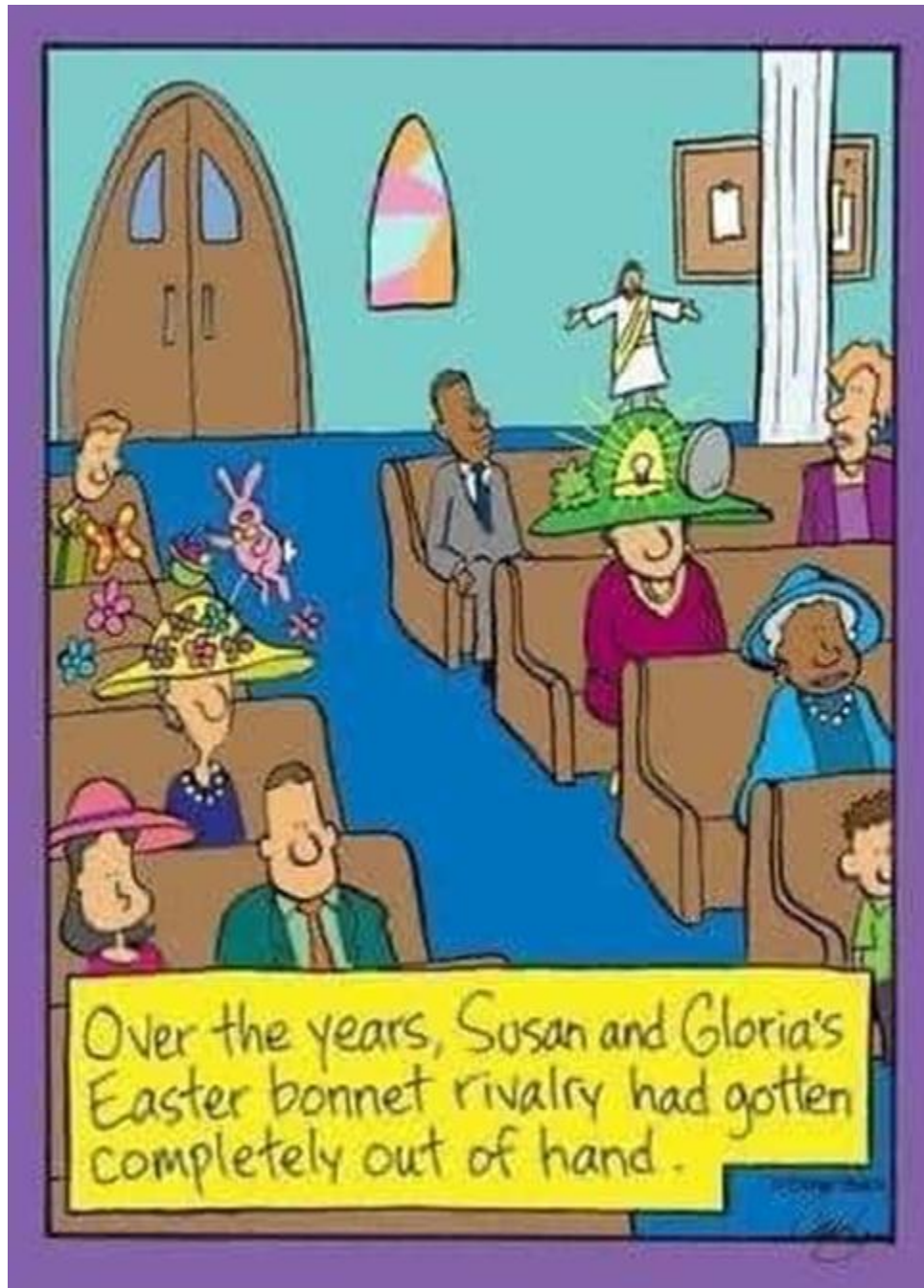




Oh no, it's Holy Humor Sunday!

Last Shall Be First Presbyterian Church

2nd Sunday of Easter / Holy Humor Sunday

About 9:61 A.M.

Geng-Chen 30, 4723 on the Chinese Calendar

GATHER THIS MOTLEY CREW

☐ Music for Air Guitars and Other Organs

☐ Are You Concerned About Church? *Somebody Is.*

☐ Call to Worship

Make a joyful noise to the Lord!

We will sing, exult, or squeak our praises.

This is the day the Lord has made.

Birds are singing, frogs are croaking, dogs are barking!

We are worried about those frogs, but hey, what do you know?

Jesus Christ is risen from the dead. And we are wide awake.

* ☐ Hymn 542 “God Be With You Til We Meet Again”

Selected for those who have had enough and wish to leave early.

