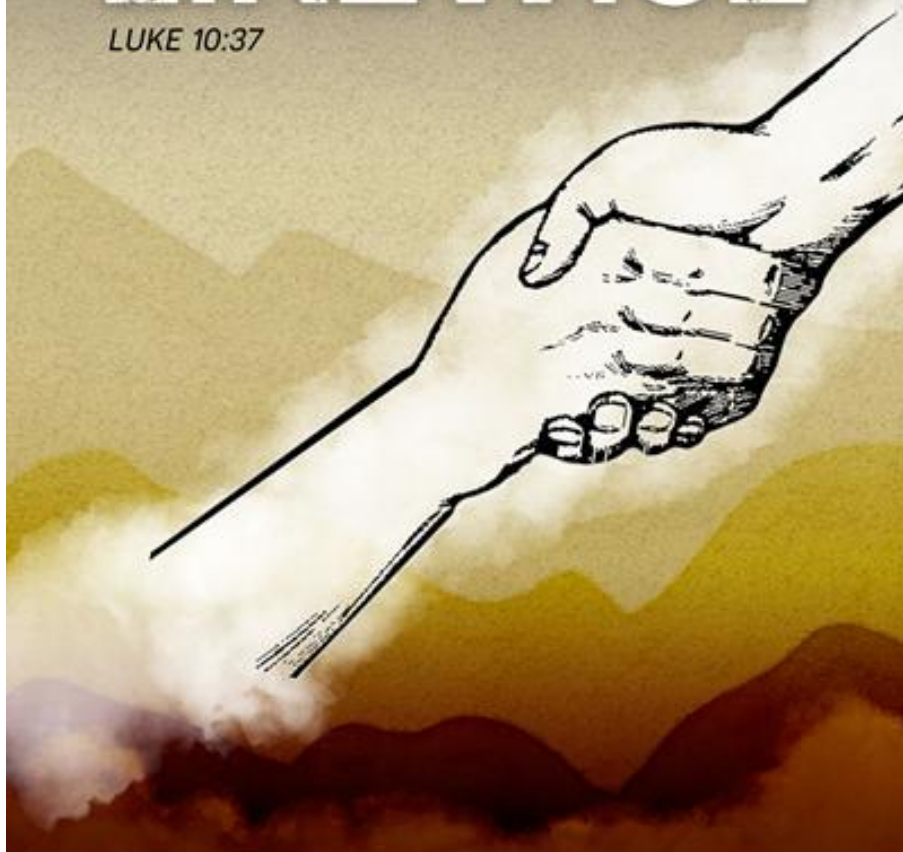


GO AND DO LIKEWISE

LUKE 10:37



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Service for the Lord's Day

5th Sunday after Pentecost

July 13, 2025

10:00 a.m.

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

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Congregational Hymn Sing (9:45)

Hymns 2, 462, 136

Words of Welcome

Prelude

"God of Grace"

arr. Bert Carlson

Call to Worship

Our help is in the name of the Lord,

who made heaven and earth.

This is the day the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

* Hymn 394

"Christ is Made the Sure Foundation"

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!

Praise God's holy name. Alleluia! Praise God's holy name. Alleluia!

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: Amos 7:7-17 (OT, p. 855)

Psalter: Psalm 82 (Hymnal 763)

A Time with Children

Special Music

Gospel Lesson: Luke 10:25-37 (NT, p. 71)

Sermon: "Doing the Inheritance"

Rev. Carter

Summer Sermon Series: Taking a Road Trip with Jesus

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 738 "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"

* 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

"Rejoice, the Lord is King"

arr. Edwin Childs

* 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 688 "Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"

* Charge and Benediction

* Postlude "O for a Thousand Tongues" arr. Robert Hobby

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

* All who are able shall stand.

