentecost. **Note:** this is a change from May's "Presbyter."
- **4 p.m.**, Recital, Sanctuary

On Sunday, May 26, we will ordain and install all incoming elders and deacons during the worship service.

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