



# Jazz belongs in Church

## **First Presbyterian Church**

Service for the Lord's Day  
Jazz Communion Sunday

September 1, 2024

10:00 a.m.

*In preparation for worship, please turn off all cell phones and electronic devices.*

### **ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME**

Prelude Music

“A Felicidade”

Antonio Carlos Jobim

Words of Welcome

Call to Worship

1 John 4:7, 12

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God;

***everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.***

No one has ever seen God;

***if we love one another, God lives in us,***

***and his love is perfected in us.***

\* Hymn 300

“We Are One in the Spirit”

*The band will play brief interludes between each of the verses.*

\* Call to Confession

\* Litany of Confession

Leader: Let us confess our sins before Almighty God.

*(silent confession, to the music of the blues)*

Leader: Let us confess our sins together.

People: ***We confess the hostility that turns nation against nation  
and neighbor against neighbor.***

Cantor: Almighty God, forgive us; Lord Jesus Christ, forgive us.

People: ***We confess our hunger for things that do not belong to us.***

Cantor: Holy Spirit, forgive us;

People: ***We confess the greed that exploits human labor  
and plunders the earth;***

Cantor: Forgive your flock this day; and help us walk your Way;  
and make us righteous; this, O God we pray.

People: ***We confess our slavery to habits and compulsions that  
degrade the image of God within us;***

Cantor: Almighty God, forgive us; Lord Jesus Christ, forgive us.

People: ***We confess our indifference to all who have no place to call  
home.***

Cantor: Holy Spirit, forgive us;

People: ***We confess the arrogance of presuming we are always  
right, and our tendency to trust ourselves rather than God.***

Cantor: Forgive your flock this day; and help us walk your Way;  
and make us righteous; this, O God we pray.

\* Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace

\* Musical Response "El Pato" ("The Duck") Jayme Da Silva

### **PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD**

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: Isaiah 56:1-8 (OT, p. 686)

A Time with Children

Special Music "You Are Holy" (Hymnal 596)

Second Lesson: Acts 15:12-18 (NT, p. 134)

Sermon: "So That All Other Peoples"

Rev. Carter

### **RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

\* Hymn 505 "The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing"

\* Affirmation of Faith *Acts 11:34-36, The Message*

***This is God's own truth, nothing could be plainer:***

***God plays no favorites!***

***It makes no difference who you are or where you're from—***

***if you want God, and are ready to do as he says, the door is open.***

***The Message he sent to the children of Israel —***

***that through Jesus Christ everything is being put together again—***

***he's doing it everywhere, among everyone.***

Offering

Offertory

“Chega De Saudade” (“No More Blues”)

A. C. Jobim

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer (“debts” and “debtors”)

Communion of the People

*All are invited to eat the bread and drink the cup as they are served.*

Communion Music

“Star Song”

Vince Guaraldi

### **GO IN GOD'S NAME**

\* Hymn 526

“Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”

*The band will play a brief interlude between the verses.*

\* Charge and Benediction

\* Postlude Music

“Tanga”

Dizzy Gillespie

*If you must leave before the music is finished,  
please leave silently in respect for those who are remaining.*

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\* All who are able shall stand.

### **PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE**

Pastor and Pianist

Rev. Bill Carter

Coordinator of Children and Youth

Jana Schillinger

Director of Music

Frank Jones

Liturgist

Diane Randall

Communion Presider

Rev. Bill Samford

Ushers

Bill and Leelah Farrell

Singers

The Jazz Communion Choir

Musicians

Michael Carbone, flute and sax;

Tony Marino, bass; Tyler Dempsey, drums

## 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 worship in two ways!

- **Join us at 10 a.m. in person or on our YouTube channel**
- Please use the **red attendance pads** to record your presence today.
- **Large-print bulletins** are located at the rear of the sanctuary.

**The Nursery is open** Sunday mornings from 9:40-11:10 a.m. for children ages 3 and younger in room 208. The nursery is staffed by Heather Lyons.

**Bible Time**, our program for children will resume September 8.

**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, Janet, Travis, Darlene, Edward, Irena, Maureen, Bentley, Nate, Kay, Kelly, Judy, Renee and family, Clyde, Emily, Denise, Sawyer, June, Marion, Nancy J., Debbie S., Brenden, Sue, Rebecca, Anne, Brenda, Jerry, Denise, Dawn, Chris, JoAnne, Sue, Jeanette, Rob, Franklin G., Dennis V.

**Our deacons are sponsoring a Grief Support group** for the community. It will meet at the Gathering Place, 304 S. State Street, Clarks Summit on the third Thursday of each month, beginning September 19 at 6 :00 p.m. It is open to all. More information will be coming.

Rev. Bill will lead **a blessing of the animals** in the back parking lot on **Saturday, October 5, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.** Dogs, cats, lizards, goldfish, and all others are welcome to drop by for a blessing.

**We have scheduled a CPR and defibrillator training class** on Saturday morning, September 21 at 10 a.m. The class is filled, however JoAnn Hall will put your name on a waitlist. She can be contacted at [jodihall@nep.net](mailto:jodihall@nep.net) or 570-806-1591.

**The Deacons thank you for your recent food pantry donations** to the Dalton Food Pantry and The Gathering Place.

## This Week at a Glance

Sunday, September 1

- **9:45 a.m.**, Pre-service music
- **10 a.m.**, Worship in the sanctuary and online

Monday, September 2

- Labor Day – Church Office is closed.

Tuesday, September 3

- **7 p.m.**, Session, Room 206

Wednesday, September 4

- **10:30 a.m.**, Prayer and Share, Room 209
- **5:45 p.m.**, Adult Education, Room 206
- **7 p.m.**, Adult Choir, sanctuary

Thursday, September 5

- **8:30 a.m.**, Men's Breakfast and Bible Study, Room 206
- **7 p.m.**, Building and Grounds, Room 209
- **7 p.m.**, Christian Education, Room 206

Friday, September 6

Saturday, September 7

Sunday, September 8

- **10 a.m.**, Worship in the sanctuary and online  
**Presentation of Bibles** to Kindergarten and 3rd-grade Students.  
**Bible time returns.** If you have children, age 4 to approximately grade 4, they are invited to join in.

### Looking ahead: Check your September newsletter for more information.

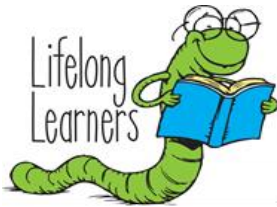
- Presentation of Bibles to Kindergarten and 3rd-grade Students
- Mobile Food Pantry distribution, Thursday, September 12, 4 p.m.
- Organ recital by Chris Johnson, September 27, 4 p.m. sanctuary
- State Hospital Luncheon, October 1
- Highway Cleanup, October 5
- Worship Through Service weekend will be October 5-6. There will be a lot of opportunities for us to serve our community. Mark the dates - and watch for details.
- Hickory Street Community Meal and Food Distribution, October 26

**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.



## **Wednesday Evenings at First Presbyterian**

**Adult Education and Adult Choir  
begin September 4.**



Throughout the fall, our focus will be  
**Discipleship.**

The topic for September 4<sup>th</sup> is  
**Discipleship as the Way of Jesus.**

Adult Education meets in room 206 at 5:45 p.m.  
All are invited!

Meanwhile, the choir will “get into the swing”  
at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary. Invite your friends  
to join the fun.



Martin Luther said, “Music makes people kinder, gentler, more staid and reasonable. I am persuaded that after theology, music is the only art capable of affording peace and joy of heart ... the devil flees before the sound of music almost as much as before the Word of God.”

Please join us on Wednesday evenings!

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