

First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
21st Sunday after Pentecost

October 13, 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 175
Words of Welcome
Prelude

“Seek Ye First”

“Jig Fugue”

Dietrich Buxtehude

Call to Worship

from Amos 5

Seek good and not evil; seek the Lord and live!

May the Lord our God be with us.

Seek good and not evil, that justice may prevail.

May the Lord our God show us grace.

* Hymn 385

“All People That on Earth Do Dwell”

Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession

O Lord our God,

you call us to work for a world

where all will be fed and have dignity,

but we find ourselves distracted by our own desires.

You call us to seek justice and peace,

but we are satisfied with injustice and discord.

You call us to bring liberty to the oppressed,

but we do not insist on freedom for all.

Forgive us, O Lord.

Turn us to your will by the power of your Spirit,

so that all may know your justice and peace;

through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior.

* Silent Confession

* Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace

* Response (Hymn 439, v. 4)

As it was without beginning, so it lasts without an end;

To their children’s children ever shall God’s righteousness extend.

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: Amos 5:6-7; 10-15 (OT, p. 853)

Psalter: Psalm 90 (Hymn 687)

A Time with Children

Anthem

“Now Thank We All Our God”

Second Lesson: Mark 10:17-31 (NT, p. 46)

Sermon: “Impossible Possibilities”

Rev. Thyren

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 726

“Will You Come and Follow Me”

* Affirmation of Faith Declaration of Faith, PCUS, 9.3

***We believe Christ gives us and demands of us
personal lives that are centered in God
and open to God's reality and rule.***

***Christ teaches us to put obedience to God above
the interests of self, family, race or nation;
to offer God joyously our money, ability, and time.***

***It is part of our discipline to observe a day of worship and rest,
setting aside our own working to enjoy God's work,
celebrating with sisters and brothers the Lord's goodness.***

***We need constantly to search out God's way in Scripture,
not expecting detailed directions for every decision,
but relying on the Word to tell us who God is,
to press God's present claim on us,
and to assure us of God's grace and comfort.***

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

A Minute for Generosity

Offering

Offertory

"Gigue En rondeau"

Jean-Philippe Rameau

* Doxology 606

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise Christ, all people here below.

Praise Holy Spirit evermore. Praise Triune God, whom we adore.

* Prayer of Dedication

GO IN GOD'S NAME

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

* Charge and Benediction

* Postlude

"Allegro"

John Blow

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

* All who are able shall stand.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Guest Preacher

Rev. James Thyren

Coordinator of Children and Youth

Jana Schillinger

Director of Music

Frank Jones

Organist

Kay Ten Eyck

Liturgist

Jack Pittman

Ushers

Bill Farrell and Diana Pope-Albright

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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.

- **Join us at 10:00 a.m. in person or on our YouTube channel**, (or stream the service on YouTube at a later time).
- Please use the **red attendance pads** to record your presence today.
- **Large-print bulletins** are located at the rear of the sanctuary.

This morning for our children:

- **The Nursery** is staffed regularly on Sunday mornings from 9:40 to 11:10 a.m. Located in room 208 (sanctuary level), it is furnished with a changing table, and age-appropriate toys and books for children ages 3 and younger.
- **Bible Time**, for children age 4 to approx. grade 4, will be hearing about *how God provides* *celebrating our gifts* *Deborah* *Elijah.*

This morning following worship, you are invited to take part in an intergenerational educational program, known as *LIFT*, hosted by our Christian Education and Growth committee. It includes a light “potluck” lunch. Enjoy a Bible reading and discussion as we hear about the body of Christ and think about our role within it. (If you didn’t bring a dish to share, it’s OK. There will be sufficient.)

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, the next one being October 17 at 6 p.m. It is open to all.

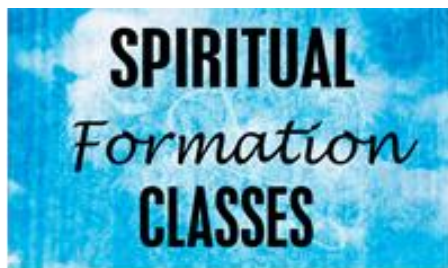
Tell us your prayer concerns. Prayer Request Cards are in the pew racks. Pass them to the center aisle to be collected during the first hymn.

