



First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
7th Sunday after Pentecost

July 7, 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) Hymns for a Nation's Birthday: 338, 354. 337

Words of Welcome

Prelude

"America"

arr. Harold DeCou

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 331

“God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand”

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 5:21-24, 35-43 (NT, pg. 39)

A Time with Children

Second Lesson: Revelation 3:14-22 (NT, p. 247)

Sermon: “Neither Cold Nor Hot”

Rev. Carter

Sermon Series: Seven Stars in the Hand of Christ

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 728

“Somebody’s Knocking at Your Door”

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

Offering

Offertory

“Eternal Father, Strong to Save”

arr. Robert Hobby

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer (Hymnal, p. 35)

The Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Please hold the bread until all are served, so that we might share it as a sign of our unity in Christ. As a sign of individual devotion and commitment, you may drink the cup as you are served.

Prayers of the People

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Hymn 418 "Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling"

* Charge and Benediction

* Postlude "Battle Hymn of the Republic" arr. Harold DeCou

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

* All who are able shall stand.

The flowers this morning are given to the glory of God in memory of loved ones by Rev. Nancy Zink.

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
Trumpeter	Jeff Leas
Liturgist	John Weiss
Ushers	Barbara Norton and the Farrell Family

The communion elements now include a gluten-free bread or cracker option. The crackers placed in the middle of each bread plate are gluten-free. Also, individually sealed, gluten-free "communion packs" can be found in a basket with the bulletins at the back of the sanctuary. If you have a sensitivity to gluten, please, take advantage of the gluten-free items.

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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.



Summer Singing Opportunities

There is 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.

Additional opportunities exist for adults to sing, and no choir experience is necessary! Check your calendar for the Sundays **July 28** and/or **August 25**. Rehearsals are scheduled for July 24 and August 21 at **7 p.m.** in the sanctuary. All are invited to rehearse on those Wednesdays and sing during the service on the following Sunday.

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, Darlene, Edward, Irena, Maureen, Bentley, Nate, Kay, Kelly, Jamie, Judy, Renee, Clyde, Emily Denise, Sawyer, Dawn, Bill S., Rebecca, June, Marion, Nancy J., Debbie S., family and friends of Todd Frick, family of 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 or 570-806-1591. If there is sufficient response, a class will be scheduled.

Highway Clean-up Rescheduled: After two strikeouts in June, we have rescheduled our summer highway cleanup for Saturday morning, July 20th. Meet at the Methodist Church, corner of Grove Street and the Morgan Highway, at 9:00 am and be done by 10:00 am. Bags, gloves, and safety vests provided. New participants are always welcome! Contact Alan Baker at abaker2@verizon.net for additional information or to let him know you'll be coming to help.

Looking ahead, we will hold our fall highway cleanup on Saturday, October 5th (same time/place) as part of our annual Worship Through Service weekend. This will replace our normal September and November cleanups.

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? An information/ planning session is set for Thursday, July 11, 10 a.m. in room 206. Sign up today in the Narthex or Fellowship Hall!

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

Sunday, July 7

- **9:45 a.m.**, Summer Hymn sing
- **10 a.m.**, Worship in the sanctuary and online
- **11:15 a.m.**, Generosity Team, Room 206

Monday, July 8

Tuesday, July 9

- **6:30 p.m.**, Session/Deacons combined meeting, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, July 10

- **10:30 a.m.**, Prayer and Share, Room 209

Thursday, July 11

- **11 a.m.**, Mobile Pantry Information/Planning meeting, Room 206

Friday, July 12

Saturday, July 13

Sunday, July 14

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

Later this summer – Check your newsletters for information!

- July 15-19, 9 a.m. to noon, Vacation Bible School
- July 20, 9 a.m., Highway Clean-up
- August 2, 6:30 p.m., Rail Riders' game
- August 11, 2 p.m., Meet our new Presbytery Exec.

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

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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

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