The flowers are given by Jodi Cieszkowski to the glory of God in memory of her father, William Carlin, Sr.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Pastor
Coordinator of Children and Youth
Director of Music
Organist
Liturgist

Rev. William Carter
Jana Schillinger
Frank Jones
Kay Ten Eyck
Laura Worrell



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL STARTS TOMORROW!

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

July 14-18, 9AM-12PM

Welcome to ancient Egypt, where we'll hear from Joseph about his time in prison and rise to trusted palace advisor.

Vacation Bible School is a fun-filled, faith-filled week for the children of our church and community, age 4 to completion of grade 5. Your children will experience an Amazing Adventure each morning with crafts, songs, games, stories, and snacks.

Register today at www.myvbs.org/fpcs
and we'll see you in Egypt!

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 20-to-50-year age range. A Pool Party is set for Saturday, July 26 at the Farrell's, with more events to come. Reach out to Michael Thompson, mkthompson96@gmail.com/518-577-8691, for more information.

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

Our Wednesday night Bible study continues through the Summer, beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the library (room 206). We are looking 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: Sunday, July 27, remains without refreshment hosts. A sign-up sheet is in Fellowship Hall. Karen, 570-575-7005, can answer questions.

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

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, Wayne, Candace, Jen, Terry, Edward, Lee, Sue, Joseph, Baby Lyric, Lisa, Mollie, Ellen S., Jeff, Jean, Nancy, Sarah, Carol, Dennis, Bill, Leslie, Kim, Stuart, Kathy, the Naehar family, Claire, Jeff Leas and family, Tim, Craig K., Gary K., Judy S., AJ, Wendy, Lee, Renee, Sally, Terry, Renee, Wendy.

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

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

Come to the RailRiders ball game on Friday, August 1!

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

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 backpacks** are permitted at the game. Plastic, see-through bags may be used.



On August 31: the Vince Guaraldi Jazz Mass

Our Jazz Communion service takes place this year on August 31. We are thrilled that the service will feature the Vince Guaraldi Mass.

Created for the inaugural year of Grace Cathedral in San Francisco, Guaraldi presented this jazz mass six months before he received international fame as the composer of “A Charlie Brown Christmas.”

As a special treat, we have invited Derrick Bang, Mr. Guaraldi’s biographer, to talk about the work before the service at 9:30 in the sanctuary. To learn more about Derrick, visit his online blog.

Our choir will be joined by the choir of Our Lady of the Snows - and all are invited to sing with them. Choir rehearsals will be held on August 6, 13, and 27, from 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm in our sanctuary. We ask that all singers attend at least two rehearsals.

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.

The Mission & Justice Committee is planning a morning at the CEO/Weinberg Food Bank in Pittston on Saturday, August 16, 9 a.m. to noon. We will help pack boxes of food for qualifying citizens in our area in an assembly line manner. We will carpool from the church’s back parking lot at 8:30 a.m. For questions, or to sign up to go, call Diane Scheuer (570-362-3276 or divinends@gmail.com).



This Week at a Glance

Sunday, July 13

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

Monday, July 14 **9:00-NOON VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

Tuesday, July 15 **9:00-NOON VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

- 6 p.m., OA, Room 210
- 7 p.m., AA, Room 111

Wednesday, July 16 **9:00-NOON VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

- 10:30 a.m., Prayer and Share, Room 209
- 7:30 p.m., AlAnon, Room 206

Thursday, July 17 **9:00-NOON VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

- 7 p.m., AA, Room 111

Friday, July 18 **9:00-NOON VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

Sunday, July 20

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

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

Looking ahead: 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.



Take a Presbyterian trip to Ireland

We are sponsoring a journey to the Emerald Isle. Scheduled for April 12-21, 2026, a group of Presbyterians will travel to Dublin, Galway, and all the spots in between. Brochures are available in the narthex. As with the trip to Scotland, we will use Witte Travel from Grand Rapids. Reach out to [Rev. Bill Carter](#) or Jamie Strong if you have questions.

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