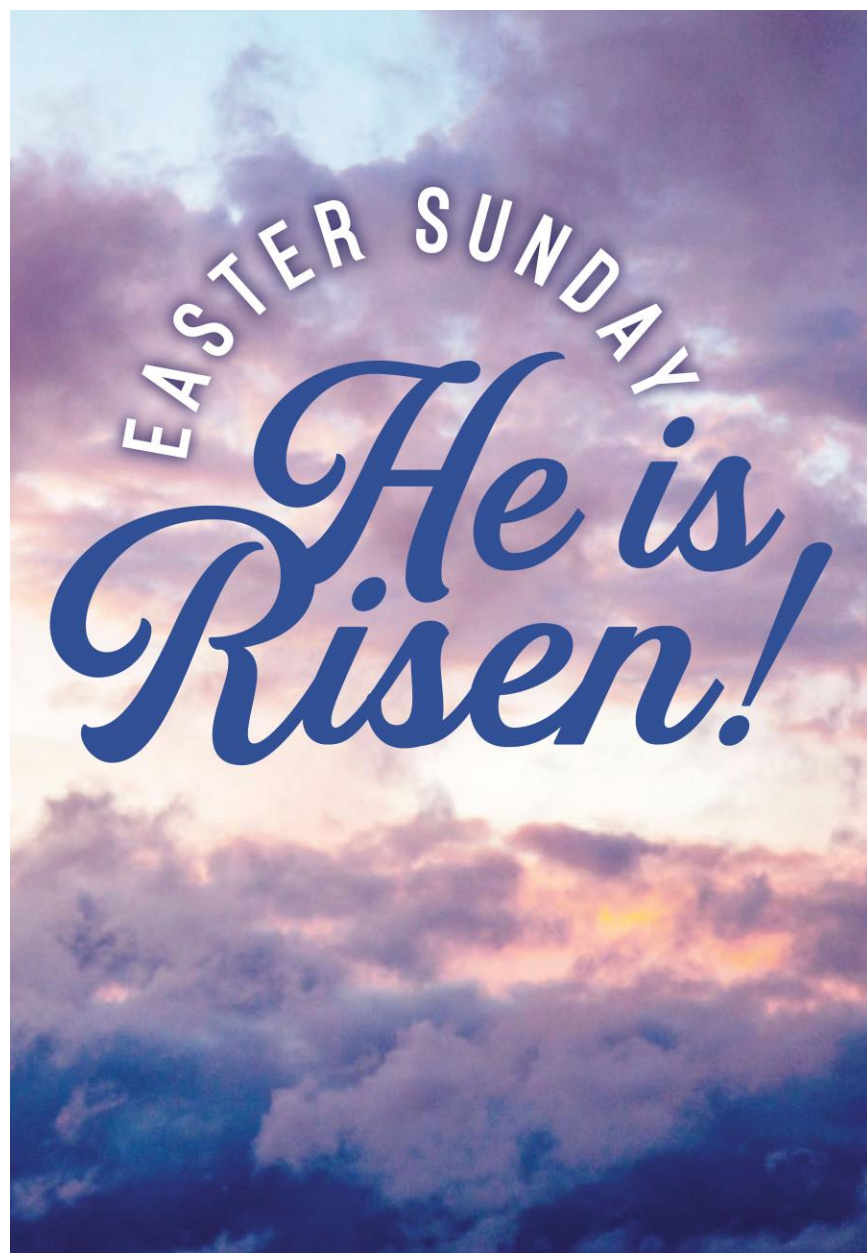




First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
Resurrection of the Lord/Easter Sunday

April 20, 2025

10:00 a.m.

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

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today” arr. Jason Payne

Call to Worship

Why do you look for the living among the dead?

He is not here, but has risen.

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Alleluia! He is risen indeed!

* Processional Hymn 232 “Jesus Christ is Risen Today”

Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession

Almighty God,

in raising Jesus from the grave,

you shattered the power of sin and death.

We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear,

bound by the ways that lead to death.

We overlook the poor and the hungry,

and pass by those who mourn;

we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed,

and indifferent to calls for peace;

we despise the weak, and abuse the earth you made.

Forgive us, God of mercy.

Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new,

that we may know the joy of abundant life

given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord.

* Silent Confession

* Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace

* Response 589 ***Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!***

Alleluia! Alleluia! Now the Lord is risen indeed.

Words of Welcome

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Epistle Lesson: 1 Corinthians 15:19-26 (NT, p. 176)

Psalter: Psalm 118 (Refrain: Hymn 587)

A Time with Children

Anthem

“Alleluia of the Bells”

Ralph E. Marryott

Gospel Lesson: Luke 24:13-35 (NT, p. 90)

Sermon: “An Easter Recipe for Holy Heartburn”

Rev. Carter

Sermon Series: Coming Home with Luke

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 233

“The Day of Resurrection”

* Affirmation of Faith

Book of Common Worship

***This is the good news which we have received,
in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast:
that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures,
that he was buried,
that he was raised on the third day,
and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter,
and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses.
We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God.
Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end;
he is our Lord and our God. Amen.***

Offering

Offertory

“He Lives!”

arr. Lani Smith

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper (Hymnal p. 8)

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.*

As communion is served, all are invited to sing hymns 240 and 238.

Prayers of the People

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Hymn 248

“Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!”

* Charge and Benediction

* Postlude

“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

arr. Mary McDonald

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

* All who are able shall stand.

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
Liturgist	Michael Thompson
Ushers	Debbie Shane, John Conklin, Diane Cosner
Communion Servers	Beverly Bright, captain Kim Barrows, Liam Farrell, William Farrell JoAnn Hall, Patty McGonagle, David Naehar Jack Pittman, Michael Thompson

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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.

- 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.

How should Christians respond in politically turbulent times? Listening to Jesus and the Prophets. Starting April 23 at 5:45 p.m. in Room 206



From any vantage point, politics in our country have recently been turbulent. The reminder that much of the Bible was written to and in politically turbulent times can bring Christians perspective. The Old Testament prophets found faithful and innovative ways to speak and act within the turbulence—and Jesus carried this further, reminding his disciples of their citizenship in the Kingdom of God, which began in him. This 4-week series will explore this biblical perspective on political life, inviting thoughtful discussion and reflection.

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, Candace, Jen, Terry, Edward, Sue, Joseph, Baby Lyric, Lisa, Judy S., Mollie, Ellen S., Jeff and Jean.

Looking Ahead:

- **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

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.

If interested in helping, contact Diane Scheuer (570-362-3276 or divinends@gmail.com). 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. It is always a fun and rewarding experience.

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.

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!



Saturday, April 26th is only 6 days away. Can YOU help? We will again be preparing and serving a free community meal at Hickory Street Presbyterian Church. Please visit the narthex to sign up to help. We 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 |

This Week at a Glance

Sunday, April 20

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

Monday, April 21 Church Office is closed.

Tuesday, April 22

- 9:30 a.m., Yoga, Room 111
- 10 a.m., MBK Quilters, Fellowship Hall
- 6 p.m., OA, Room 210
- 7 P.M., Deacons, Room 2006
- 7 p.m., AA, Room 111

Wednesday, April 23

- 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 24

- 5:45 p.m., Girl Scouts, Room 108

Friday, April 25

- Transporting of food to Hickory for tomorrow's meal

Saturday, April 26

- Hickory Street Community Meal

Sunday, April 27 – Holy Humor Sunday

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

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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