



**First Presbyterian Church  
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# First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day  
17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

October 5, 2025

10:00 a.m.

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

## **ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME**

Gathering Music: Hymn 611

Words of Welcome

Prelude "I Greet Thee Who My Sure Redeemer Art" arr. G. Roberson

Call to Worship from Psalm 121

I lift up my eyes to the hills -- from where will my help come?

***My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.***

The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.

***The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in  
from this time on and forevermore.***

\* Hymn 624 "I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art"

*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.***

## **PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD**

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: Luke 17:5-10 (NT, p. 80)

Psalter: Psalm 121 (OT, p. 571)

A Time with Children

Anthem "Draw Us In The Spirit's Tether"

Second Lesson: 2 Timothy 1:1-14 (NT, p. 211)  
Sermon: "Good Treasure, Entrusted"

Rev. Carter

### **RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

- \* Hymn 450 "Be Thou My Vision"
- \* Affirmation of Faith: Apostles' Creed (Hymnal, p. 35)

Minute for Peacemaking Meg Hatch  
Offering  
Offertory "Amazing Grace" arr. Marianne Kim

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 307 "God of Grace and God of Glory"
- \* Charge and Benediction
- \* Postlude "Hymn to Joy" arr. Jason Payne

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

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\* All who are able shall stand.

**The flowers** this morning are given by the church family to the glory of God and in celebration of Reverend Carter's 40 years in ministry and 35 years at FPCCS.

### **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                         | Ann Carter          |
| Communion Servers                 |                     |

**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" can be found in a basket with the bulletins at the back of the sanctuary. If you have a sensitivity to gluten, please, take advantage of the gluten-free items.

## 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 is the topic of our Wednesday Night Bible Study.** 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, Jim, Robyn, K.J., Christine, Rachel and family, Theresa.

**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](mailto:mkthompson96@gmail.com) or 518-577-8691. And let us know your ideas for November!

### **Looking Ahead:**

- 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.

**Copies of September Happenings Magazine can be found in the Narthex.**

**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 group rose to national fame and brings heartfelt harmonies, fiery picking, 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 25<sup>th</sup>. 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, shopping lists, and other information will be available in the narthex starting on October 5<sup>th</sup>.



## **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, October 5

- 10 a.m., Worship in the sanctuary and online
- 3 p.m., OA, Room 210
- 5:30 p.m., GSA, Room 111

Monday, October 6

- 6 p.m., GSA, Room 111

Tuesday, October 7

- 9:30 a.m., Yoga, Room 111
- 12 p.m., State Hospital Luncheon, Fellowship Hall
- 6 p.m., OA, Room 210
- 7 p.m., Mission and Justice, Room 206
- 7 p.m., AA, Room 111

Wednesday, October 8

- 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 9

- 9 a.m., Mobile Food Pantry receiving/packaging food, Fellowship Hall
- 4 p.m., Mobile Food Pantry loading cars, Fellowship Hall
- 6 p.m., GSA, Room 111
- 7 p.m., AA, Room 111

Friday, October 10

- 7 p.m., Arcadia Chorale Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Saturday, October 11

- 9 a.m., Piano Competition, Sanctuary

Sunday, October 12

- 10 a.m., Worship in the sanctuary and online
- 11 a.m., Confirmation
- 3 p.m., OA, Room 210
- 4 p.m., Arts at First Presbyterian: Arcadia Chorale, "Echoes From the Cathedrals," Sanctuary

**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.



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