Please pray for: Hall, Janet, Travis, Edward, Irena, Maureen, Bentley, Nate, Kay, Kelly, Judy, Renee and family, Clyde, Emily, Denise, Sawyer, June, Marion, Nancy J., Debbie S., Brenden, Sue, Rebecca, Anne, Brenda, Jerry, Denise, Dawn, Chris, JoAnne, Sue, Jeanette, Rob, the family of Franklin G., Dennis V., Ray, Theresa, Jeneane, Lucy, Marlene, Yaya and Fedeline.

Building and Grounds Committee is holding their annual Fall Clean up of the church and grounds. Please help! Much cleaning / caring / repairing takes place each week, but somethings take more than 1 or 2 people to accomplish. **When, you ask? Saturday, October 26, 9 a.m. to 12 noon.**

All volunteers will be appreciated!

Please join us on Wednesday evenings!



Adult Education 5:45 p.m., in room 206

Throughout the fall, we will explore what scripture tells us about discipleship. We would love to have you join us. Feel free to bring a sandwich or salad while we meet.

All are invited!

The Adult Choir rehearses at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. The director's dream is for everyone to come a few minutes early to get music and take a seat. All are welcome. Invite your friends. Let's have some fun!



Our Bell Choir rehearses at 8 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

If you are interested in ringing, speak with Dick Cochrane.

There just might be a bell for you!

Help us feed the hungry.

Our next Hickory Street Community Meal is on Saturday, October 26. We are seeking volunteers to prepare the entrée (ham & cheese delight) and vegetable (candied sweet potatoes), serve the meal, and transport food and supplies to Hickory Street. Sign-up sheets are available in Narthex.

We're also asking for your help in creating 35 bags of food that will be given that day to families dealing with food insecurity.

Below is a "shopping list" of needed items. Financial support is also much appreciated: just note "Hickory Street" on your donation. For more information, contact Alan Baker at abaker2@verizon.net or (570) 362-0382.

Shopping List for Hickory Street Food Bags:

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| 1 box of breakfast cereal | 1 box of pasta |
| 1 box of Mac n Cheese | 1 can or plastic jar of spaghetti sauce |
| 1 plastic jar of peanut butter | 2 cans of vegetables |
| 1 can of fruit | 1 can of tuna |
| 1 box of Pop Tarts | 1 four-pack of pudding or jello cups |
| 1 plastic jar of jelly | 1 bag of candy |



Arts at First Presbyterian welcomes the return of Paul Lyon and the Merchants of Groove for a concert at the church on **Sunday, October 27 at 4 p.m.** NEPA's premier blues band returns to rock the house and stir the spirit. Featuring Teddy Young on guitar, this band showcases the music of BB King, Buddy Guy, and other blues greats. Last time, it was standing room only! The concert is open to the public; a free-will offering will be taken to help defray the costs of the event. Contributions are appreciated. Please note: Arts Series on your donation.

This Week at a Glance

Sunday, October 13

- **10 a.m.**, Worship in the sanctuary and online
- **11:15 a.m.**, LIFT program and potluck

Monday, October 14

Church Office is closed in observance of
Indigenous Peoples' Day

Wednesday, October 16

- **10:30 a.m.**, Prayer and Share, Room 209
- **5:45 p.m.**, Adult Education, Room 206
- **7 p.m.**, Adult Choir, sanctuary
- **7:30 p.m.**, AlAnon, Room 206
- **8 p.m.**, Bell Choir, Fellowship Hall

Thursday, October 17

- **8:30 a.m.**, Men's Breakfast and Bible Study, Room 206
- **2 p.m.**, Sr. Game Day, Fellowship Hall
- **6 p.m.**, Grief Support Group, The Gathering Place
- **7 p.m.**, AlAnon, Room 111

Friday, October 18

Presbyter Deadline - email amandaer10@yahoo.com

Sunday, October 20

- **10 a.m.**, Worship in the sanctuary and online



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.

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