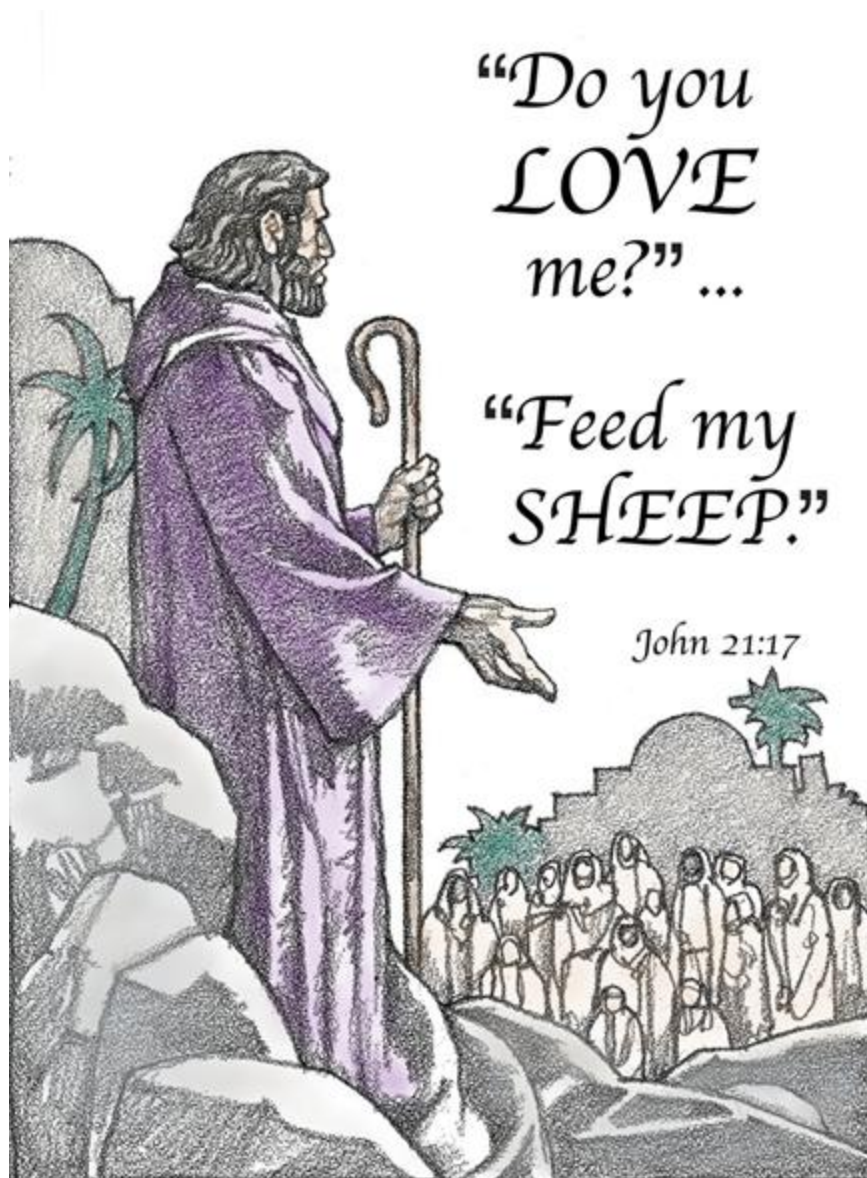




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Service for the Lord's Day

Third Sunday of Easter

May 4, 2025

10:00 a.m.

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

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Words of Welcome

Prelude

“Pastorelle”

O. Scheldrup Oberg

Call to Worship

from Psalm 30

O Lord our God, we praise you.

We cried to you for help and you answered us.

You have restored our lives;

You have rescued us from the grave.

* Hymn 667

“When Morning Gilds the Skies”

Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession

Lord God, in the light of your glory

we see the evil we have done,

the suffering we have caused,

the good we have refused,

and the truth we have denied.

Heal us from our sin, wash us in your mercy,

and feed us with your grace,

so that we may follow your way

and tell the good news of the gospel.

* Silent Confession

* Assurance of Pardon

* Passing of the Peace

* Response 589

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Now the Lord is risen indeed.