* ☐ Telling the Truth

Lord of life, as we rejoice in the gift of laughter,

we confess the ways we have abused the gift.

We fall short of your glory

when we use laughter as a weapon,

when we laugh at the expense of another,

when we use humor to tear others down,

or to excuse hateful beliefs and harmful stereotypes.

Lord, forgive us and grant us wisdom.

Teach us to take ourselves lightly,

to giggle, guffaw, and howl when the moment is right,

to diffuse tension with an injection of grace,

to distinguish between that which builds up or tears down.

* ☐ Forgiveness R Us

☐ In the words of Elmer Fudd, “Be very very quiet.”

☐ Listen to what the man says. It’s true.

☐ Peace, out.

* ☐ Response “Alleluia” 589

Find a good word and keep repeating it.

HUSH! GOD'S TALKING

☐ Prayer for Comprehending Obscure Bible Texts

☐ Bible Story #1: Revelation 1:4-9 (NT, p. 245)

☐ Easter Chicklet Chat

☐ Music from the Happy Clappies *with more cowbell*

☐ Bible Story #2: Luke 24:35-49 (NT, p. 90)

☐ Sermon: “Easter and Other Ghost Stories”

Rev. Hay Yu

TIME TO REACT TO WHAT GOD TRIED TO SAY TO YOU

- * ☐ Not Quite a Hymn: "The World is Full of Smelly Feet" (insert)
- * ☐ What We Believe and What We Want to Believe
***We believe God takes delight in his creation,
that God enjoys his people,
that God laughs at the self-important.
We believe Jesus told jokes that many did not understand,
that he took joy in his saving work,
that people are still astonished to discover he is alive.
We believe that joy is evidence of the Holy Spirit,
that love is stronger than the grave,
that all things will work out well for those who love God.***

☐ Time to Pray. We Need It.

- ☐ Cough It Up for Christ
 - ☐ Last Word for One Great Hour
 - ☐ Music for Generous Presbyterians and Traumatized Guests.
 - ☐ Ah, the Sound of Paper Dropping into a Plate. Coins, Maybe.
- * ☐ Doxolee, Doxolow, Doxalot, Doxalalala 606
- * ☐ We Haven't Prayed Enough. One More Time.

TIME FOR COFFEE. ALMOST.

- * ☐ Holy Song: "God Bless You Merry Sinner"
Tune: God Bless Ye Merry Gentlemen

God bless you merry sinner, you're forgiven it is true;
Remember Christ your Savior has lived and died for you,
and lives again as King of Kings, of saint and sinner, too.

*Refrain: Oh, tidings of Easter peace and joy, peace and joy.
Oh, tidings of Easter peace and joy.*

In Jerusalem at Calvary that dismal Friday morn,
amid the pain and suffering eternal life was born.
It came with arms outstretched to us, right through the curtain torn.

Refrain.

So sing an alleluia, for our Savior's victory,
and shout to all "Hosanna!" that we have been set free
from sin and death and devil's grip throughout eternity.

Refrain.

