

First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
8th Sunday after Pentecost

July 18, 2021

10:00 a.m.

God of grace, you have given us minds to know you, hearts to love you, and voices to sing your praise. Fill us with your Spirit, that we may celebrate your glory and worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Words of Welcome

Prelude

“Vivace from Sonata #6 in D Major”

George Frideric Handel

Call to Worship

I will bless the Lord at all times;

God's praise shall continually be in my mouth.

O magnify the Lord with me,

And let us exalt God's name together.

* Hymn 667

“When Morning Guilds the Skies”

1 When morning gilds the skies, my heart awaking cries: may Jesus Christ be praised!
Alike at work and prayer to Jesus I repair: may Jesus Christ be praised!

2 Does sadness fill my mind? A solace here I find: may Jesus Christ be praised!
Or fades my earthly bliss? My comfort still is this: may Jesus Christ be praised!

3 Let earth's wide circle round in joyful notes resound: may Jesus Christ be praised!
Let air and sea and sky from depth to height reply: may Jesus Christ be praised!

4 Be this, while life is mine, my canticle divine: may Jesus Christ be praised!
Be this the eternal song through all the ages long: may Jesus Christ be praised!

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession

***Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry,
too real to hide, and too deep to undo.***

***Forgive what our lips tremble to name,
what our hearts can no longer bear,***

and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment.

Set us free from a past we cannot change;

open us to a future where we can be changed;

and grant us grace to grow more and more

in your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ, the bread of life.

* Silent Confession

* Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace

* Response 581

“Gloria Patri”

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: Joshua 5:10-12

While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

The Psalter: Psalm 145 (Hymnal 42)

1 Your faithfulness, O Lord, is sure in all your words, your gracious deeds;
you gently lift all burdened souls and well provide for all our needs.

2 The eyes of all are fixed on you; by you their wants are all supplied;
your open hand is bountiful and every soul is satisfied.

3 Lord, you are just in all your ways, and kind in everything you do;
forever near you stand to hear and help all those who call on you.

4 My mouth shall speak your praise, O Lord; my soul shall bless your holy name;
let all things living join the song of praise, from age to age the same.

A Moment with Our Children

Second Lesson: John 6:35, 48-51

Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.'

Sermon: "Dietary Delights Delivered"

Rev. Thyren

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 65 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

1 Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but thou art mighty. Hold me with thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more; feed me till I want no more.

2 Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow.
Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer, be thou still my strength and shield;
be thou still my strength and shield.

3 When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside.
Death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises I will ever give to thee; I will ever give to thee.

* Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand
of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Offering

Offertory

“Pan Pastorale

Johannes Donjon

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Hymn 515

“I Come With Joy”

1 I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven, loved, and free,
the life of Jesus to recall, in love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.

2 I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love in Christ's communion bread, in Christ's communion bread.

3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud division ends.
The love that made us, makes us one, and strangers now are friends, and strangers now are friends.

4 The Spirit of the risen Christ, unseen, but ever near,
is in such friendship better known, alive among us here, alive among us here.

5 Together met, together bound by all that God has done,
we'll go with joy, to give the world the love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

* Charge and Benediction

* Postlude

“Allegretto”

Benjamin Godard

* All who are able shall stand.

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PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

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| Guest Preacher | Rev. James E. Thyren |
| Coordinator of Children And Youth Ministries | Jana Schillinger |
| Liturgist | Grace Farrell |
| Director of Music | Frank Jones |
| Organist | Kay Ten Eyck |
| Usher | Jeanne DeVirgilis |
| Flute | Catherine Huhn |
| Oboe | Connie Weiss |
| Cello | John Weiss |

Church Family Announcements

Thank you for joining us for Worship. We worship every Sunday in two ways!

- **Have you had your vaccines?** [Make a reservation with our office](#) (570-586-6306) and join us in person at 10:00 a.m.
- **Tune in online** for our weekly service, which is broadcast live on [our video page on YouTube](#) and archived for later viewing on the same site.

