



First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
20th Sunday after Pentecost

October 26, 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 847

Words of Welcome

Prelude

“Trumpet Tune in C”

Michael McCabe

Call to Worship

How lovely is the house of the Lord!

How beautiful to be gathered in the presence of God!

How lovely is the dwelling place of the Lord!

How beautiful is the image of God we behold in one another!

* Hymn 15

“All Creatures of Our God and King” (vv. 1-4)

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: Joel 2:23-32 (OT, p. 848)

Psalter: Psalm 65 (Hymnal 38)

A Time with Children

Anthem

“Spirit Divine”

Reed/Goemanne

Second Lesson: 2 Timothy 4:6-18 (NT, p. 213)

Sermon: “Rescued from the Lion’s Mouth”

Rev. Carter

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

- * Hymn 686 "God of Our Life"
- * Affirmation of Faith: Apostles' Creed (Hymnal, p. 35)

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

- A Minute for Generosity Charles Copley
- Offering
- Offertory "Trumpet Tune in C" David Lasky
- * 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 846 "Fight the Good Fight"
 - * Charge and Benediction
 - * Postlude "Caprice" Daniel Gawthorp
- 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 are given by Kim Barrows to the glory of God in honor of Kelly Nguyen and in memory of Leslie Belin McCall.

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	Dick Cochrane
Ushers	Erika Adams, the Farrell Family

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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 each Sunday 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.

Today! Downstairs after Church: FREE LUNCH! -- and another **LIFT program** where we'll find out more about **Halloween**, which also happens to be REFORMATION DAY, celebrated today as **Reformation Sunday**. Join us for good food, some Reformation trivia, and good conversation about what REFORMING (anything, but especially the church) might involve.

This LIFT program will also lead towards a special study to be held during coffee hour on the next two Sundays (11/2 & 9) about the church reform-ation in Germany in the 1930s brought with the "Barmen Declaration," a confession the Presbyterian church confirms in its Book of Confessions. The fascinating history of that declaration includes how some of the Protestant churches in Germany stood up to Hitler's pressure to conform, a pressure Christians often face, perhaps especially today.

During Wednesday Night Adult Bible Study on October 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).

New Testament Connections at Wednesday Night Bible Study

On November 5, we will begin a new series, "New Testament Connections." Each week, we will use a different lens to understand how the New Testament emerges out of the Old Testament context using timelines, maps, world history, and other tools. We meet at 6:00 pm in 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, Cindy, Bob, Dick.

November Food Drive

The Deacons will be sponsoring a November Food Drive to serve the Dalton Food Pantry and The Gathering Place. During the season of Thanksgiving, please help us feed those in need within our community. Collections will be accepted throughout the month of November. Any non-perishable items would be appreciated, such as cereal, oatmeal, pasta, pasta sauce, peanut butter, tuna, crackers, etc. Look for updates in the Sunday bulletin.

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.

Next Saturday Night

November 1



This Week at a Glance

Sunday, October 26

- 10 a.m., Worship in the sanctuary and online
- 11 a.m., Lift Program for all ages in Fellowship Hall
- 3 p.m., OA, Room 210
- 4 p.m., Arts at First Presbyterian: Blue Grass music with Colebrook Road, Sanctuary

Monday, October 27

- 7 p.m., AA

Tuesday, October 28

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

Wednesday, October 29

- 9 a.m., Presbyter Mailing, Room 206
- 10:30 a.m., Prayer and Share, Room 209
- 6 p.m., Wednesday Night Bible Study: The Two Popes: Francis and Leo 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 30

- 8:30 a.m., Men's Breakfast at Sunrise Café, 212 Depot St., Clarks Summit

Friday, October 31

Saturday, November 1

Sunday, November 2

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

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.

