



First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
Trinity Sunday

May 26, 2024

10:00 a.m.

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

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Hymn Sing (9:45)

Words of Welcome

Prelude "Theme and Variations on Holy, Holy, Holy" arr. Martha Sobaje

Call to Worship

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

And also with you!

This is the day the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

* Hymn 2

"Come, Thou, Almighty King"

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**God of grace, love, and communion,
we confess that we have failed to love you
with all our heart, soul, and mind;
and to love our neighbor as ourselves.
We ignore your commandments,
stray from your way, and follow other gods.
Have mercy on us.
Forgive our sin and raise us to new life
that we may serve you faithfully
and give honor to your holy name. Amen.**

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace

* Response 447 "We Are Forgiven"

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Gospel Lesson: John 3:1-17 (NT, p. 93)

Psalter: Psalm 29 (Hymnal 10)

Time with Children

Epistle Lesson: Revelation 2:1-7 (NT, p. 245)

Sermon: "Returning to the First Love"

Rev. Carter

Summer Series: Seven Stars in the Hand of Christ

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 1

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

Ordination and Installation of Officers

Litany of Gifts

There are varieties of gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

**There are different ways of serving God,
but it is the same Lord who is served.**

God works through each person in a unique way, but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.

**To each is given a gift of the Spirit
to be used for the common good.**

Together we are the body of Christ,

and individually members of it.

Statement on Ordination and Installation

Introduction of New Officers

Constitutional Questions

Ordination Prayer and Laying on of Hands

Welcome and Charge

During the welcome, the congregation will sing "Here I Am, Lord," Hymn 69.

Offering

Offertory

"Come, Thou Almighty King"

arr. Kenneth T. Kosche

* Doxology (606)

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Hymn 8

"Eternal Father, Strong to Save"

* Charge and Benediction

* Postlude

"Eternal Father, Strong to Save"

arr. Robert J. Hughes

If you are leaving before the postlude is finished, please do so quietly.

* All who are able shall stand.

The flowers have been given to the Glory of God in loving memory of Karl Beichler from his nephew Will Beichler.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

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| Pastor | Rev. William Carter |
| Coordinator of Children and Youth | Jana Schillinger |
| Director of Music | Frank Jones |
| Organist | Kay Ten Eyck |
| Liturgist | Beverly Bright |

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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 our website, fpccs.org.
- 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 Deacons are sponsoring 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.

Want to enjoy the Memorial Day parade with Presbyterian friends? Join us "downhill" at the corner of Stone Avenue and State Street, where a group of church folks set up their lawn chairs to sing along with the marching bands and count the fire trucks. **The parade begins at 11:00 a.m.** Feel free to park at the church and walk downhill. Or you can roll downhill if you wish. (Take note: the walk uphill may be steeper than you expect).

Can you offer snacks and sweets for **a summer coffee hour after worship?** Karen White (570-575-7005) would be happy to take your name. She's preparing a schedule.

Adult Education Planning: This Wednesday, May 29, we will have an open planning session for Adult Education 2024-25. What would you like to study? When? What format would work best for you? Come and share your ideas at 6:00 p.m. in Room 206.

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, Margaret, Colleen M., LeAnne, Wayne, Dennis V., Liz, Jerry, Gerry, Tracy, Kathy, Hannah, Tom, Dick, Chris, Rick, Brian, Len, Joyce, Staci, Travis, Nancy, Helen, Edward, Irena, Maureen, Bentley, Nate, Kay, Ginny, Kelly, Jamie, Judy, Renee, Dave, John, Clyde, Denise, Sawyer, Dawn, Bill S., Rebecca T., June, Marion.

Are you interested in taking a CPR and defibrillator training class?

There is interest in repeating the **CPR and defibrillator training** that was held last fall. If you are interested, please contact JoAnn at jodihall@nep.net or 570-806-1591.

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. Contact Dick Cochrane (570-587-3970) with any questions.

June Highway Cleanup: New Date, June 15th

We are moving the date for our June Highway Cleanup to **June 15th** to accommodate travel plans of some of our regulars. We will convene at 9:00 am on the morning of Saturday, June 15th in the parking lot of the Methodist Church at corner of the Morgan Highway and Grove Street. Gloves, trash bags, safety vests, and good conversation provided free-of-charge and all are welcome. The work takes about 1 hour. For more information, contact Alan Baker at abaker2@verizon.net.

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.

**We're planning for Vacation Bible School!
It's July 15-19, 9 a.m. to noon.
We need YOU to make this happen!**

If you'd like to help children explore

“Hometown Nazareth – Where Jesus was a Kid!”



by teaching, leading or preparing,
let us know! Please contact Jana
Schillinger or send an email to
“fpccs.vbs@gmail.com”.

Children age 4 thru completion of Grade 5 are invited to VBS and may be enrolled at “myvbs.org/fpccs”.

This Week at a Glance

Sunday, May 26

- **9:45 a.m.**, Summer Hymn sing
- **10 a.m.**, Worship in the sanctuary and online
This morning we will ordain and install all incoming elders and deacons during the worship service.

Monday, May 27 – Memorial Day – Church Office is closed.

Tuesday, May 28

- **Summer office hours** will be 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. week days
- **10 a.m.**, MBK Quilters, Fellowship Hall
- **7 p.m.**, Deacons, Room 206

Wednesday, May 29

- **9 a.m.**, Presbyter mailing, room 206
- **6 p.m.**, Adult Education planning session, room 206
- **7 p.m.**, Choir rehearsal, choir loft

Thursday, May 30

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

Saturday, June 1

- **10 a.m.**, Bike Ride through Lehigh Gorge

Sunday, June 2

- **9:45 a.m.**, Summer Hymn sing
- **10 a.m.**, Worship in the sanctuary and online
- **2:30 p.m.**, Recital, Sanctuary

Later this summer – Check your newsletters for information!

- June 30 – Parking Lot Picnic
- July 15-19 – Vacation Bible School
- August 2 – Rail Riders' game