



*"Blessing and glory and
wisdom and thanksgiving and
honor and power and might
be to our God
forever and ever! Amen."*

Revelation 7:12, NRSV

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Service for the Lord's Day

4th Sunday of Easter

May 11, 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 801

Words of Welcome

Prelude "Blessed Assurance" arr. Edward Broughton

Call to Worship

John 10:26-27

Jesus says, "My sheep hear my voice.

I know them, and they follow me.

I give them eternal life, and they will never perish.

No one will snatch them out of my hand."

* Hymn 187 "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

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 and 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

Gospel Lesson: John 10:22-30 (NT p. 104)

Psalter: Psalm 23 (Hymnal 473)

A Time with Children

Anthem "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

arr. Bedford

Epistle Lesson: Revelation 7:9-17 (NT p. 249)

Sermon: "Triumph of the Wounded"

Rev. Carter

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

- * Hymn 260 “Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”
- * Affirmation of Faith: Apostles’ Creed (Hymnal, p. 35)

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

Minute for Pentecost Offering

Offering

Offertory “My Shepherd Will Supply My Need” arr. Harold DeCou

- * Doxology (Hymnal 606)
- * Prayer of Dedication

GO IN GOD'S NAME

- * Hymn “We’re Stronger Together” (see insert)
- * Charge and Benediction
- * Postlude “Moderato” Johann Albrechtsberger

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 by Diane and Jack Scheuer to the glory of God and in loving memory of Diane’s parents, Helen and Joe Carnahan.

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	Liam Farrell
Ushers	The Farrell Family and Susan Flynn

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, Mary and Martha, gratitude, and Zacchaeus.

A Congregational Meeting has been called for today, 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.

Following this meeting, **you are invited to join in making sandwiches** for the good folks at the **Community Intervention Center**. We will make the sandwiches in Fellowship Hall. No prior sandwich-making skill is required.

What's more, our **"We Worship Together" group** continues a discussion of the Apostles' Creed.



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 com-bined ticket for the game and the round-trip ride. **Reserve your spot by noon TODAY** at office @fpccs.org. *After that*, you can reserve a place by calling the Trolley Museum at 570-963-6590.

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. 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 a biblical perspective on political life, inviting thoughtful discussion and reflection. This topic continues through May 14 in Room 206.



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.

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, Nancy.

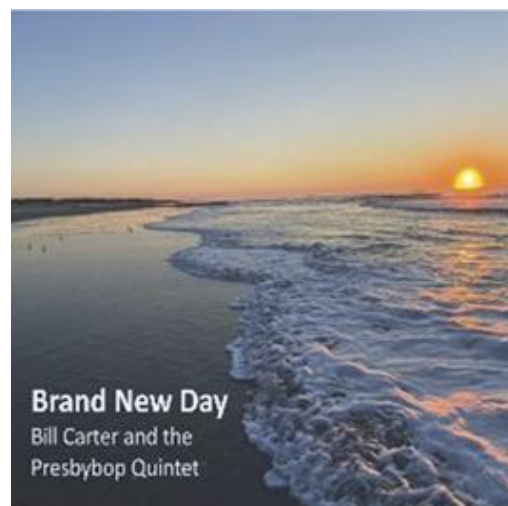
Plans are being made to celebrate Rev. Carter's 35th year at First Presbyterian CS.

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 narthex. It's 72 miles and just over an hour away. Check their website www.johnsonburg.org for more information. Check our website, www.fpccs.org, "Learn" tab for scholarship details.

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.



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.

Next Sunday we welcome the Rev. Ellie Johns-Kelly as our guest. She is our representative to the Presbyterian Foundation. She will bring us an inspiring sermon on the power of generosity, and the invitation for all of us to make a difference. Following worship, she will offer a presentation in Fellowship Hall on the importance of leaving a legacy. A simple lunch will be served.

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.



This Week at a Glance

Sunday, May 11

- 10 a.m., Worship in the sanctuary and online
- 11 a.m., Congregational Meeting for election of officers, sanctuary
- 11:15 a.m., “We Worship Together” series, Apostles Creed, Part 2
- 11:15 a.m., Sandwich-making in Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, May 13

- 9:30 a.m., Yoga, Room 111
- 10 a.m., MBK Quilters, Fellowship Hall
- 6 p.m., OA, Room 210
- 7 p.m., Mission and Justice, Room 206
- 7 p.m., AA, Room 111

Wednesday, May 14

- 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 15

- 8:30 a.m., Men's Breakfast, Room 206
- 2 p.m., Sr. Game day, Fellowship Hall

Friday, May 16

- Deadline for June Presbyter, email to office@fpccs.org

Sunday, May 18

- 10 a.m., Worship in the sanctuary and online
- Following the anthem, Bible Time
- 11:15 a.m., Presentation on Presbyterian Foundation
- 4 p.m., Arts at FPCCS: Presbybop Quintet introduces, “Brand New Day,” Sanctuary