



## **First Presbyterian Church**

Service for the Lord's Day  
Fifth Sunday of Pentecost

June 23, 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) Easter Hymns of New Life: 231, 249, 376

Words of Welcome

Prelude

"Trumpet Tune"

Robert Lau

Call to Worship

from Revelation 1:4-6

Grace to you and peace

***from him who is and who was and who is to come.***

All praise to Christ who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood,

***who made us a kingdom of priests serving his God and Father.***

To God be glory and dominion forever and ever.

***Amen!***

\* Hymn 246

"Christ is Alive!"

*Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.*

\* Call to Confession

\* Prayer of Confession

on Revelation 2-3

**Holy God,**

***we have abandoned our love for you and one another.***

***Fear has shaken our faithfulness,***

***as we have compromised with voices that lead us astray.***

***We are beguiled by corrupt teaching,***

***and we overlook the acts of evil that you deplore.***

***Have mercy on us.***

***Ignite our hearts and grant us clarity of vision,***

***that we would turn from the works of destruction***

***and love you with undivided hearts.***

***Through Christ, we pray.***

\* Silent Confession

\* Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace

\* Response 447 "We Are Forgiven"

*We are forgiven! We are forgiven! Thanks be to God.*

### **PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD**

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: Mark 4:35-41 (NT, pg. 39)

Psalter: Psalm 20 (Hymnal 548)

A Time with Children

Second Lesson: Revelation 3:1-6 (NT, pg. 247)

Sermon: "Dead or Alive"

Rev. Carter

*Summer Series: Seven Stars in the Hand of Christ*

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

\* Hymn 244 "This Joyful Eastertide"

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

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Offering

Offertory

"Andante"

G. F. Handel

\* Doxology

\* Prayer of Dedication

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

\* Hymn 248 "Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!"

\* Charge and Benediction

\* Postlude

"Allegro"

G. F. Handel

*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** were given by Judy Cutler to the glory of God and in loving memory of her father, Walter Bojman.

### **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	Kim Barrows
Ushers	Betsy Ellis and Bill Farrell

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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.

**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.

**Bible Time**, our program for children (age 4 to approx. grade 4), is taking a summer break and will resume in the fall.

**Training for Vacation Bible School leaders and helpers** is scheduled for Saturday, June 22 at 9 a.m. and Wednesday, June 26 at 6 p.m. in room 206. It is important that everyone attend **one** of these sessions.

**Enjoy Our Parking Lot Picnic on Sunday, June 30, following worship.** If wonderful aromas are filling the sanctuary during the sermon on June 30, you'll know that the grills have been fired up to cook hot dogs and hamburgers for our picnic. Come down after church for a little fun, fellowship and fine food!

## **Opportunities to Sing:**

**July 28 and August 25** - No choir experience necessary!

Would you like to sing with a group once or twice this summer? To give it a try? Or just because the rest of the year is too busy?

**Rehearsals** are scheduled for **July 24 and August 21** at 7pm in the sanctuary. All are invited to rehearse on those Wednesdays, and sing during the service on the following Sunday.

## **ALSO**

**Here's an Opportunity exclusively for Youth to sing on July 14.** Rehearsal TBD. All ages are welcome. For more information contact Connie Weiss at 570-466-4520.

**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, Janet, Staci, Travis, Darlene, Edward, Irena, Maureen, Bentley, Nate, Kay, Kelly, Jamie, Judy, Renee, Clyde, Emily Denise, Sawyer, Dawn, Bill S., Rebecca T., June, Marion, Nancy J., Debbie S., family and friends of Todd Frick, Kerry B., Renee and family, Brenden.

**Are you interested in taking a CPR and defibrillator training class,** like the one offered last fall? If yes, contact JoAnn at [jodihall@nep.net](mailto:jodihall@nep.net) or 570-806-1591. If there is sufficient response, a class will be scheduled.

**Take Me Out to the Ball Game!** We will be going to a Rail Riders game on **Friday, August 2.** The game starts at 6:30. A sign-up sheet is in the Narthex. **Tickets are \$13** (for children and adults). **Please pay Betty Keen by July 21.**

Some of our church leaders are exploring the possibility of creating a **Mobile Food Pantry** out of our church to distribute food for 25 or more households once a month. Want to find out more? We are planning an information session early next month. Watch this space for more details.

**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.

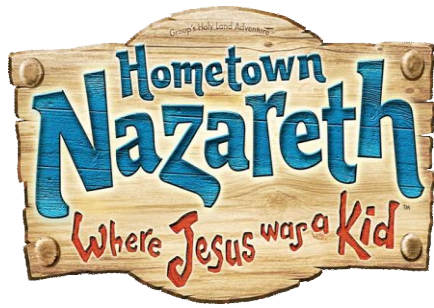
**Summer office hours** will be 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays.

The church office will be closed July 4 and 5, 2024.

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

- July 15-19 – Vacation Bible School
- August 2 – Rail Riders' game





## Vacation Bible School 2024

July 15-19, 9am-12pm

Age 4 through completed Grade 5



for more information and to register, visit:

[myvbs.org/fpccs](http://myvbs.org/fpccs)

**Calling all volunteers!**

We need YOU to make VBS happen!

If you'd like to help children explore Nazareth by teaching, leading, or preparing, let us know!

Please contact Jana Schillinger or send an email to [fpccs.vbs@gmail.com](mailto:fpccs.vbs@gmail.com)



**Volunteers – YOU – are needed to make this happen.**  
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### **This Week at a Glance**

Sunday, June 23

- **9:45 a.m.**, Summer Hymn sing
- **10 a.m.**, Worship in the sanctuary and online

Tuesday, June 25

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

Wednesday, June 26

- **9 a.m.**, Presbyter mailing, Room 206
- **10:30 a.m.**, Prayer and Share, Room 209
- **6 p.m.**, VBS Training, Room 206

Sunday, June 30

- **9:45 a.m.**, Summer Hymn sing
- **10 a.m.**, Worship in the sanctuary and online
- **11 a.m.**, It's the **PARKING LOT PICNIC!**

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