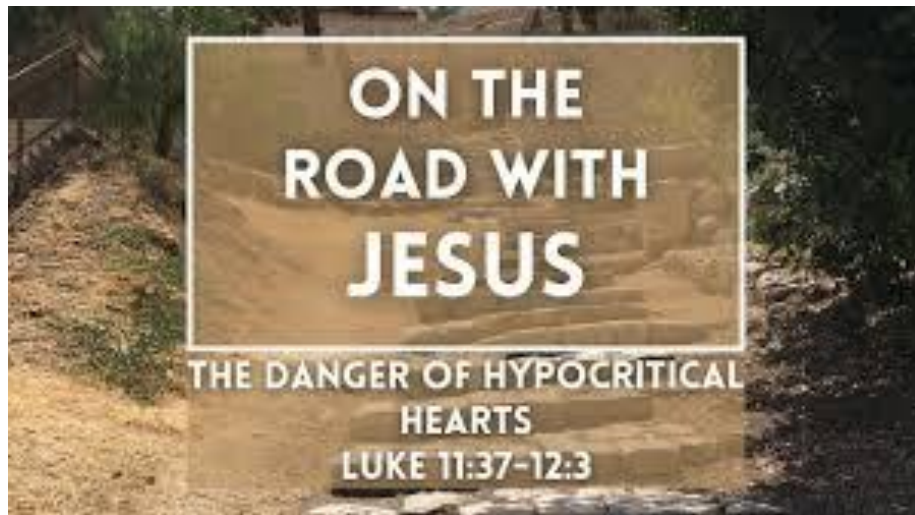




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# First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day  
5th Sunday in Lent

April 6, 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

Words of Welcome

Prelude

“What Wondrous Love”

arr. David Johnson

Call to Worship

from Isaiah 43

Thus says the Lord,

“Do not remember the former things or consider the things of old.

***I am about to do a new thing;***

***now it springs forth; do you not perceive it?”***

This is the day the Lord has made.

***Let us rejoice and be glad in it.***

\* Hymn 645

“Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above”

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

\* Call to Confession

\* Prayer of Confession

***Everlasting God,***

***fountain of all life and the true home of every heart:***

***Our hearts are restless until they rest in you.***

***Yet our hearts have wandered away***

***by selfish passion and base desire.***

***Having sought many things,***

***we have neglected the one thing needful.***

***We have not loved you with our whole hearts;***

***turn us back to you and grant us forgiveness.***

***Lead us home, that we may find in you***

***our life and joy and peace.***

\* Silent Confession

\* Response: ***Create in me a clean heart, O God;***

***create in me a clean heart, O God;***

***create in me a clean heart, O God,***

***and renew a right spirit within me.***

Hymnal 423

\* Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace

*During the season of Lent, we refrain from singing alleluia.*

Reception of New Members

## **PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD**

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: Isaiah 43:16-21 (OT p. 672)

Psalter: Psalm 126 (OT p. 572)

A Time with Children

Anthem                      “The Lord's My Shepherd”                      arr. Susan Geschke

Gospel Lesson: Luke 11:37-12:3 (NT p. 73k)

Sermon: “The Truth Will Out”                      Rev. Carter

*Sermon series: Come Home with Luke*

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

\* Hymn 427                      “Jesus Knows the Inmost Heart”

\* Affirmation of Faith: A Declaration of Faith, PCUS, 5.1

***The Christian fellowship was not a society of perfect people.***

***The struggle between the old way of life and the new was severe. Yet the Spirit produced among followers of Jesus love, joy, peace, and victories in the battle against evil.***

***We believe the Holy Spirit works today***

***whenever believers grow toward maturity in Christ.***

***As long as we live we struggle with sin,***

***but the Spirit's presence assures us***

***God will complete what he has begun in us.***

A Minute for One Great Hour of Sharing

Tabbi Miller-Scandle

Offering

Offertory                      “Ah, Holy Jesus”                      arr. John Carter

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 213                      “In the Cross of Christ I Glory”

\* Charge and Benediction

\* Postlude                      “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”                      arr. Carl Schalk

*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** are given to the glory of God in honor Don Keen on his birthday by his wife, Betty.