- * ☐ Gesundheit!
- * ☐ Organism Tunes

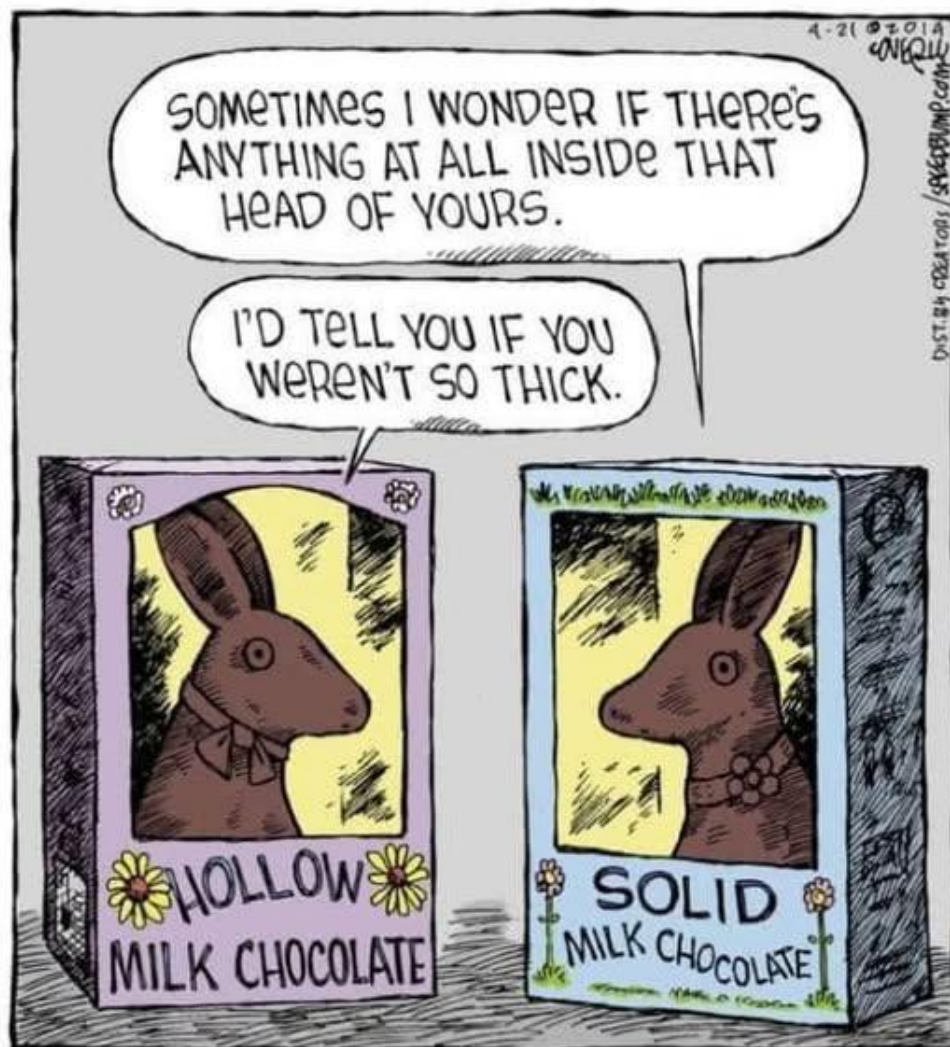
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- * All who are able shall vibrate, jiggle, or do a headstand.
 - ☐ Special checklist boxes are included to keep your place in the service.

Today we continue to celebrate Easter through a gentle observance of Holy Humor Sunday. This is an ancient Easter custom (since 2010) as we celebrate Jesus' resurrection with joy and laughter. So, if you are deeply offended by worship today, come back next week for more.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Moist M.C. with the Most	April Showers
Pasture	Rev. Hey Yu
Children's Idol	Jana Slingshot
Happy Clappy Leader	Frankly Tra-la-la
Pedals, Pipes, and Keys	O. K.
Doorkeepers	The Last Four to Sit Down
Greeters	Shiny Happy People

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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.

Special Acknowledgement: Material for today's worship service may have been pilfered, borrowed, or stolen from other undisclosed sources. Or it may have come from somebody's twisted imagination. May God have mercy. Lives depend on it.

Flowers this week are given to the Glory of God

- by Jeanette Stauffer in loving memory of her father, and
- in loving memory of Robert Reese by his family.

The beautiful vase of flowers that was in the sanctuary last week (in addition to the tulips) were given by The Deacons, in loving memory of past Deacons Mary Alice Broxton and Gayle Hamilton, with gratitude for their lives of love, service and faith. *Apologies* that this dedication did not appear last week.

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.

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.



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.

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. Starting April 23 at 5:45 p.m. in Room 206

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:

- Arts at FPCCS: Presbybop concert, May 18, 4 p.m.
- Vacation Bible School, July 14-18



LIFT: Living In Faith Together - A Wee Bit of Scotland - Join us after worship on Sunday, May 4 for "A Wee Bit of Scotland" as our meal and intergenerational program. Everyone is invited. Members of our church will share highlights from their pilgrimage to Scotland last fall. Not only will they share about what they saw, but what they learned about Presbyterian history and faith along the way. Preliminary plans will also be shared about a pilgrimage

to Ireland in April 2026. A light lunch of ham and turkey sliders will be served. Participants are welcome to bring something to complement the meal.

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 is \$25 for a combined ticket for the game and the round-trip ride. Reserve your spot soon by calling the church (586-6306) or emailing office@fpccs.org. But hurry: there are only fifty-six seats available on the trolley!



CEO WEINBERG FOOD BANK
SERVICE DAY – SPRING 2025

The Mission & Justice Committee will hold a morning of service at Monsignor McGowan Center for Healthy Living (CEO Weinberg, Northeast Regional Food Bank) in Pittston on June 21 from 9 a.m. to noon. The morning will entail packing monthly food boxes for qualifying senior citizens in an assembly line manner. Carpooling will be available, leaving the church's side parking lot at 8:30 a.m. If you are interested in participating, please contact Diane Scheuer or the church office. It is always a fun and rewarding experience. (Note: Originally 2 service dates had been announced, however we were contacted by the Volunteer Coordinator at Weinberg Food Bank that the May date had to be cancelled.)

