



All scripture is inspired by God
and is useful for teaching, for
reproof, for correction, and
for training in righteousness...

2 Timothy 3:16, NRSV

First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
19th Sunday after Pentecost

October 19, 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 175

Words of Welcome

Prelude

“A Morning Song”

Ernest Sheppard

Call to Worship

from Psalm 119

Oh, how I love your law!

It is my meditation all day long.

How sweet are your words to my taste,
sweeter than honey to my mouth!

* Hymn 459

“O Word of God Incarnate”

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: Jeremiah 31:27-34 (OT, p. 735)

Psalter: Psalm 119:97-104 (Hymnal 64)

A Time with Children

Anthem

“Hyfrydol”

arr. Susan E. Geschke

Second Lesson: 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5 (NT, p. 213)

Sermon: “Do Your Ears Itch?”

Rev. Carter

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 722

“Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak”

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

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

A Minute for Generosity

Melba Fialko

Offering

Offertory

“Victory through Christ”

Lani Smith

* 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 53

“O God, Who Gives Us Life”

* Charge and Benediction

* Postlude

“Trumpet Voluntary”

William Goodwin

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

* All who are able shall stand.

The flowers are given by the Bailey family in loving memory of Sandra Lynn Evans Bailey.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Pastor

Rev. William Carter

Coordinator of Children and Youth

Jana Schillinger

Director of Music

Frank Jones

Director of Bell Choir

Richard Cochrane

Organist

Kay Ten Eyck

Liturgist

Meg Hatch

Ushers

Erika Adams, the Farrell Family

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.

During Wednesday Night Adult Bible Study 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. We will meet at 6:00 p.m. in the library (Room 206).

Confirmation Class takes place 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, Cindy.

HICKORY STREET MEAL PROGRAM: Our next meal event at Hickory Street Presbyterian Church is October 25th. If you are making the main dish, please bring it to Fellowship Hall between 1:00 and 3:00 on Friday. (If this time is inconvenient), you may leave it in the refrigerator on Thursday. If you are making main dish AND working Saturday, you can take it directly to Hickory Street.

Donation of food for grocery bags is also an integral part of our commitment. (See list below.) 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 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 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.

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, 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

Monday, October 20

- 6 p.m., GSA, Room 111
- 7 p.m., AA

Tuesday, October 21

- 9:30 a.m., Yoga, Room 111
- 10 a.m., Women's Bible Study, Fellowship Hall
- 6 p.m., OA, Room 210;
- 7 p.m., AA, Room 111

Wednesday, October 22

- 10:30 a.m., Prayer and Share, Room 209
- 6 p.m., Wednesday Night Bible Study: See description on page 1 of announcements.
Location: library (Room 206)
- 7 p.m., Choir rehearsal, sanctuary
- 7:30 p.m., AlAnon, Room 206
- 8:00 p.m., Bell Choir rehearsal, Fellowship Hall

Thursday, October 23

- 5:45 p.m., GSA

Friday, October 24

- **12 noon**, Items for Hickory Street take-home bags are needed by noon. Those bags will be transported Friday afternoon.

Saturday, October 25

- Work day at Hickory Street Presbyterian Church
- 10 a.m., Presbytery Team meeting, Fellowship Hall

Sunday, October 26

- 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: Blue Grass music with Colebrook Road, Sanctuary

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