**The communion elements now include a gluten-free bread 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.

### **PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE**

|                                   |                                          |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| Pastor                            | Rev. William Carter                      |
| Coordinator of Children and Youth | Jana Schillinger                         |
| Director of Music                 | Frank Jones                              |
| Director of Bell Choir            | Richard Cochrane                         |
| Organist                          | Kay Ten Eyck                             |
| Liturgist                         | Bill Keller                              |
| Ushers                            | Debbie Shane, John Conklin, Diane Cosner |

### **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 gather 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.
- During Bible Time we will be learning about God’s forgiveness, Jesus entering Jerusalem, Easter, and recognizing the presence of Jesus.

**Our Wednesday Adult Bible Study continues each week at 5:45.** The Bible study is called **“An Acceptable Fast,”** based on the Old Testament lectionary readings for the season of Lent. Want to be with a group that studies the Bible and enjoys one another? Come and join us!

**The next Mobile Food Pantry** takes place **Thursday, April 10.** Pre-registration is required at **[fpccsfoodpantry@gmail.com](mailto:fpccsfoodpantry@gmail.com)** or 570-586-6306.

More Lackawanna County families are welcome. Put the word out so that others can have access to this program.

**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, Ann, Bill, Mike, Jason, Bobby, Craig K., Gary K., Phil, Tucker, Frank, Cheryl, Kathy, Tim, Ray, Caleb, Jon, Char, Susan, Jerry, Don, Roberta, Judy, Wayne, Clark family, Candace, Jen, Terry, Edward, Sue, Joseph, Baby Lyric, Lisa, family of Carolyn, Judy S., Mollie, Ellen S., Jeff and Jean.

**2025 Flower calendar:** There are still several available weeks for individuals, families, and church committees to donate flowers for the worship service. Please email [office@fpccs.org](mailto:office@fpccs.org) or call 570-586-6306 and Karis or Rebekah Naehrer will contact you.



**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.

### **Looking Ahead:**

Palm Sunday Service, April 13, 10 a.m. – LIFT program at 11:15  
Maundy Thursday Service, April 17, 7:30 p.m.  
Good Friday Service, April 18, 12:00 noon  
Easter Sunday Service, April 20, 10 a.m.  
Holy Humor Sunday, April 27, 10 a.m.  
Arts at FPCCS: Presbybop concert, May 18, 4 p.m.

### **This Week at a Glance**

Sunday, April 6

- 10 a.m., Worship in the sanctuary and online
- Following the anthem, Bible Time
- 1-7 p.m., GSA Workshop, Fellowship Hall

Monday, April 7

Tuesday, April 8

- 9:30 a.m., Yoga, Room 111
- 10 a.m., MBK Quilters, Fellowship Hall
- 6 p.m., OA, Room 210
- 7 p.m., AA, Room 111

Wednesday, April 9

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

Thursday, April 10

- 4 to 6 p.m., Mobile Food Pantry distribution, back parking lot
- 5:45 p.m., GSA, Room 108

Friday, April 11

Saturday, April 12

- 9 a.m., Highway Cleanup, Parking lot of Clarks Summit Methodist Church, 1310 Morgan Hwy.
- 2 p.m., Memorial service for Janet Loewe

Sunday, April 13 – Palm Sunday

- 10 a.m., Worship in the sanctuary and online
- Following the anthem, Bible Time
- 11:15 a.m., LIFT program, Fellowship Hall  
Observance of Seder and lunch (see insert)

## **Our Church Officers**

### **Elders**

**Rev. William Carter, moderator**

**Beverly Bright, clerk**

#### **Class of 2025**

Barbara Decker  
Patti McGonagle  
Jeff McLaughlin  
Chris Norton  
Briar Woodley

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David Naehar  
Jan Thyren  
John Young

#### **Class of 2027**

Alan Baker  
Bradley Campbell  
Robin Pinches  
Michael Thompson  
Karen White

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Grace Farrell  
Liam Farrell  
Bill Keller  
Jamie Strong

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Betsy Ellis  
Susan Flynn  
Gwynne Gilbert  
Chris Jeske  
Debbie Miller  
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Jack Pittman  
Diana Pope-Albright  
Debbie Shane

