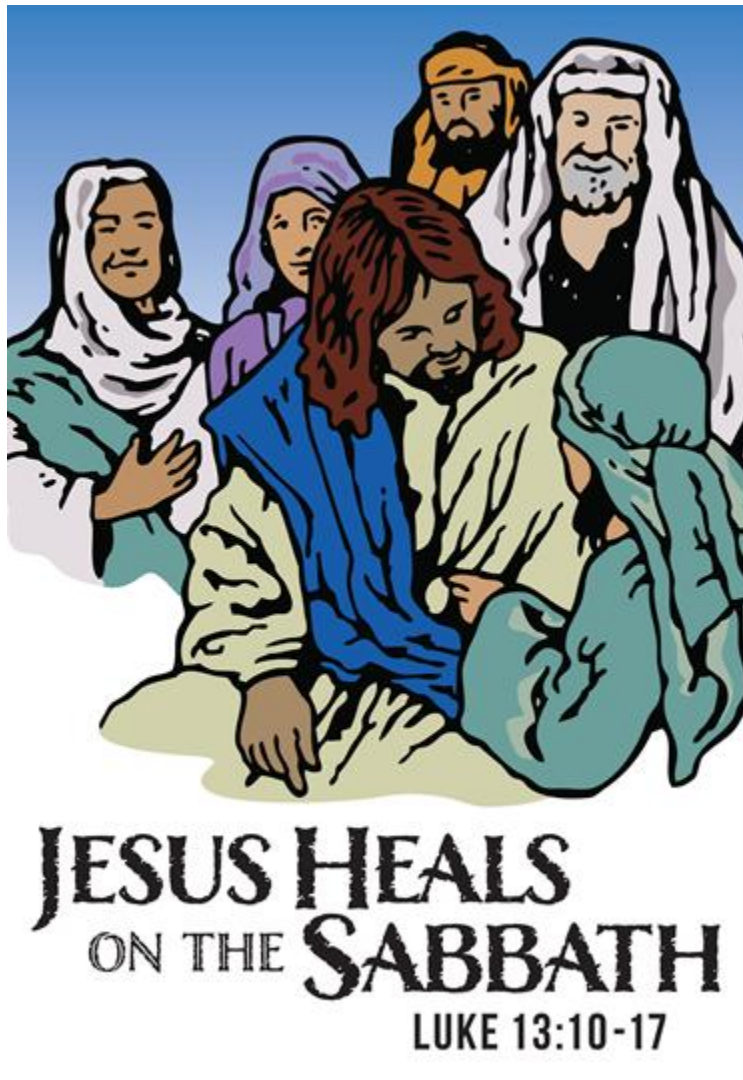




JESUS HEALS ON THE SABBATH

LUKE 13:10-17

First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 24, 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)

Words of Welcome

Prelude

“Lamb of God”

arr. John Carter

Call to Worship

God is our rock and our refuge,
a strong and mighty fortress.

Beloved, people of light, come: the Lord is our hope.

Let us worship God!

* Hymn 439

“O My Soul, Bless Your Redeemer”
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: Isaiah 5:1-7 (OT, p. 634)

A Time with Children

Anthem

“Shepherd Me, O God”

Marty Haugen

Second Lesson: Luke 13:10-17 (NT, p. 76)

Sermon: “Rules Are Made for Hypocrites”

Rev. Carter

Summer Sermon Series: Taking a Road Trip with Jesus

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 435

“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

* 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

"As the Deer"

arr. Douglas Wagner

* 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 619

"Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven"

* Charge and Benediction

* Postlude

"Lord, I Lift Your Name on High"

arr. Douglas Wagner

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

* All who are able shall stand.

The flowers are given to the glory of God by Jack and Diane Scheuer in loving memory of Ella Scheuer.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Pastor

Rev. William Carter

Coordinator of Children and Youth

Jana Schillinger

Director of Music

Frank Jones

Organist

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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.

Summer Bible Study for Adults: Our topic is "Women of the Bible." We will meet in room 206 at 5:45 pm during August to look at some of the famous and little-known women in the Old Testament.

