



First Presbyterian Church
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Service for the Lord's Day

Palm Sunday

April 13, 2025

10:00 a.m.

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

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" arr. Douglas Wagner

Call to Worship from Psalm 118

Save us, we beseech you, O LORD!

O LORD, we beseech you, give us success!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD.

We bless you from the house of the LORD.

Proclamation of the Entrance into Jerusalem: Luke 19:28-40 (NT p. 83)

* Processional Hymn 196 "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"
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;** Hymnal 423
create in me a clean heart, O God;
create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.

* Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace

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

Words of Welcome

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: Isaiah 50:4-9 (OT, p. 681)
Psalter: Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 (Hymnal 681)

A Time with Children

Anthem

Second Lesson: Luke 19:41-48 (NT p. 83)

Sermon: "Did Not Know"

Rev. Carter

Sermon series: Come Home with Luke

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 198 "Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!"

* Affirmation of Faith Philippians 2:5-11

***Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form,
he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death -
even death on a cross.
Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.***

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Minute for One Great Hour of Sharing

Offering

Offertory "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" arr. Wayne Kerr

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Hymn 216 "Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

* Charge and Benediction

* Postlude "Adoramus te, Christe" Theodore Dubois

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

* All who are able shall stand.

The flowers are given by Diane and Jack Scheuer to the glory of God in memory of Jack's parents, Bette and John Scheuer.

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	Frank Garnecki, Crosby Sekol
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, May 8** (the second Thursday of the month). Pre-registration is required at **fpccsfoodpantry@gmail.com** or 570-586-6306. More Lackawanna County families are welcome. Put the word out so that others can participate.

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.

Plans are being made to celebrate Rev. Carter's 35th year at First Presbyterian CS.

The dinner will be held on Sunday, October 5th, one o'clock at Montdale Country Club. Save the date cards have been printed and are ready to be mailed. If you know of anyone that might be interested in attending and is not on the church mailing list, please let JoAnn Hall or Beverly Bright know. Thank 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:

Maundy Thursday Service, April 17, 7:30 p.m., Sanctuary

Good Friday Service, April 18, 12 - 1 p.m., Sanctuary

Easter Sunday, April 20, 10 a.m., Sanctuary

Holy Humor Sunday, April 27, 10 a.m.

Pre-confirmation class, April 27, 11:15 a.m.

Arts at FPCCS: Presbybop concert, May 18, 4 p.m.

Vacation Bible School, July 14-18



Hickory St. Meal

On Saturday, April 26th we will again be preparing and serving a free community meal at Hickory Street Presbyterian Church, so please visit the narthex to sign up to help. As usual, we will need volunteers to prepare the entree (a yummy Shepherd's Pie) and/or supply desserts, serve the meal, transport items over the day before, and supply lots of groceries for the food

bags we give away the same day. Hunger and Food Insecurity are very real here among our neighbors and this is one small thing we can do to help many of them. For more information, contact Alan Baker at abaker2@verizon.net.

The shopping list for the grocery bags is:

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| ___ 1 box of Cereal | ___ 1 bag of Candy |
| ___ 1 box of Pasta | ___ 1 can or plastic jar of Spaghetti Sauce |
| ___ 1 box of Mac 'n' Cheese | ___ 1-2 cans of Vegetables |
| ___ 1 can of Fruit | ___ 1 can of Tuna |
| ___ 1 box Pop Tarts | ___ 1- 4-pack of Jello or Pudding cups |
| ___ 1 plastic jar of Peanut Butter | ___ 1 plastic jar of Jelly |

CEO WEINBERG FOOD BANK **SERVICE DAYS – SPRING 2025**

The Mission and Justice Committee is planning two mornings of service at Monsignor McGowan Center for Healthy Living (CEO Weinberg Northeast Regional Food Bank) in Pittston on May 10, 2025 and June 21, 2025 from 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM. Both days would entail packing monthly food boxes for qualifying senior citizens in an assembly line manner.

- May 10 is unique in that we will be working with Boy Scouts already scheduled, and we may take only 10 volunteers.
- June 21 will be just our group from FPCCS.

Diane will form the list as she is contacted. Carpooling will be available for both events, leaving the church's side parking lot at 8:30 AM.

If you are interested in participating on either of these dates, please contact Diane Scheuer at 570-362-3276 or divinends@gmail.com. It is always a fun and rewarding experience.



Hey kids and families! Want to join us for a RailRiders baseball game? Want to ride a trolley car from Scranton to get there? Our Christian Education committee is sponsoring a trip on Sunday, June 29. Come to worship at 10 a.m. (dressed for the game) and we will carpool to the Trolley Museum to catch the trolley at 12:15 p.m. The cost will be \$25 for a combined ticket for the game and the round-trip ride. Reserve your spot soon by calling the church (570-586-6306) or emailing office@fpccs.org. But hurry: there are only fifty-six seats available on the trolley!

This Week at a Glance

Sunday, April 13

- 10 a.m., Worship in the sanctuary and online
- Following the anthem, Bible Time
- 11:15, LIFT program, “Seder” in Fellowship Hall

Monday, April 14

Tuesday, April 15

- 9:30 a.m., Yoga, Room 111
- 10 a.m., Women’s Bible Study, Fellowship Hall
- 6 p.m., OA, Room 210
- 7 p.m., AA, Room 111

Wednesday, April 16

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

Thursday, April 17 – **Maundy Thursday**

- 8:30 a.m., Men’s Breakfast, Room 206
- 2 p.m., Senior Game Day
- 7:30 p.m., Maundy Thursday Service, Sanctuary

Friday, April 18 – **Good Friday**

- 12-1 p.m., Good Friday Service, Sanctuary

Saturday, April 19

Sunday, April 20 – Easter

- 10 a.m., Worship in the sanctuary and online
- Following the anthem, Bible Time

Monday, April 21

- Church office is closed.

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