

DO NOT FEAR,
for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name,
YOU ARE MINE.

Isaiah 43:1, NRSV

First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day

Baptism of the Lord

January 12, 2025

10:00 a.m.

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

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Hymn 259

Words of Welcome

Prelude "When Jesus Came to Jordan to be Baptized by John"

arr. David Cherwien

Call to Worship

The voice of the Lord is over the waters,

and in the temple, God's people say: Glory!

The heavens opened, the Spirit descended,

and a voice sounded: "This is my Beloved Son!"

* Hymn 375 "Shall We Gather at the River"

Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession

Merciful God,

in baptism you promise forgiveness and new life,

making us part of the body of Christ.

**We confess that we remain preoccupied with ourselves,
separated from one another.**

We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges,

and show reluctance to welcome one another.

We allow the past to hold us captive.

In your loving-kindness, have mercy on us, and free us from sin.

Fulfill the promises of our baptism

so that we may rise to new life and live together in grace.

* Silent Confession

* Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace

* Response 583

***Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!
Glory to God, glory to God, alleluia, alleluia!***

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: Luke 3:21-22 (NT, p. 60)

Psalter: Psalm 29 (Hymnal 259)

A Time with Children

Anthem

“God Leads Us Along”

Tom Fettke

Second Lesson: Isaiah 43:1-7 (OT, p. 672)

Sermon: “God’s Pleasure”

Rev. Carter

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 463

“How Firm a Foundation”

* Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant (Hymnal, p. 21)

Profession of Faith

* The Apostles Creed

Do you believe in God, the Father almighty?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

***I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.***

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

***I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.***

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Offering

Offertory "I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry" arr. Gene Roberson

* Doxology

* Prayer of Dedication

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Hymn 485 "We Know That Christ Is Raised"

* Charge and Benediction

* Postlude "Wade in the Water" arr. Joe Utterback

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 Barb and Tom Decker in memory of their parents Betty and Bob Brundige and Ruth and Bill Decker.

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

Liturgists

Liam and Dylan Farrell

Ushers

Diana Pope-Albright, 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.

- 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.

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 leaders will be sharing about baptism, temptation, and God's good news.



Our Wednesday Adult Bible Study continues each week at 5:45. The Bible study is called "*Wintering in Corinth*," which means the group will dig into Paul's first letter to the Corinthian church. Want to begin the New Year with a group that studies the Bible and enjoys one another? Come and join us!

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, Nancy J., Debbie S., Jerry, Chris, JoAnne, Sue, Rob, Jeanette, Lucy, Dennis V., Marlene, Yaya and Fedeline, Ann, Tim, Hooper family, Bill, Mike, Jason, Bobby, Craig K., Gary K., Phil, Garnecki family, Tucker, Frank, Cheryl, Kathy, Tim, Wayne, Ray, Caleb, Jon, Char, Wayne, Susan, Jerry, Don, Roberta, Scott, Terry, Klatt family, Judy, Dr. Smeraldi.

The next Mobile Food Pantry will take place Thursday, February 13. Pre-registration is required at fpccsfoodpantry@gmail.com or 570-586-6306.

The 2025 flower calendar is on the bulletin board in the hall. If you want to contribute flowers on Sunday mornings, write your name on the list and you will be contacted.



Clarks Summit Festival of Ice

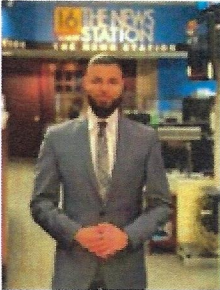
January 24-27, 2025

Join us for a winter weekend of art, music, and food

Free activities for children and youth

The Chili Café is a great deal for a hot lunch on a cold day.

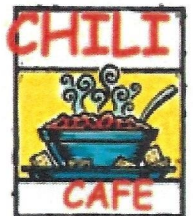
- Ice Sculpture on display just outside the entrance to the sanctuary
- Photography and Art Show in the Session Room most of the weekend
- Friday, January 24, 6-7 p.m. Guitarist Roy Williams (right) in the sanctuary



- Saturday, January 25, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Chili Cafe in Fellowship Hall with entertainment by piano students of Michelle Triaca
- Saturday, January 25, 1-2 p.m. Jeremy Lewan, (left) WNEP-TV meteorologist, presentation on clouds
- Saturday, January 25, 2-3 p.m. Drum Circle led by Cheryl Mozdian in the sanctuary.

Can you help? Karen White is looking for volunteers to provide a crockpot of chili or work at the Chili Cafe. Call her at (570) 575-7005 or see her at coffee hour on Sunday.

Our Arts Series is supported by grants from the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts, Lackawanna County Community Arts and Culture department, and by individual contributions. Thank you to our donors. For more information call the church at 570-586-6306.



This Week at a Glance

Sunday, January 12

- 10 a.m., Worship in the sanctuary and online
- Following "A time with Children," Bible Time
- 11:15, Session, Room 206
- "We Worship Together" program, Fellowship Hall
- 4 p.m., recital, Sanctuary

Tuesday, January 14

- 10 a.m., MBK Quilters, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, January 15

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

Thursday, January 16

- 8:30 a.m., Men's Breakfast and Bible Study, Room 206
- 2 p.m., Sr. Game Group, Fellowship Hall
- 5:45 p.m., Girl Scouts, Room 109

Friday, January 17

- **Presbyter Deadline** – send information to **office@fpccs.org**

Saturday, January 18

Sunday, January 19

- 10 a.m., Worship in the sanctuary and online
- Following "A time with Children," Bible Time
- 11:15 a.m., Pre-confirmation meeting

Looking ahead:

Monday, January 20

Church Office is closed in observance of birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Tuesday, January 21

Deadline for submitting Annual Reports

Send information to **office@fpccs.org**

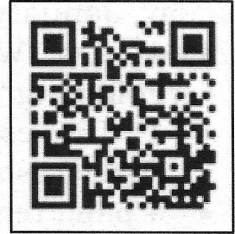
Sunday, February 2

LIFT: Living in Faith Together program

Sunday, February 9

Annual Meeting

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.



2025 Offering envelope boxes have been prepared.
Thanks to all who have taken their box home.

If you desire a box of envelopes, and one was not prepared for you, please notify Nancy in the church office. Our office *assumes* that if a household contributes regularly through our on-line service, they wouldn't want paper envelopes. A package of envelopes for the Special Offerings taken throughout the year (One Great Hour of Sharing, Christmas Joy, etc.) are available upon request. Please feel free to call 570-586-6306.

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