



First Presbyterian Church
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Service for the Lord's Day

7th Sunday of Easter

June 1, 2025

10:00 a.m.

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

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Music

Words of Welcome

Prelude "Let Us Break Bread Together" arr. Dale Wood

Call to Worship

Light dawns for the righteous

and joy for the upright in heart.

Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous,

and give thanks to God's holy name!

* Hymn 662

"Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies"

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 16:16-34 (NT, p. 136)

Psalter: Psalm 97 (Hymn 365)

A Time with Children

Anthem

"Take Me To The Water"

Second Lesson: Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21 (NT, p. 260)

Sermon: "The Last Word"

Rev. Carter

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 360

"Christ Is Coming!"

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

Offering

Offertory

"Consecration"

Craig Penfield

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 357

"The Days Are Surely Coming"

* Charge and Benediction

* Postlude

"Trumpet Tune"

Anthony Giamanco

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

* All who are able shall stand.

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

Dana Miller

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.

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.





LIFT: Living In Faith Together

Join us after worship on **Sunday, June 8** to celebrate **Pentecost** with a meal and intergenerational program. Families with children as well as congregants of all ages are invited. Learn about the Holy Spirit at work in ourselves and the world as we enjoy a meal, Bible reading and discussion, and activity. It's a great opportunity to share fellowship and faith with our friends and family.

Our lunch will be a **potluck of salads**. From potato to tuna to fruit to leafy green, **bring us your favorite salad to enjoy together**. Rolls, drinks, and dessert provided.



Thank you to all who have participated in our LIFT programs this year! We hope you'll join us again in the fall.

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.

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. Time TBA.
- 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.



Hey kids and families! Reservations are confirmed for the Trolley ride and RailRiders game on June 29.

- All attending, please forward your payment of \$25 per person to the church office. Checks are payable to First Presbyterian Church.
- We must leave the 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 / OR

There's another RailRiders ball game on the church calendar for Friday, August 1. That's right! The WBS RailRiders will play the Nashville Sounds at PNC Field!

Game Time is 6:35 p.m. Tickets are \$14.

Sign up in the Narthex or church office by **Sunday, July 20**. Contact Betty Keen with questions. Checks are payable to Betty Keen. (Thanks, Betty!)



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., 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, Dennis, Bill, the Reid and Calvey families, Leslie, Kim.

Plans are being made to celebrate Rev. Carter's 35th year at FPCCS. 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.

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.

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.

Summer Bible Study for Adults
Children's Bible Stories - But Not the Way You Remember Them

We continue our Wednesday night Bible study through the Summer, starting May 28. We will start each week at 6:00 pm in the library (room 206). We will look at some of the most beloved Bible characters and stories in the Old Testament, like Noah, Moses, David, and Elijah. Some of these will be familiar (or so you think) and others you may be reading for the first time.

This Week at a Glance

Sunday, June 1

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

Monday, June 2

Tuesday, June 3

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

Wednesday, June 4

- 10:30 a.m., Prayer and Share, Room 209
- 6:00 p.m., Adult Christian Education, Room 206
- 7 p.m., Adult Choir, Sanctuary
- 7:30 p.m., AlAnon, Room 206

Thursday, June 5

- 8:30 a.m., Men's Breakfast, Room 206
- 5 p.m., Finance, Room 206
- 7 p.m., Building and Grounds, Room 209
- 7 p.m., Christian Education, Room 206

Sunday, June 8 PENTECOST

- 10 a.m., Worship in the sanctuary and online
- 11:15, Lift Program, Fellowship Hall
- 2 p.m., GSA program, Fellowship Hall

Church summer office hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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