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.

This Week at a Glance

Sunday, April 27 Holy Humor Sunday

- 10 a.m., Worship in the sanctuary and online
- Following the anthem, Bible Time
- 11:15, "We Believe," pre-confirmation class

Tuesday, April 29

- 9:30 a.m., Yoga, Room 111
- 6 p.m., OA, Room 210
- 7 p.m., AA, Room 111

Wednesday, April 30

- 9 a.m., Presbyter Mailing, Room 206
- 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, May 1

- 8:30 a.m., Men's Breakfast, Room 206
- 5:30, Worship, Music, Arts, Room 206
- 5:45, GSA program, Fellowship Hall
- 7 p.m., Building and Grounds, Room 209
- 7 p.m., Christian Education, Room 206

Sunday, May 4

- 10 a.m., Worship in the sanctuary and online
- Following the anthem, Bible Time
- 11:15 a.m., "We Worship Together" series
- 11:15 a.m., "LIFT: Living in Faith Together" "A Wee Bit of Scotland"

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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Michael Forster (b.1946)

Christopher Tambling (b.1964)

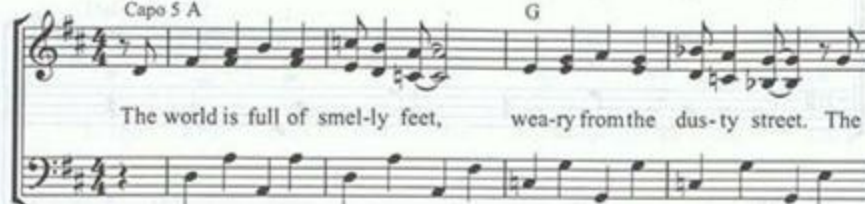
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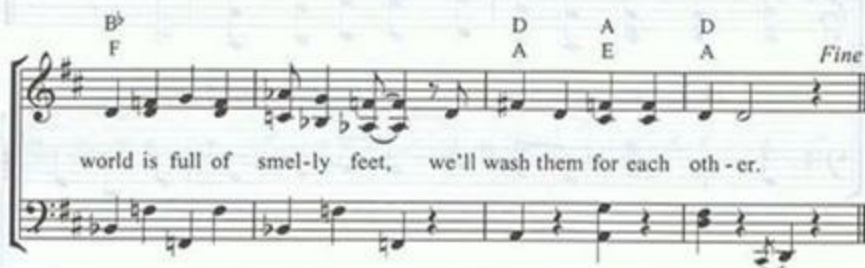
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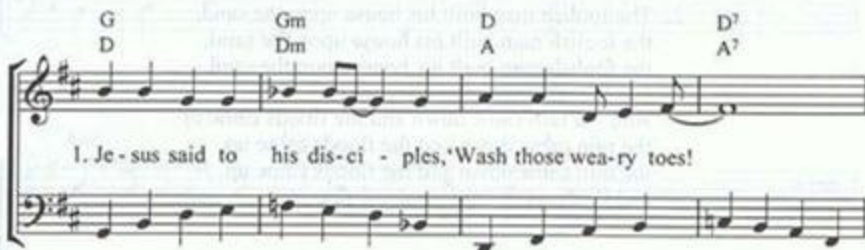
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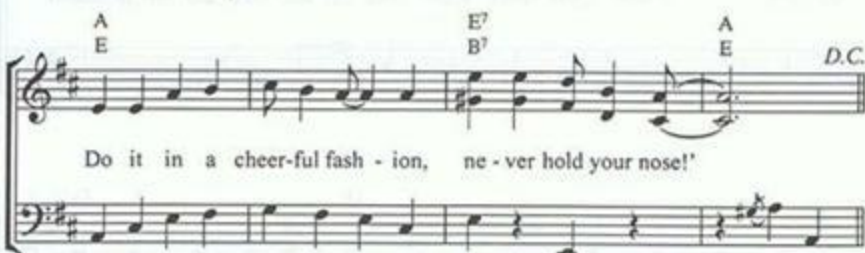
The world is full of smelly feet, weary from the dusty street. The



world is full of smelly feet, we'll wash them for each other.



1. Je - sus said to his dis - ci - ples, 'Wash those wea - ry toes!



Do it in a cheer - ful fash - ion, ne - ver hold your nose!'

2. People on a dusty journey
need a place to rest;
Jesus says, 'You say you love me,
this will be the test!'

3. We're his friends, we recognise him
in the folk we meet;
smart or scruffy, we'll still love him,
wash his smelly feet!

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