



First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
16th Sunday after Pentecost

September 28, 2025

10:00 a.m.

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

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Hymn 727

Words of Welcome

Prelude

“Trumpet Tune”

Robert Lau

Call to Worship

I will be glad and exult in you;

I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.

For the needy shall not always be forgotten,

nor the hope of the poor perish forever.

* Hymn 712

“As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought”

Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession

O Lord our God, you call us to proclaim the gospel,

but we remain silent in the presence of evil.

You call us to be reconciled to you and one another,

but we are content to live in separation.

You call us to seek the good of all,

but we fail to resist the powers of oppression.

You call us to fight pretensions and injustice,

but we sit idly by, endangering the lives of people far and near.

Forgive us, O Lord.

Reconcile us to you by the power of your Spirit,

and give us the courage and strength to be reconciled to others;

through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior.

* Silent Confession

* Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace

* Response (598)

Amen, we praise your name, O God!

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Amen, amen. Amen, amen! Amen, we praise your name, O God.

Recognition of Volunteers

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: Amos 6:1, 4-7 (OT p. 854)

Psalter: Psalm 91 (Hymn 43)

A Time with Children

Anthem

“Bonse Aba”

Second Lesson: Luke 16:19-31 (NT p. 79)

Sermon: “The Grand Distortion”

Rev. Carter

* Hymn 766 “The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound”
* Affirmation of Faith: Apostles’ Creed (Hymnal, p. 35)

Offering		
Offertory	“Reverie”	Noel Rawsthorne
Response (698)		

* Hymn 765 “May the God of Hope Go with Us”
* Charge and Benediction
* Postlude “Toccata”

* All who are able shall stand.

Pastor	Rev. William Carter
Coordinator of Children and Youth	Jana Schillinger
Director of Music	Frank Jones
Organist	Kay Ten Eyck
Liturgist	Nancy Post

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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.

Old Testament Connections at Wednesday Night Bible Study

Our Wednesday night Bible study this season continues with "Old Testament Connections." Each week, we will use a different lens to understand how various stories of the Bible connect to one another using maps, timelines, world history, and other tools. We will meet at 6:00 p.m. in the library (Room 206).

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, Mollie, Ellen S., Jeff, Jean, Nancy, Sarah, Carol, Leslie, Kim, Stuart, Kathy, Tim, Claire, Craig K., Gary K., Judy S., AJ, Lee, Sally, Terry, Estelle, Nate, Len, Millie, family and friends, Faith, Erin, Terry B., Katie, Mary, Sue and family, Renee, Wendy, Margaret.

State Hospital Luncheon: The women of the church will host a fall luncheon for friends from Clarks Summit State Hospital on Tuesday, October 7, noon, in Fellowship Hall. Volunteers are needed to greet our guests, and assist with set-up, serving and clean-up of the meal. Let Janet Dobson know if you intend to assist at 570-563-1887.

There is a need for several items: new or used **luggage/ backpacks** (in good condition); **shoes;** (used) **working CD players;** **leggings** (new); **baseball caps.** Donation boxes have been placed in the narthex. Any questions, call Janet Dobson at 570-563-1887.

Confirmation Class begins after church October 12 and meets weekly through May.

FPC Young(er) Adult Group - Saturday, October 18: Campfire Night

Join the FPC Young(er) Adult Group for this family friendly event on Saturday, October 18 at 6pm. We will meet at Charlie and Robin Pinches' home. Bring a snack or beverage to share. To RSVP and get the address, please reach out to Michael at mkthompson96@gmail.com or 518-577-8691. And let us know your ideas for November!

Looking Ahead:

- October 5, World Communion Sunday
- October 12, Confirmation begins
- October 12, Arts at FPCCS: Echoes from the Cathedrals with Arcadia Chorale, 4pm
- October 25, Hickory Street Meal
- October 26, LIFT program (following worship), topic is **Reformation**
- October 26, Arts at FPCCS: Blue Grass with Colebrook Road, 4 p.m.

On Sunday, October 12, 4 p.m., The 2025-26 Arts at First Presbyterian concert series will feature **The Arcadia Chorale**, a professional chamber choir of 24 voices which has been presenting concerts since 1983. This program will feature “Echoes From the Cathedrals,” soaring choral and organ music of England, France, Italy, Spain, and Germany inspired by the great cathedrals of Western Europe. Guest organist is Christopher Johnson, who was featured on last year's Arts Series. The group performs under the direction of Matthew Rupcich.



On Sunday, October 26, 4 p.m., The 2025-26 Arts at First Presbyterian will feature award-winning Colebrook Road, a Bluegrass group from Harrisburg, Pa. This award-winning group rose to national fame and brings fiery picking, heartfelt harmonies, and pure joy to every note. This summer they appeared on the Wildflower Concert Series at the Dorflinger-Suydam Wildlife Sanctuary in White Mills to great acclaim.

HICKORY STREET MEAL PROGRAM: Our next meal event at Hickory Street Presbyterian Church is set for October 25th. Preparation of the main dish, providing desserts, assistance at Hickory Street on meal day, and food transport to Hickory Street are some of the tasks where volunteers are needed. Donation of food for grocery bags is also an integral part of our commitment. If you want to support our church's efforts financially, please make checks either paper or electronic, payable to First Presbyterian Church of Clarks Summit, and indicate "Account No. 2041, Community Meals" in the check memo line. The menu, recipes, sign-up sheets, and other information will be available in the narthex starting on October 5th.



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.

This Week at a Glance

Sunday, September 28

- 10 a.m., Worship in the sanctuary and online
- 11 a.m., Worship Through Service Projects
 - My Brothers' Keeper Quilting, Fellowship Hall
 - Sandwiches for NEPA Youth Center, Fellowship Hall
 - Light cleaning at NEPA Youth Center's new location
 - Weed Whacking at Abington Hills Cemetery, 800 Morgan Highway
 - Light Cleaning at The Gathering Place, 304 S. State St., CS
 - Weeding and fence cleanup at the pocket Park, Depot St., CS
- 2 p.m., Hymn Sing at The Pines, 1300 Morgan Highway, CS
- 3 p.m., OA, Room 210

Tuesday, September 30

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

Wednesday, October 1

- 10:30 a.m., Prayer and Share, Room 209
- 6 p.m., Wednesday Night Bible Study: Old Testament Connections
- 7 p.m., Choir rehearsal, sanctuary
- 7:30 p.m., AlAnon, Room 206
- 8:00 p.m., Bell Choir rehearsal, Fellowship Hall

Thursday, October 2

- 8:30 a.m., Men's Breakfast, Room 206
- 4 p.m., Finance, Room 210
- 7 p.m., Building and Grounds, Room 209
- 7 p.m., Christian Education, Room 206
- 7 p.m., AA, Room 111

Saturday, October 4

Sunday, October 5

- 10 a.m., Worship in the sanctuary and online
- 3 p.m., OA, Room 210

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