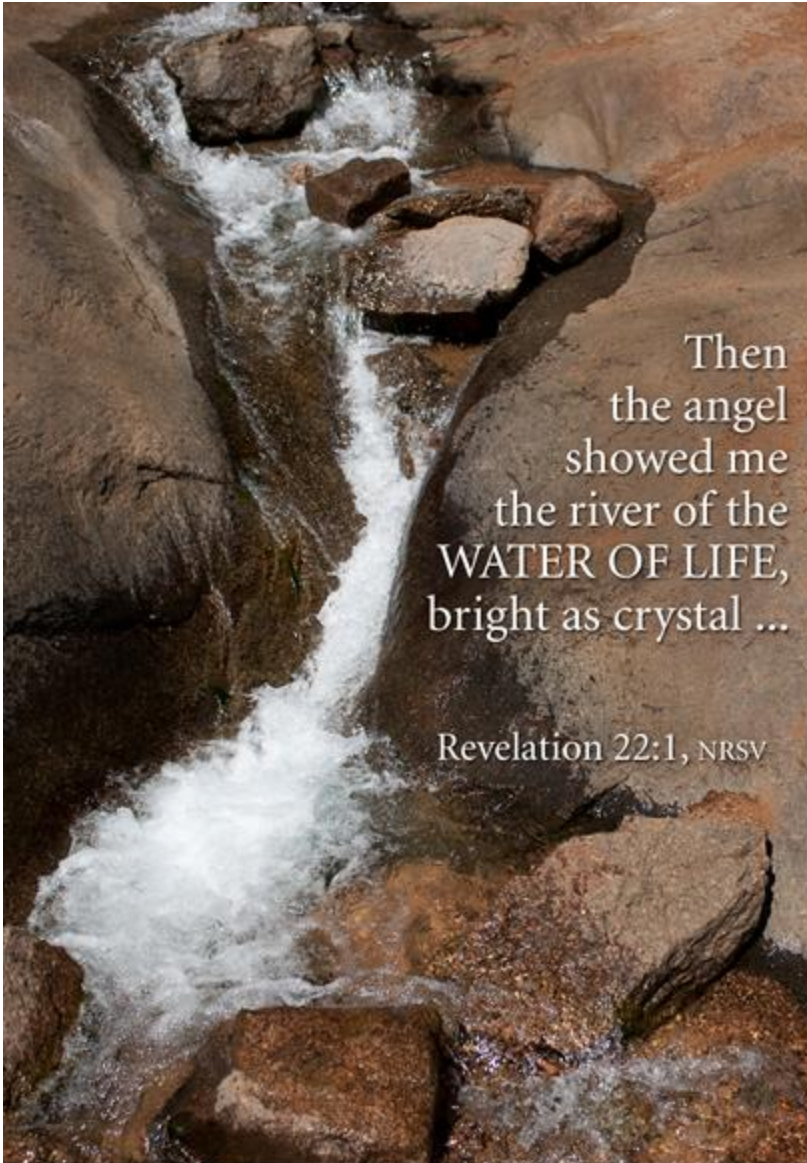




Then
the angel
showed me
the river of the
WATER OF LIFE,
bright as crystal ...

Revelation 22:1, NRSV

First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day

6th Sunday of Easter

May 25, 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 8 “Eternal Father, Strong to Save”

Words of Welcome

Prelude “Trumpet Tune in F” Anna Laura Page

Call to Worship from Psalm 67

May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face to shine upon us,

***that your way may be known upon earth,
your saving power among all nations.***

Let the peoples praise you, O God;

Let all the peoples praise you.

* Hymn 403 “Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty”

Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.

* 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: Acts 16:9-15 (NT p. 136)

Psalter: Psalm 67 (Hymnal 341)

A Time with Children

Anthem

“I Saw a New Heaven”

Michael John Trotta from “Light
Shines in the Darkness - Movement 6”

Second Lesson: Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5 (NT p. 259)

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 375 "Shall We Gather at the River"

Ordination and Installation of Officers

Litany of Gifts

There are varieties of gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

***There are different ways of serving God,
but it is the same Lord who is served.***

God works through each person in a unique way, but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.

***To each is given a gift of the Spirit
to be used for the common good.***

Together we are the body of Christ,
and individually members of it.

Statement on Ordination and Installation

Introduction of New Officers

Constitutional Questions

Ordination Prayer and Laying on of Hands

Welcome and Charge

During the welcome, the congregation will sing "Here I Am, Lord," Hymn 69.

Offering

Offertory

"Aria-Trio"

Wayne Wold

* Doxology (606)

* Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Hymn 691 "Lord, When I Came into This Life"

* Charge and Benediction

* Postlude "Eternal Father, Strong to Save" arr. Robert J. Hughes

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

* All who are able shall stand.

The flowers have been given to the glory of God in honor of Nina and Brian Schillinger on their 50th wedding anniversary by their daughters, Jana Schillinger and Laura Moore.

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	Andy Kepler
Ushers	Sue Flynn and the Farrell family

Being ordained and installed as elders today are Grace Farrell, Peter Moore, and Liam Farrell. **Being installed** as elders are Frank Garnecki, JoAnn Hall, Meg Hatch, Jeff McLaughlin, Diane Scheuer and Dick White.

Being ordained and installed as deacons are Cindy White and Cass Morgan. **Being installed** as deacons are Jamie Strong and Myrna Diven.

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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.

Want to enjoy the Memorial Day parade with Presbyterian friends? Join us "downhill" at the corner of Stone Avenue and State Street, where a group of church folks set up their lawn chairs to sing along with the marching bands and count the fire trucks. **The parade begins at 11:00 a.m.** Feel free to park at our church and walk downhill. Then, we can all *gasp* our way back up the hill together!



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.

AND there's another RailRiders ball game on the church calendar! Mark your calendar for Friday, August 1. It's a 6:35 game. More details to follow.

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, 1 p.m.** - 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, 11:15** - 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.

Summer Bible Study in the Old Testament



We will continue our Wednesday night Bible study through the Summer, starting each week at 5:45 in the library (room 206). Our focus will be stories in the Old Testament, some of which will be familiar (or so you think) and others which you might be reading for the first time. More details to come!

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, Carol.

We have a Nursery that is staffed regularly on Sunday mornings from 9:40 to 11:10 a.m. Located in room 208 (sanctuary level), it has a changing table, and age-appropriate toys and books for children ages 3 and younger.

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.

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.

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.

Coffee Hour: We are looking for families and church groups who would like to host the coffee hour during the summer months. A sign-up sheet is available in Fellowship Hall or contact Karen White at 570-575-7005 to get on the schedule.

This Week at a Glance

Sunday, May 25

- 10 a.m., Worship in the sanctuary and online

Monday, May 26 Memorial Day

Church Office is closed.

Tuesday, May 27

- 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 206
- 7 p.m., AA, Room 111

Wednesday, May 28

- 9 a.m., Presbyter mailing, Room 209 (note change)
- 10 a.m., COM Merger Committee, 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

Sunday, June 1

- 10 a.m., Worship in the sanctuary and online
- 1 p.m., Rail Trail Hike

Beginning May 27, church summer office hours will be 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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