

He asked them,
**“But
who
do you
say
that I
am?”**

Mark 8:29, NRSV



First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
17th Sunday after Pentecost

September 15, 2024

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

“Litany”

Charles Callahan

Call to Worship

Our help is in the name of the Lord

who made heaven and earth.

This is the day the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

* Hymn 157

“I Danced in the Morning”

Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession

Merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you

in thought, word, and deed,

by what we have done,

and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you

with our whole heart and mind and strength.

We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

In your mercy, forgive what we have been,

help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be,

that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways

to the glory of your holy name.

* Silent Confession

* Assurance of Pardon Passing of the Peace

* Response 447

“We Are Forgiven”

We are forgiven! We are forgiven! Thanks be to God.

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: Isaiah 50:4-9a (OT, p. 681)

Psalter: Psalm 116:1-9 (Hymn 799)

A Time with Children

Second Lesson: Mark 8:27-38 (NT, p. 43)

Sermon: “Not the Messiah They Expected”

Tabbi Miller-Scandle

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 213

“In the Cross of Christ I Glory”

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

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

Minute for Mission

Tabbi Miller-Scandle

Offering
Offertory
* Doxology
* Prayer of Dedication

“Carol”

Ian Wells

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Hymn 724 “O Jesus, I Have Promised

* Charge and Benediction

* Postlude “A Celebration Fanfare”

Stephen Best

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 Diane and Jack Scheuer to the Glory of God in memory of Diane’s parents, Joe and Helen Carnahan.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Guest Preacher	Tabbi Miller-Scandle
Coordinator of Children and Youth	Jana Schillinger
Director of Music	Frank Jones
Organist	Kay Ten Eyck
Liturgist	John Young
Ushers	Diane Cosner and Chris Jeske

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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.

- **Join us 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.
- **Large-print bulletins** are located at the rear of the sanctuary.

The Nursery is located on the sanctuary level of this building, room 208, and is regularly staffed Sunday mornings from 9:40-11:10 a.m. for children ages 3 and younger. The room is very young-child/toddler friendly with age-appropriate toys and books, and a changing table.

Bible Time, our program for children (age 4 to approx. grade 4) *is in full swing!* Children will be introduced to Bible stories in a fun and engaging way. They are invited to depart the sanctuary after the Time with Children/ anthem (for about 20 minutes) and return for the prayers and conclusion of the service.

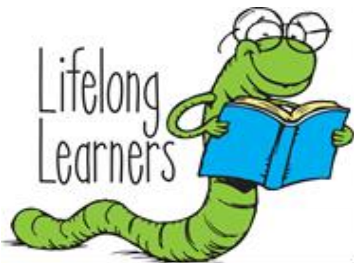
Tell us your prayer concerns. Prayer Request Cards are in the pew racks. Pass them to the center aisle to be collected during the first hymn.

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., Ray, Theresa, Jeneane, Lucy.

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

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.

Wednesday Evenings at First Presbyterian



Adult Education and Adult Choir meet each Wednesday from September to early June, with a few exceptions.

**Throughout the fall, our focus will be Discipleship.
The topic for September 18th is
The Problem of Discipleship.**

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

The choir is “getting in the swing” and ready to sing at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary (come a few minutes early to get your music and find your seat). Invite your friends to join the fun.



Please join us on Wednesday evenings!

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 in the event there is a cancellation. She can be contacted at jodihall@nep.net or 570-806-1591.

Generosity Team Planned Giving Event—September 22, 2024

The Generosity Team is sponsoring a seminar on planned giving and stewardship. It will be held on Sunday, September 22 in the Fellowship Hall following worship. A light lunch will precede the presentation. Speakers David Brown, Esq. and Kim Barrows will discuss legal, tax, and financial aspects of estate planning, including opportunities for supporting the ministry of First Presbyterian Church through current gifts and bequests. The Generosity Team will distribute information packets containing helpful estate planning guides and workbooks published by the Presbyterian Foundation. If you plan to attend please let Dave Naehner know so that sufficient materials are on hand.

On Tuesday, October 1, there will be a luncheon for guests from Clarks Summit State Hospital. During that event, they receive gifts of warm socks. A box will be placed in the Narthex to receive donations of new socks for men and women. Your donations of socks will be greatly appreciated. Please refer questions to Janet Dobson, coordinator.

Looking ahead: Check your September newsletter for more information.

- Mobile Food Pantry distribution, Thursday, September 12, 4 p.m.
- CPR/defibrillator training class, 10 a.m., Fellowship Hall
- Planned Giving Event, September 22 following worship, Fellowship Hall
- Organ recital by Chris Johnson, September 27, 4 p.m. sanctuary
- State Hospital Luncheon, October 1
- Highway Cleanup, October 5
- Hickory Street Community Meal and Food Distribution, October 27

This Week at a Glance

Sunday, September 15

- **10 a.m.**, Worship in the sanctuary and online

Monday, September 16

Tuesday, September 17

Wednesday, September 18

- **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 19

- **8:30 a.m.**, Men's Breakfast and Bible Study, Room 206
- **1:30 p.m.**, Sr. Game Group, Fellowship Hall
- **5:30 p.m.**, Worship, Music, Arts, Room 206
- **6 p.m.**, Grief Support Group at The Gathering Place,
304 S. State Street, Clarks Summit

Friday, September 20

Saturday, September 21

Sunday, September 22

- **10 a.m.**, Worship in the sanctuary and online
- **11:15**, Planned Giving Event, Fellowship Hall

Worship Through Service weekend is coming up FAST!

October 5-6 will be BUSY DAYS! There will be a lot of opportunities for us to serve our community. Mark the dates - and watch for details.

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.



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