



GIVE YOUR SERVANT THEREFORE AN
UNDERSTANDING MIND TO GOVERN
YOUR PEOPLE, ABLE TO DISCERN
BETWEEN GOOD AND EVIL ...”

1 KINGS 3:9, NRSV

First Presbyterian Church
300 School Street
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Service for the Lord's Day
13th Sunday after Pentecost

August 18, 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) 375, 667, 641

Words of Welcome

Prelude

“Jupiter”

Gustav Holst

Call to Worship

We have heard that we are not enough:
not good enough, not strong enough, not whole enough.

***If we receive human testimony,
the testimony of God is greater.***

We have heard that we do not make enough,
do not own enough, do not have enough.

***We gather to worship, for God's Word is enough:
hope enough, love enough, life enough.***

Let us worship God.

* Hymn 169 “Dear Lord and Father of Mankind”

Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession

O God of love and wisdom, how easily we get lost. So often we live as though you don't give us light and wisdom and show us ways to live. So often we listen to any voices other than yours. So often we make choices that we even know are not loving, or life-giving. So often we are lost even to ourselves, wondering at the end of the day why we made some of the choices we made. There are also times that we manage to talk ourselves into believing, at some level, that you would want us to make choices that do not honor your children or your creation. Holy One, open us to the possibilities that you have placed within us and among us for sharing your love, embodying your Kingdom, and living lives of wholeness through which your glory can shine. Help us to sense your presence with us, and to trust you in these days. Amen.

* Silent Confession

* Assurance of Pardon

We are no longer blown about in the winds of the world, we are grounded, yesterday, today, tomorrow in God's forgiveness, hope and love.

Today, tomorrow, forever: we can bear fresh fruit, sharing God's peace and joy with everyone we meet. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Amen.

* 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 (in unison)

**Guide us, O God,
by your Word and Spirit,
that in your light we may see light,
in your truth find freedom,
and in your will discover your peace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

First Lesson: Ephesians 5:15-20 (NT, p. 194)

Psalter: Psalm 1 (Hymn 457) “How Happy Are the Saints of God”

A Time with Children

Special Music “Air” George F. Handel

Second Lesson: 1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14 (OT, p. 304)

Sermon: “Wisdom of the Head, Heart, and More” Dr. Zencka

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 688 “Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart”

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

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

Offering

Offertory “Poco Andante” Johann Albrechtsberger

* Doxology

* Prayer of Dedication

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Hymn 450 “Be Thou My Vision”

* Charge and Benediction

* Postlude “Rondeau” Henry Purcell

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

* All who are able shall stand.

The flowers have been given by Bonnie Plantholt to the glory of God in loving memory of her parents, Erwin and Dorthy Eckstein.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Guest Preacher	Rev. Dr. Susan Gilbert Zencka
Coordinator of Children and Youth	Jana Schillinger
Director of Music	Frank Jones
Organist	Kay Ten Eyck
Oboist	Connie Weiss
Cellist	John Weiss
Liturgist	Dana Miller
Ushers	Judy Cutler and Debbie Miller

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.

Please welcome Susan Gilbert Zencka back to our pulpit this morning! Here's a little about her. She moved to the Lehigh Valley 3 years ago with her husband after retiring from congregational ministry, most recently in Central Wisconsin. They split their time between their home in Allentown, and a longtime family cabin in Hawley. She is still trying to figure out retirement, but enjoys knitting, quilting, gardening, her Portuguese Water Dog, Gracie, and most of all, time with their 3 sons, 3 daughters-in-law, and 5 grandchildren, ages 2 mos - 4 years.

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.

The adults will sing again on Sunday, August 25, rehearsing on Wednesday, August 21 at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary. **Also**, we want to put together a pick-up choir for the Jazz Communion on September 1. Want to sing? There is a single rehearsal on Wednesday, August 28, which will be followed by a trip to Manning's for ice cream.

We have scheduled a CPR and defibrillator training class on Saturday morning, September 21 at 10 a.m. The class is limited to fifteen people. To sign up, contact JoAnn at jodihall@nep.net or 570-806-1591.

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, June, Marion, Nancy J., Debbie S., family and friends of Todd Frick, Renee and family, Brenden.

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

Looking ahead: Worship Through Service weekend will be October 5-6. There will be a lot of opportunities for us to serve our community. Mark the dates - and watch for details.

The Deacons thank you for your May food pantry donations, and would like to ask for your help again in continuing the important work of feeding our neighbors. During the month of August, we will again be collecting non- items for the Dalton Food Pantry and The Gathering Place. Please consider picking up some of these items on your next grocery trip(s). In May, we delivered the collected items in the trunks of two cars. Will you take up the challenge of needing a third car this time? Thank you always for your generosity!

Items requested by the pantries:

juices and canned fruit	cereals	powdered milk	power or breakfast bars
mac and cheese	pasta	spaghetti sauce	rice
soups	crackers	tuna fish	canned chicken
canned vegetables	Boost	Ensure	peanut butter and jelly
condiments	salad oils	vinegar	baby food
diapers	shampoos	toothbrushes	toothpaste

Our deacons are sponsoring a Grief Support group for the community. It will meet at the Gathering Place, 304 S. State Street, Clarks Summit on the third Thursday of each month, beginning September 19 at 6 :00 p.m. It is open to all. More information will be coming.

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.

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This Week at a Glance

Sunday, August 18

- **9:45 a.m.**, Summer Hymn sing
- **10 a.m.**, Worship in the sanctuary and online
- **11:15 a.m.**, Fellowship meeting, room 107

Monday, August 19

Tuesday, August 20

Wednesday, August 21

- **10:30 a.m.**, Prayer and Share, Room 209
- **7 p.m.**, Summer choir rehearsal, sanctuary

Thursday, August 22

Friday, August 23

Saturday, August 24

Sunday, August 25

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

DRIVE THROUGH FOOD PANTRY In Clarks Summit, PA

***PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED**

and will be conducted at:

The First Presbyterian Church of Clarks Summit
300 School Street, Clarks Summit, Pennsylvania 18411
(Follow signs to bottom of parking lot)

Tuesday, August 20th 4-6pm or
Tuesday, August 27th 4-6pm

Enrollment is limited to the first 30 families

This food pantry is made possible through the partnership
of
The First Presbyterian Church of Clarks Summit and
The Weinberg Northeast PA Regional Food Bank.

For more information, email fpccsfoodpantry@gmail.com

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