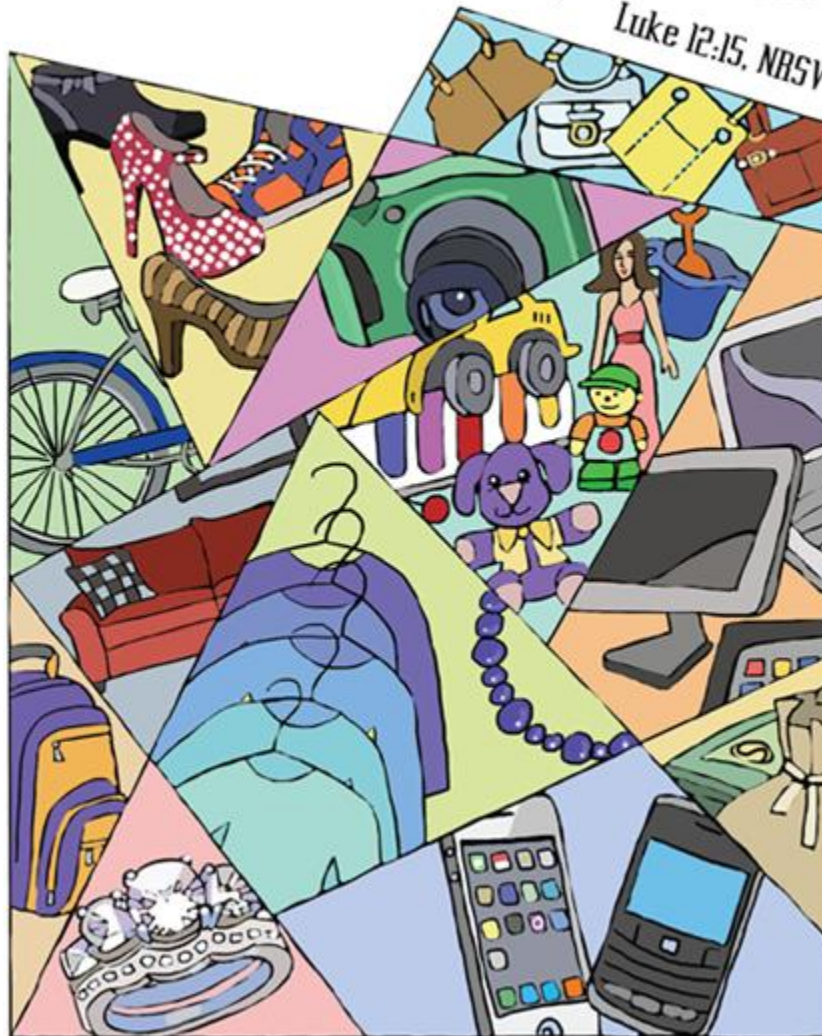


...one's life does not consist
in the abundance of possessions.

Luke 12:15, NRSV



First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

August 3, 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 837, 43, 248

Words of Welcome

Prelude "Prelude on 'Salvationist'" W. Hays/T. Birchwood

Call to Worship

Proverbs 11:25, 21:13

Those who trust in their riches will wither,
but the righteous will flourish like green leaves.
If you close your ear to the cry of the poor,
you will cry out and not be heard.

* Hymn 175

“Seek Ye First”

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: 1 Timothy 6:11-19 (NT p. 210)

Psalter: Psalm 107 (Hymnal 653)

A Time with Children

Anthem

“For Everyone Born”

Shirley Erena Murray

Gospel Lesson: Luke 12:13-21 (NT p. 74)

Sermon: “What’s in the Storage Unit?”

Rev. Carter

Summer Sermon Series: Taking a Road Trip with Jesus

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 697

“Take My Life”

* 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.***

Offering

Offertory

“Cornet Voluntary”

William Walond

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 712 “As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought”

* Charge and Benediction

* Postlude “Blessed Assurance” Knapp/Thygerson

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

* All who are able shall stand.

Flowers are given to the glory of God by Debra Miller in memory of Dave, husband, father, and papa.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Pastor

Coordinator of Children and Youth

Director of Music

Guest Organist

Liturgist

Rev. William Carter

Jana Schillinger

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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.

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” are in a basket with the bulletins at the back of the sanctuary.

Summer Bible Study for Adults Women of the Bible Wednesday Night Study

Our topic currently is "Women of the Bible." We will meet at 6:00 pm in the library (Room 206) on July 30, then move to 5:45 pm in August to accommodate the choir rehearsal of the Guaraldi Jazz Mass. We will look at some of the famous and little-known women in the Old Testament.

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, Lee, Sue, Joseph, Baby Lyric, Lisa, Mollie, Ellen S., Jeff, Jean, Nancy, Sarah, Carol, Dennis, Bill, Leslie, Kim, Stuart, Kathy, Tim, Claire, Jeff Leas and family, Craig K., Gary K., Judy S., AJ, Lee, Sally, Terry, Renee, Wendy, Estelle, Janet S., Nate, Len, Millie, family and friends, Faith.

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.





Take a Presbyterian trip to Ireland

Registration is now open for our church's 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, Witte Travel of Grand Rapids is organizing an extraordinary trip for us. Reach out to [Rev. Bill Carter](#) or Jamie Strong with questions.

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).



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.

Looking Ahead:

- August 14, Mobile Food Pantry, 4-6 p.m.
- August 16, CEO/Weinberg Food Bank, Pittston, 9 a.m. to noon
- August 31, Annual Jazz Communion
- September 27-28, Worship Through Service Weekend



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, August 3

- 10 a.m., Worship in the sanctuary and online
- 11:15, Table Talk: Ministry of the Gideons, Room 111

Tuesday, August 5

- 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, August 6

- 10:30 a.m., Prayer and Share, Room 209
- 5:45 p.m., Summer Bible Study, Room 206
- 6:30 p.m., Rehearsal for the Guaraldi Mass, Sanctuary
- 7:30 p.m., AlAnon, Room 206

Thursday, August 7

- 8:30 a.m., Men's Breakfast and Bible Study, Room 206
- 5 p.m., Finance, Room 210
- 7 p.m., Building and Grounds, Rm 209/7 p.m., CE, Rm 26
- 7 p.m., AA, Room 111

Friday, August 8

- Presbyter Deadline for September newsletter. Send to office@fpccs.org.

Sunday, August 10

- 10 a.m., Worship in the sanctuary and online
- 11:15., Our PARKING LOT PICNIC!



We're having a
PARKING LOT PICNIC!

It's August 10,
right after church.

No GPS NECESSARY.

It's *practically* in our back yard!

Y'all should come. It'll be FUN!



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