



First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day

5th Sunday of Easter

May 18, 2025

10:00 a.m.

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

Gathering Hymn

Words of Welcome

Prelude

“Allegro di Molto”

CPE Bach

Call to Worship

God created the world and everything in it, declaring, “It is good!”

From everlasting to everlasting, the Lord is God!

God calls us into community to the body of Christ.

From everlasting to everlasting, the Lord is God!

This is the day the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

* Hymn 305

“Come Sing O Church in Joy”

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

First Lesson: Revelation 21:1-6 (NT p. 259)

Psalter: Psalm 78:1-8 (OT p. 537)

A Time with Children

Special Presentation

Anthem “In Christ There Is No East or West” arr. Anna Laura Page

Second Lesson: Mark 12:28-31 (NT p. 49)

Sermon: “Sharing Our Core Values for Generations to Come”

Rev. Ellie Johns-Kelley

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 687

“Our God Our Help in Ages Past”

The Sacrament of Baptism

Presentation of Paige Marie Parmakis (Hymnal, p. 14)

Profession of Faith

* Apostles’ Creed (Hymnal, p. 17)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Welcome

Offering

Offertory

“How Great Thou Art”

arr. Michael Helman

* Doxology (606)

* Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

GO IN GOD'S NAME

- * Hymn 321 "The Church's One Foundation"
 - * Charge and Benediction
 - * Postlude "Trumpet Tune" Jeremiah Clarke
- If you are leaving before the postlude is finished, please do so quietly.*
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* All who are able shall stand.

The rose is in honor of today's baptism of Paige Marie Parmakis, daughter of Peter and Stephanie (Muraca) Parmakis.

The flowers are given by Tina Wydeen in loving memory of Adeline Armstrong.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Pastor	Rev. William Carter
Guest Preacher	Rev. Ellie Johns-Kelley
Coordinator of Children and Youth	Jana Schillinger
Director of Music	Frank Jones
Director of Bell Choir	Richard Cochrane
Organist	Kay Ten Eyck
Liturgist	Diana Pope Albright
Ushers	Sue Flynn and the Farrell Family

This morning 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.

Congratulations to Dean Shane on the completion of the "God and Family" Scout badge!

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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, Mary and Martha, gratitude, and Zacchaeus.

FPC Young(er) Adult Group

This summer, the Christian Education committee is sponsoring new opportunities for building relationships and nurturing faith for anyone in the 20–50-year-old range. (We won't ask your age.) We are looking to create fun events and fresh learning opportunities. To start, we are planning the following events:

- **Sunday, June 1** - Rail Trail Hike starting at Church of the Epiphany in Glenburn. We will meet at our church. If it rains, the alternate plan will be Board games at the church.
 - **Sunday, June 29** - Trolley/Railriders Game. We will join the larger church outing on this day.
 - **Saturday, July 26** - Pool Party at the Farrells.
- More events to come. Children are welcome to join these early events. If you have any questions or wish to join the group, please reach out to Michael Thompson at mkthompson96@gmail.com or 518-577-8691.

Paul R. Dobson Memorial Scholarship: All graduating senior high school members of our church who plan to further his/her education are invited to apply for the scholarship. The form can be downloaded from our website and can be left at the church office in the CE mailbox by the end of **MAY**. The winner will be announced on Graduation Sunday, June 8.



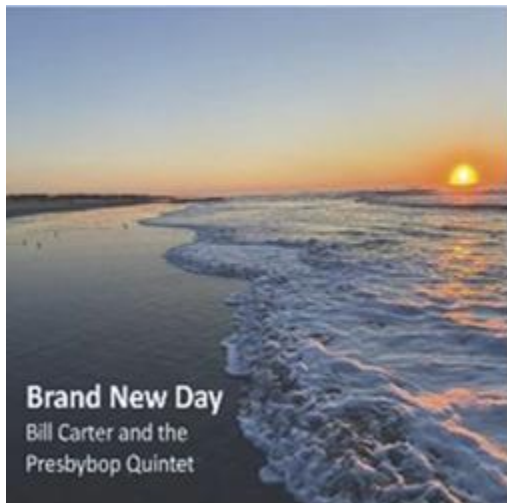
Hey kids and families! Reservations have been confirmed for the Trolley ride and RailRiders game on June 29. All who have signed up may now forward payment of \$25 per person to the church office. Checks are payable to First Presbyterian Church. We must leave church right after the service is over to be at the Trolley in time for departure. No large purses, bags, or back packs are permitted on the Trolley or at the game. Plastic, see-through bags may be used. **If you missed the sign up**, you may be able to reserve a spot yourself by calling the Trolley Museum at 570-963-6590.

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, Bobby, Craig K., Gary K., Phil, Tucker, Cheryl, Kathy, 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, Sarah, Leslie, family of Nancy Jackson.

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.

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

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.

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, 9 a.m. to noon. The morning will entail packing 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.

This Week at a Glance

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

Tuesday, May 20

- 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, May 21

- 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

Sunday, May 25

- 10 a.m., Worship in the sanctuary and online
Including the ordination and installation of new elders and deacons
- Following the anthem, Bible Time

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