

*"You always have the
poor with you, but you
do not always
have me."*



First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
22nd Sunday after Pentecost

November 9, 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

Words of Welcome

Prelude

"Amazing Grace"

arr. Robert Hobby

Call to Worship

Break open our hearts this morning to hear your word, O God.

Let our fears be vanquished, our spirits restored.

Come and let us worship with great joy!

Let us drop the things of the past which weigh us down!

God is about to do something new in our lives!

Let God's will become strong in our lives. Amen.

* Hymn 645 “Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above”
 Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession

***Creator God who makes all things new,
you send us rivers in the desert,
and bounty in the midst of famine.***

***Yet we often do not trust you with our whole heart;
we do not follow you with all our strength.***

In mercy, forgive us from turning away from you.

***Give us a new heart, that we would rest in your love,
and enjoy your goodness revealed in Jesus Christ, our Savior. Empower us by
your Spirit,
that in all things we would offer
glad witness to the good news of your reign.***

* 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

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 43:16-21 (O.T., p. 672)

Psalter: Psalm 126 Hymnal 74

A Time with Children

Anthem “Now Thank We All Our God”

Gospel Lesson: John 12:1-8 (N.T., p. 106)

Sermon: “Preparing for Something New”

Rev. Samford

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 450 “Be Thou My Vision”

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

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

Invitation to the Offering

With joyful hearts, let us share our gifts
as a sign of our gratitude for all that God has given us.

May these offerings be used to continue God’s work in the world.

Our morning offering will now be received.

Offering
Offertory "Sweet Hour of Prayer" Marianne Kim
* 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

***Loving and giving Lord, accept these gifts
and make of us as well as these gifts,
offerings of good news to the poor, hope to the hopeless,
and signs of your power to reconcile and redeem.
We ask all things in the name of Christ. Amen.***

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Hymn 757 "Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples"
* Charge and Benediction
* Postlude "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" Edward Broughton
If you are leaving before the postlude is finished, please do so quietly.

* All who are able shall stand.

The flowers have been given by the Bailey family to the glory of God in loving memory of
Steuart J. Bailey

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Guest Pastor	Rev. William Samford
Coordinator of Children and Youth	Jana Schillinger
Director of Music	Frank Jones
Organist	Kay Ten Eyck
Liturgist	Heather Acker

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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.

Following worship today, Christian Ed is sponsoring a special study during coffee hour about the "[Barmen Declaration](#)," a confession the Presbyterian church confirms in its Book of Confessions. After Adolf Hitler gained political control of the Evangelical Church of Germany in 1933, his appointees pressed his agenda, prohibiting the use of the Old Testament and requiring that clergy be of Aryan descent. The "Confessing Church" formed in resistance, and its leaders, insisting the church must remain faithful to Jesus Christ, issued the Barmen Declaration in 1934.

This study is meant to get us thinking and talking about how the church might respond to political pressures and speak with a clear and faithful voice in times when such pressures arise. If you're interested, grab your refreshments and head down the hall to the former Youth Room (room 111) for a time of learning and discussion.

New Testament Connections at Wednesday Night Bible Study

This Wednesday, November 13, we will continue the 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.

Nov 14: Trivia Night for Young(er) Adults

The FPC Young(er) Adult Group will attend Trivia Night at Barrett's Pub & Eatery, 474 N. Main St, Archbald, PA on Friday, November 14th starting at 7:00 pm. Join us for a fun night of food, drinks, and questions! We'll have four rounds of general knowledge trivia plus a fun handout round. Bring your own pen for a bonus point. Let Michael know if you are interested in attending at mkthompson96@gmail.com or 518-577-8691.

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: Debbie, Molly, Ellen S., Jeff, Jean, Nancy, Sarah, Carol, Leslie, Kim, Stuart, Kathy, Timothy, Claire, Craig K., Gary K., Judy S., AJ, Lee, Sally, Terry, Estelle, Nate, Len, Millie, Faith, Erin, Katie, Mary, Sue and family, Renee, Wendy, Margaret, Jim L., Robyn, K.J., Christine, Rachel and family, Theresa, Cindy, Bob, Dick, Kate, Shirley, Peg, Dorina, Jim.

Let's Make Wreaths and Share Some Cheer!

The Deacons will sponsor a get together to make Christmas wreaths for our church members in nursing care facilities. We'd love for you to join us! Having a wreath on their door means so much. We will meet on Sunday, November 16, right after Coffee Hour in Room 111 (former Youth Room) to create some beautiful wreaths together. All materials will be provided, but if you have a glue gun, please bring it along to help with assembly. If you have any questions, please call Debbie Shane at 570-840-7521.

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 November 16 we will observe National Donor Sabbath.

As you enter the Narthex on both November 9 and 16, you will see a "Threads of Love" Donor Memorial Quilt. You are invited to take some time with the quilt, noting those organ donors memorialized by this particular quilt.

Here are some facts about organ donation.

1. Every donor can save up to 8 lives and enhance over 75 more.
2. Another person is added to the national transplant waiting list every 10 minutes.
3. 17 people die each day waiting for an organ transplant.
4. 90% of Americans support organ donation, yet only 60% are signed up as donors.
5. Everyone can sign up as an organ donor no matter what their health status. Register at donors1.org.

A Special Invitation

Nancy Owens, our church's administrative assistant, will be retiring after serving our church for the past 36 years. In the September copy of the *Presbyter*, Rev. Bill wrote a glowing report about Nancy describing her as our "go-to person on all church matters" and stated that "I could never have stayed so long without her partnership and help." That pretty much sums up, and we thank her for not only being there for Bill but for being there for all of us. **On November 16**, we will celebrate Nancy's 36 years with us. We would like to present her with **a monetary gift** from the congregation. If you would like to participate, please either place your gift in the offering plate in an envelope marked "Nancy's gift" or mail it to the church office to the attention of JoAnn Hall. All checks can be made out to First Presbyterian Church of Clarks Summit. Nancy plans to stay involved in the life of the church so we will have lots of opportunities to personally thank her for a job well done!

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, November 9

- 10 a.m., Worship in the sanctuary and online
- 11 a.m., Confirmation, Room 206
- 11 a.m., Special study about the **“Barmen Declaration”**
- 3 p.m., OA, Room 210

Monday, November 10

7 p.m., AA

Tuesday, November 11

- 9:30 a.m., Yoga, Room 111
- 10:00 a.m., My Brothers’ Keeper Quilts, Fellowship Hall
- 6 p.m., OA, Room 210
- 7 p.m., Session, Room 206
- 7 p.m., AA, Room 111

Wednesday, November 12

- 10:30 a.m., Prayer and Share, Room 209
- 6 p.m., Wednesday Night Bible Study, 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, November 13

- 4 p.m., Mobile Food Pantry

Friday, November 14

Saturday, November 15

- 9:45 a.m., OA

Sunday, November 16

- 10 a.m., Worship in the sanctuary and online
- 11 a.m., Confirmation
- 11:15 a.m., Wreath making Room 111
- 1:00p.m., Memorial Service, Dick Maurer
- 3 p.m., OA, Room 210
- 5:30 p.m., Girl Scouts, Room 111

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