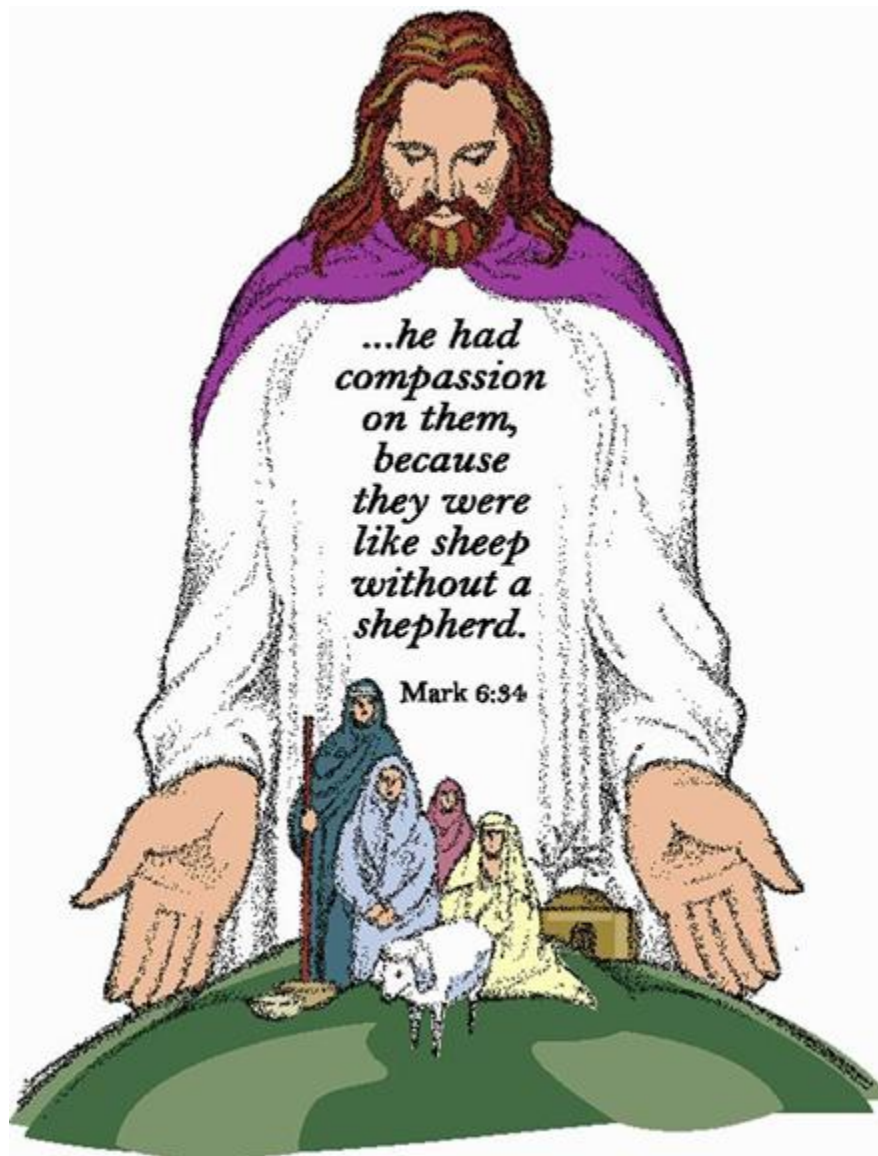




First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
18th Sunday after Pentecost

October 12, 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 803

Words of Welcome

Prelude

“Beautiful Savior”

arr. Robert Hobby

Call to Worship

We rejoice in the One who leads us beside still waters,

and gives us refreshment of soul.

Christ our Shepherd shows us the way we should go,

so that the name of God will be glorified.

Though all manner of evil befall us, we will not be afraid,

for the Great Shepherd of our souls is with us.

We are never away from the love and mercy of the Lord,

and we shall be with him for ever and ever. Amen!

* Hymn 410

“God is Calling through the Whisper”

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

* 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

Psalter: Psalm 23 (OT p. 501)

A Time with Children

Anthem

“Guide Me, Oh Thou Great Jehovah”

Second Lesson: Mark 6:30-34 (NT p. 41)

Sermon: “The Power of Tables”

Rev. Emick

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 187

“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

* Affirmation of Faith: Apostles’ Creed (Hymnal, p. 35)

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

A Minute for Generosity

Liam Farrell

Offering

Offertory

"My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"

arr. Broughton

* Response (698)

***Take, O take me as I am; summon out what I shall be;
Set your seal upon my heart and live in me.***

* Prayer of Dedication

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Hymn 346

"For the Healing of the Nations"

* Charge and Benediction

* Postlude

"Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart"

arr. Franklin Ritter

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 JoAnn Hall in memory of loved ones.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Guest Pastor

Rev. Stephen T. Emick

Coordinator of Children and Youth

Jana Schillinger

Director of Music

Frank Jones

Organist

Kay Ten Eyck

Liturgist

Liam Farrell

Ushers

Erika Adams, the Farrell Family

The Rev. Stephen Emick is an honorably retired minister member of Lehigh Presbytery and pastor emeritus of First Presbyterian Church in Allentown where he served for 28 years before retiring in 2023. Stephen and his wife, Barbara Miller Bean Emick, were both sixth generation members of the Hickory Street Presbyterian Church in Scranton. Stephen's first call was as Associate Pastor for Christian Education at Second Presbyterian Church in Roanoke, VA. They have two young adult daughters and one son-in-law. Stephen serves as co-chairperson of the Merger Team bringing together Lackawanna and Lehigh Presbyteries to form Mountain Laurel Presbytery. In retirement he is enjoying gardening, genealogy, model trains, and woodworking.

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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 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).

On October 22 and 29, we will consider the 12-years of service of Pope Francis and how he stirred the world with his open smile, as well as his honesty and candor about what faithfulness to Jesus Christ really means. Now that it has ended, how should we understand the effects of his papacy, not only for Catholics but for all of us? As his successor Leo, the first American pope, begins his reign, what might we expect he will do with this legacy from Francis and other recent popes? In our current times, when we long for a strong voice for peace and justice, how will he speak? Dr. Will Cohen, Professor of Theology at the University of Scranton, will help us consider these questions.

Confirmation Class begins after church today and meets weekly through May.

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.

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!



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.

HICKORY STREET MEAL PROGRAM: Our next meal event at Hickory Street Presbyterian Church is 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 menus, recipes, sign-up sheets, and other information are available in the narthex.

Here is the list of items for the **Hickory Street take-home grocery bags:** 1 box cereal, 1 box pasta, 1 can or plastic jar spaghetti sauce, 1 box Mac 'n' Cheese, 1 or 2 cans vegetables, 1 can fruit, 1 can tuna, 1 4-pack Jello or Pudding cups, 1 box Pop Tarts, 1 plastic jar peanut butter, 1 plastic jar of jelly, 1 bag of candy.

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.



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 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

Monday, October 13 Church Office is closed.

Tuesday, October 14

- 9:30 a.m., Yoga, Room 111
- 10 a.m., MBK Quilters, Fellowship Hall
- 6 p.m., OA, Room 210
- 7 p.m., Session, Room 206
- 7 p.m., AA, Room 111

Wednesday, October 15

- 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 16

- 8:30 a.m., Men's Breakfast, Room 206
- 1 p.m., Senior Game day, Fellowship Hall
- 7 p.m., AA, Room 111

Friday, October 17

Presbyter Deadline – Please send notices to office@fpccs.org

Saturday, October 18

Sunday, October 19

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

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