Old Testament Connections at Wednesday Night Study

Starting September 10, we will begin our Fall Wednesday night Bible study with "Old Testament Connections." Each week, we will use a different lens to understand how various stories of the Bible connect to one another: maps, timelines, world history, and other tools. We will meet at 6:00 pm in the library (Room 206).

FPC Young(er) Adult Group - These are great opportunities for new friends and even whole families to meet others in the church. For details and to RSVP, please reach out to Michael Thompson at mkthompson96@gmail.com or 518-577-8691:

- **Today** at 3pm - Games Day at the Church. Bring a game or a snack to share. We will meet downstairs in the fellowship hall.
- Saturday, September 20 at 1pm - Apple Picking at Lakeland Orchard, 1649 Lakeland Drive, Scott Township. General admission tickets are \$22.95.
- Saturday, October 18? - We are working on plans for a campfire night.
- November - let us know your ideas!

On August 31: the Vince Guaraldi Jazz Mass

Our Jazz Communion service takes place next Sunday.
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.



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, Craig K., Gary K., Judy S., AJ, Lee, Sally, Terry, Renee, Wendy, Estelle, the family of Janet S., Nate, Len, Millie, family and friends, Faith, Erin, Terry B., Katie, Mary, Sue and family.

It's time to sign up for Worship Through Service projects. You will find the list of ten community service projects that we will undertake around the last weekend of September. Sign-up forms will be in the bulletins for the next four weeks, along with sign-up sheets in the Narthex. You can also sign-up online through the google link in Wednesday's **Light From the Hill**.

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. **An information session will be offered on Friday, September 5, at 7:00 p.m. in Room 206.**

ADOPT A HIGHWAY: The first fall Morgan Highway Cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, September 20. We will meet at the parking lot of the Clarks Summit United Methodist Church at 9:00 a.m. Safety vests, gloves, and garbage bags will be provided. If you have never participated in this activity and would like to join the group, please contact Jack Scheuer at 570-362-3275 or john.scheuer123@gmail.com for more details.

Deacons' Worship Through Service Project: Summer Safety for Home-less Adults: As part of FPCCS' Worship through Service program, the Deacons are collecting personal care and food items for the Community Intervention Center (CIC) day shelter in Scranton. Please consider contributing items from the "wish list" (below) and dropping them in the Narthex before September 7th. Your gift will help homeless adults stay safe and comfortable this summer. Questions? Please contact Barb Norton at 570-878-8026. Thank you!

Insect repellant, sunscreen, wash cloths, disposable razors, combs, brushes, deodorant, travel size shampoo, conditioner, small bars of soap, snack bars (soft varieties preferred), snack cracker packs, and first aid supplies such as band-aids, gauze, antiseptic, wound cream, Ace bandages)

Note: toothpaste, toothbrushes and socks are not currently needed.

This Week at a Glance

Sunday, August 24

- 10 a.m., Worship in the sanctuary and online
- 3 p.m., *Young(er)* Adult Games Day at the Church, Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, August 26

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

Wednesday, August 27

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

Thursday, August 28

- 7 p.m., AA, Room 111

Sunday, August 31

- 10 a.m., **Annual Jazz Communion Service**, including the singing of the Guaraldi Mass.



The 2025-26 Arts at First Presbyterian concert series will open on **Sunday, September 14 at 4 pm** with the internationally-acclaimed **Bloom/ Funkhouser Duo** (Peter H. Bloom, flute, and John Funkhouser, piano). The duo will be performing **Salute to Duke Ellington** which will celebrate Duke and his esteemed co-composers Billy Strayhorn, Juan Tizol and Mercer Ellington, with classics and rarities like Caravan, Take the A Train, I'm Beginning to See the Light, East Saint Louis Toodle-Oo, Depk, and Jump for Joy. The concert is open to the public free of charge, with a free-will offering taken to help defray the cost of the event. Meet the

artists at a reception held following the concert.

Events scheduled for October are: Sunday, October 12 at 4 pm - Arcadia Chorale, and Sunday, October 26 at 4 pm - Colebrook Road (bluegrass band).