



First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
Third Sunday after Pentecost

June 29, 2025

10:00 a.m.

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

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Hymn Sing (9:45)

Hymns 625, 69, 721

Words of Welcome

Prelude

"Alla Breve from Sonata #3"

Handel

Call to Worship

Psalm 77:11-13

I will call to mind the deeds of the Lord;

I will remember your wonders of old.

I will meditate on all your work, and muse on your mighty deeds.

Your way, O God, is huoly. Who is so great as our God?

* Hymn 182

"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"

Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.

- * Call to Confession
- * Prayer of Confession

***Lord, we hear your invitation, "Come, follow me,"
yet we lack the courage to travel the road with you.
You lead us on paths we have not known,
yet we prefer our settled certainties.
You call us beyond our self-imposed boundaries and borders,
yet we play it safe and resist your Spirit's leading.
Forgive our feckless faith, our lack of courage,
and all our excuses and distractions.
Awaken our trust
that you will guide us through many dangers, toils, and snares
and that your grace will lead us home; in Christ, we pray.***

- * Silent Confession
- * Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace

- * Response 390 "Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord!"
***Praise, praise, praise the Lord! Praise God's holy name. Alleluia!
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PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination
First Lesson: 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14 (OT, p. 332)
Psalter: Psalm 16 (Hymnal 810)
A Time with Children

Anthem "Grace Alone" Scott Brown and Jeff Nelson

Gospel Lesson: Luke 9:51-62 (NT, p. 70)
Sermon: "Of Potholes and Detours" Rev. Carter
Summer Sermon Series: Taking a Road Trip with Jesus

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

- * Hymn 720 "Jesus Calls Us"
- * Affirmation of Faith: A Declaration of Faith, PCUS (9.5)
***We believe Christ gives us and demands of us
lives in pilgrimage toward God's kingdom.
Like Christ we may enjoy on our journey all that sustains life
and makes it pleasant and beautiful.
No more than Christ are we spared the darkness,
ambiguity, and threat of life in the world.
We are in the world, but not of the world.
Our confidence and hope for ourselves and other people
do not rest in the powers and achievements of this world,
but in the coming and hidden presence of God's kingdom.
Christ calls each of us to a life appropriate to that kingdom:
to serve as he has served us;***

***to take up our cross,
risking the consequences of faithful discipleship;
to walk by faith, not by sight,
to hope for what we have not seen.***

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Offering

Offertory "His Eye is on the Sparrow"

* Doxology (609)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise God, in Jesus fully known. Creator, Word, and Spirit one.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

* Prayer of Dedication

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Hymn 719 "Come, Labor On"

* Charge and Benediction

* Postlude "Allegro from Sonata #3" Handel

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

* All who are able shall stand.

The flowers are given by Chris & Linda Woodley in memory and honor of loved ones.

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	Sue Flynn
Catherine Huhn, flute	Connie Weiss, oboe
John Weiss, cello	

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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.

FPC Young(er) Adult Group - 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. There will be a Pool Party on Saturday, July 26 at the Farrell's, with more events to come. 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.

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

Our Wednesday night Bible study will continue through the Summer, beginning at 6:00 p.m. 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.

Coffee Hour: Only two Sundays remain without refreshment hosts. Those days are July 13 and July 27. Can you help? A sign-up sheet is available in Fellowship Hall. Karen White, 570-575-7005, can answer your questions.

Summer choir: Do you enjoy singing, but can't commit to weekly rehearsals? Come and sing with the choir in worship on July 6 and August 24. The next rehearsal is Thursday, August 21, 7 p.m. For more information contact Connie Weiss at 570-466-4520.

There's another RailRiders ball game on the calendar!

Friday, August 1 Game Time is 6:35 p.m. Tickets are \$14.

That's right! The WBS RailRiders will play
the Nashville Sounds at PNC Field!



- Sign up in the Narthex or church office by **Sunday, July 20.** Contact Betty Keen with questions. Checks are payable to Betty Keen.
- **No large purses, bags, or back packs** are permitted at the game. Plastic, see-through bags may be used.

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, 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, Carol, Dennis, Bill, Leslie, Kim, Stuart, Kathy, the Naehar family, Claire, Jeff Lease and family, Craig K., Gary K., Judy S., AJ, Wendy, Lee, Renee, Sally.

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.

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.

Updated Church Directory: Bound copies of the latest Church Directory are on the cabinet inside the Narthex. Please be sure to pick one up!

Egypt: land of pharaohs, pyramids...and Vacation Bible School!

From July 14-18, the church will be transformed into ancient Egypt, where we'll hear from Joseph about his time in prison and rise to trusted palace advisor. But we need YOUR HELP to make it happen! Vacation Bible School is a fun-filled, faith-filled week for the children of our church and community, and we're looking for a few more volunteers to round out our crew. If you're a bit crafty, a bit musically inclined, an energetic games enthusiast, or a behind-the-scenes builder, we've got a job for you! Please contact Jana at fpccs.vbs@gmail.com or call the church office at (570)586-6306 to let us know you can help bring Egypt to life.

For the safety of our children and adults, all volunteers must have attended here regularly for 6 months and have VBS training prior to the first day.

P.S. Calling all children, grandchildren, neighbors, and friends! We welcome all children age 4 to completed grade 5 to join us July 14-18, 9AM-12PM, for a week of amazing adventure. Register today at www.myvbs.org/fpccs and we'll see you in Egypt!

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, June 29

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

Tuesday, July 1

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

Wednesday, July 2

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

Thursday, July 3

- 8:30 a.m., Men's Breakfast, Room 206

Friday, July 4 **HAPPY 4TH OF JULY!**

The church office is closed.

Sunday, July 6

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

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

Looking ahead:

- July 10, Mobile Food Pantry, 4-6 p.m.
- July 14-18, Vacation Bible School, 9 a.m.-noon
- July 26, Pool Party at Farrells (see announcement)
- August 1, Rail Riders Baseball Game (sign up by July 20)
- August 10, Parking Lot Picnic
- August 14, Mobile Food Pantry, 4-6 p.m.
- August 31, Annual Jazz Communion, 10 a.m.

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