Worship is Getting "Closer to Normal"

At the last session meeting, Session revised our "In-Person" Welcome to include all who have been fully vaccinated, **all children who attend school (or who were before the school year ended) and all children whose parents have been fully vaccinated.** Mask-wearing and temperature checks will continue to take place until further notice.

- You may sit wherever you wish.
- You are welcome, and invited, to sing . . . *while wearing your mask.*
- Reservations continue to be requested. However, we do have more flexibility now. If you forget to reserve a spot, you may still attend.

As we are returning to more regular services and attendance at church, please consider honoring loved ones, celebrations and family events with a special floral arrangement to mark the occasion. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the hallway.

2020 Pastoral Sabbatical – in 2021! Rev. Bill is now on sabbatical, which was deferred a year by the pandemic. He is "off the clock" until the end of August. Some of our best local preachers and caregivers will be covering for him, as he researches and writes a book titled *Thriving on a Riff: Jazz and the Spiritual Life*.

For any pastoral needs during the sabbatical, contact the church office (570-586-6306).

Help Rev. Carter reduce his library! Many books have been spread out in the Narthex that are free for the taking. Come when the church is open (M-F; 9am-4pm). No books will be reserved in advance or mailed.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL STARTS TOMORROW!

JULY 19-23 from 9am to Noon

REGISTER NOW at myvbs.org/fpccs



Who is welcome at God's table? YOU are!

You're invited to a week of fun and faith as we hear Bible stories of hospitality and welcome. With creative crafts, amazing songs, fun games, and so much more, it's an adventure you won't want to miss. Children age 4 to completed grade 5 can register at

myvbs.org/fpccs...and be sure to invite a friend!

**The Church Office will close at noon during the week of
Vacation Bible School.**

Combined Session/Deacon meeting scheduled.

The Summer meeting of the Session of the First Presbyterian Church of Clarks Summit will be held on **Tuesday, July 27, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.** This is our yearly combined meeting with the Board of Deacons and will be held in Fellowship Hall. Following the completion of the combined meeting, session members will adjourn to the Session Room. No food will be served this year.

The Mission and Justice Committee offers 2 opportunities to serve.

On the Saturday mornings of **August 28th and September 25th**, our church will be preparing and serving a large community meal and filling/distributing bags of food at Hickory Street Presbyterian Church in Scranton. Since Hickory Street began this ministry to combat hunger in the local community, they have seen demand for the meals increase seven-fold and requests for food bags increase almost four-fold.

For August 28, we will prepare and serve around 130 meals and distribute around 40 bags of food. Volunteers are needed to:

- prepare in their own homes, in advance, the main entrée (10 people);
- prepare, as above, an easy-to-serve dessert (10 people);
- shop, collect food, financial support;
- (on August 28) additional on-site food prep, cooking, plating meals, filling food bags, delivering to both dine-in and drive-up guests, and clean-up (12 people);

To volunteer, or for more information, contact Alan Baker at abaker2@verizon.net or speak with Jack and Diane Scheuer, Melba Fialko, or Ginny O'Brien. Look for sign-up and information sheets to be posted in the church foyer.

The work on September 25th will be part of our larger annual "Worship through Service" weekend.

CAMP LACKAWANNA INFORMATION

There are still spots open for Summer Camp 2021. Head on over to camp.lackawanna.org to see what programs are being offered this summer and to register your children for camp! **Our church offers scholarships** for all young people who want to go. Check with Jana Schillinger for details.

Camp Lackawanna Summer Schedule

| DATES | CAMP | AGE GROUP |
|--------------|---------------|-----------------------|
| July 25-31 | Night Owls | Completed grades 3-10 |
| August 1-7 | Camp Olympics | Ages 7-16 |

Summer Office Hours: From now until the end of August, church office hours will be Monday through Friday, 9AM to 4PM, with lunch break at noon. Every effort will be made to have the office staffed each day, but if you need to speak face-to-face with a member of the staff, please call ahead (570-586-6306).



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First Presbyterian Church of Clarks Summit offers electronic Giving as a way to support the church on a regular or one-time basis. You can go to fpccs.org or scan the QR code (at left) anytime to set up an automatic donation plan, change your donation plan, make a one-time donation or view your online donation history. Why not give it a try today?

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