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: Revelation 5:11-14 (NT, p. 248)

Psalter: Psalm 30 (Hymnal 805)

A Moment with Our Children

Anthem

“In Remembrance of Me”

Ragen Courtney

Second Lesson: John 21:1-19 (NT, p. 115)

Sermon: “Again and Again and Again”

Rev. Thyren

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 726 "Will You Come and Follow Me" Kelvingrove

* Affirmation of Faith: Apostles' Creed (Hymnal, p. 35)

Offering

Offertory "Heavenly Grace" Harry A. Himebaugh

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 526 "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"

* Charge and Benediction

* Postlude "If With All Your Hearts" from "Elijah" Felix Mendelssohn

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

* All who are able shall stand.

The flowers are given in loving memory of Alan Eckstein by Bonnie Plantholt.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Guest Pastor

Rev. James Thyren

Coordinator of Children and Youth

Jana Schillinger

Director of Music

Frank Jones

Substitute Organist

Jan Thyren

Liturgist

Kim Barrows

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.

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.

A Congregational Meeting is being called for next Sunday, May 11 at 11 a.m. in the sanctuary. The purpose of the meeting is to hear and act upon the report of the Nominating Committee.

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. This topic continues through May 14 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.



LIFT: Living In Faith Together - A Wee Bit of Scotland - Join us after worship **today**

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.

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.

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.

Are you looking for a new camping experience? Perhaps church camp for "the kids" this summer? Johnsonburg Camp and Retreat Center in Northwest New Jersey offers programming for children and youth, Grades 1-12. Brochures are available in the church narthex. It's 72 miles and (roughly) 1 1/4 hours away. Check their website www.johnsonburg.org for more information. Check our website, www.fpccs.org, for scholarship details.

Calling All Graduates, high school and beyond. We want to honor you on your completion of this milestone in your life. Let us know that you are, in fact, graduating from a level of study or training by contacting the church office (570-586-6306 or office@fpccs.org) or by calling Myrna Diven.

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 McGown 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.

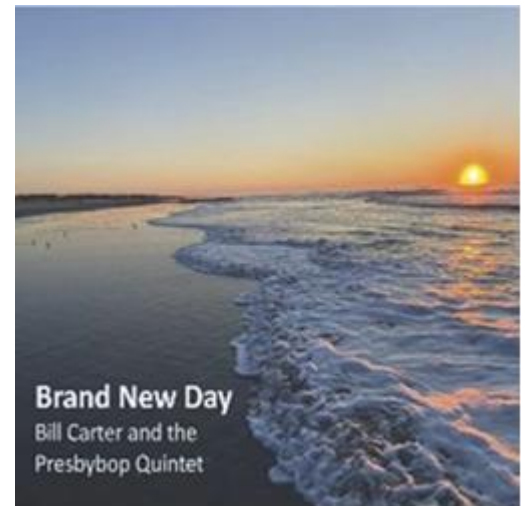


We are grateful for the many ways that people support our church's ministry to the community and world. If you wish to contribute by cell phone, scan here.

FPCCS Arts Event May 18 at 4 p.m.

We will feature Bill Carter and the Presbybop Quintet as they celebrate a new recording of original jazz music, called "Brand New Day."

Featured musicians are Mike Carbone on sax, Jeff Stockham on trumpet and French horn, Tony Marino on bass, and Ron Vincent on drums. Location: Our sanctuary.



This Week at a Glance

Sunday, May 4

- 10 a.m., Worship in the sanctuary and online
- 11:15 a.m., "We Worship Together" series, Apostles' Creed, Part 1
- 11:15 a.m., "LIFT: Living in Faith Together" "A Wee Bit of Scotland"

Tuesday, May 6

- 9:30 a.m., Yoga, Room 111
- 6 p.m., OA, Room 210
- 7 p.m., Session, Room 206
- 7 p.m., AA, Room 111

Wednesday, May 7

- 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 8

- 4 p.m., Mobile Food Pantry grocery distribution

Sunday, May 11

- 10 a.m., Worship in the sanctuary and online
- Following the anthem, Bible Time
- 11 a.m., Congregational Meeting, Sanctuary
- 11:15 a.m., "We Worship Together" series, Apostles' Creed, Part 2

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