

First Presbyterian Church

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

October 20, 2024

10:00 a.m.

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

Gathering Hymn 19
Words of Welcome

“God of Great and God of Small”

Prelude

“A Trumpet Fanfare”

Gilbert M Martin

Call to Worship

from Psalm 104

I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;

I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

Bless the LORD, O my soul.

Praise the Lord!

* 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

O Lord our God,

you call us to work for a world

where all will be fed and have dignity,

but we find ourselves distracted by our own desires.

You call us to seek justice and peace,

but we are satisfied with injustice and discord.

You call us to bring liberty to the oppressed,

but we do not insist on freedom for all.

Forgive us, O Lord.

Turn us to your will by the power of your Spirit,

so that all may know your justice and peace;

through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior.

* Silent Confession

* Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace

* Response (Hymn 439, v. 5)

Unto such as keep God's covenant and are steadfast in God's way;

Unto those who still remember the commandments and obey.

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: Job 38:1-7 (OT, p. 484)

Psalter: Psalm 104 (Hymn 34, vv. 1, 2, 5)

A Time with Children

Anthem

“Prayer for Healing”

Gospel Lesson: Mark 10:35-45 (NT, p. 47)

Sermon: “Gimme, Gimme, Gimme”

Rev. Carter

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 761

“Called as Partners in Christ's Service”

* Affirmation of Faith Declaration of Faith, PCUS, 5.3

**We testify that the Holy Spirit makes us able
to respond in faith to the gospel
and leads us into the Christian community.
The Spirit brings us out of death into life,
out of separation into fellowship.
The Spirit makes us aware of our sinfulness and need,
moves us to abandon our old way of life,
persuades us to trust in Christ and adopt his way.
In all these things we are responsible for our decisions.
But after we have trusted and repented
we recognize that the Spirit enabled us to hear and act.
It is not our faith but God's grace in Jesus Christ
that justifies us and reconciles us to God.
Yet it is only by faith that we accept God's grace and live by it.**

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

A Minute for Generosity Peter Moore

Offering

Offertory "Perpetual Motion" Carl M von Weber

* Doxology 606

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Christ, all people here below.
Praise Holy Spirit evermore. Praise Triune God, whom we adore.**

* Prayer of Dedication

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Hymn 733 "We All Are One in Mission"

* Charge and Benediction

* Postlude "Rejoicing Always" Colin Curtis

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 in honor and loving memory of their mother, Sandra Evans Bailey.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Pastor	Rev. William Carter
Coordinator of Children and Youth	Jana Schillinger
Director of Music	Frank Jones
Organist	Jan Thyren
Liturgist	Richard White
Ushers	Bill Farrell and Diana Pope-Albright

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.

This morning for our children:

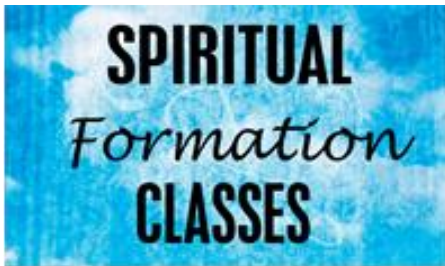
- The Nursery is staffed regularly on Sunday mornings from 9:40 to 11:10 a.m. Located in room 208 (sanctuary level), it is furnished with a changing table, and age-appropriate toys and books for children ages 3 and younger.
- Bible Time, for children age 4 to approx. grade 4, will be hearing about *how God provides* *celebrating our gifts* *Deborah* *Elijah.*

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, Edward, Irena, Maureen, Bentley, Nate, Kay, Kelly, Judy, Renee and family, Clyde, Emily, Denise, Sawyer, June, Marion, Nancy J., Debbie S., Brenden, Brian, Rebecca, Anne, Brenda, Jerry, Dawn, Chris, JoAnne, Sue, Jeanette, Rob, the family of Franklin G., Dennis V., Ray, Theresa, Jeneane, Lucy, Marlene, Yaya and Fedeline, Wayne, Evans/McCullen family, Craig, Elaine, Ann.

Building and Grounds Committee is holding their annual **Fall Cleanup of the church and grounds.** Please help! Much cleaning / caring / repairing takes place each week, but some jobs take more than 1 or 2 people to accomplish. **When,** you ask? **Saturday, October 26, 9 a.m. to 12 noon.** All volunteers will be appreciated!

Please join us on Wednesday evenings!



Adult Education 5:45 p.m., in room 206

Throughout the fall, we will explore what scripture tells us about discipleship. We would love to have you join us. Feel free to bring a sandwich or salad to enjoy while we meet. All are invited!

The Adult Choir rehearses at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. The director's dream is for everyone to come a few minutes early to get music and take a seat. All are welcome. Invite your friends. Let's have some fun!



Our Bell Choir rehearses at 8 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. If you are interested in ringing, speak with Dick Cochrane. *There just might be a bell for you!*

**Arts at First Presbyterian welcomes
Paul Lyon and the Merchants of Groove
Sunday, October 27 at 4 p.m.**

NEPA's premier blues band returns to rock the house and stir the spirit. Featuring Teddy Young on guitar, this band showcases the music of BB King, Buddy Guy, and other blues greats. Last time, it was standing room only! The concert is open to the public; a free-will offering will be taken to help defray the costs of the event. Contributions are appreciated. Please note: Arts Series on your donation.



Help us feed the hungry.


Our next Hickory Street Community Meal is on Saturday, October 26.

Many Hands are still needed.

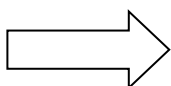
Hands to cook and deliver to FPCCS before October 26 (ham & chese delight and candied sweet potatoes) (recipes provided);

Hands to set up, serve, and clean up on October 26;

Hands to transport food and supplies to Hickory Street on October 26;

Hearts  to want to help fill this serious gap in the lives of many families.

Sign-up sheets are available in the Narthex. Come and help!



We're also asking for your help in filling 40 bags with groceries that will be given October 26 to families experiencing food insecurity.

Below is a "shopping list" of needed items. Financial support is also much appreciated: just note "Hickory Street" on your donation. For more information, contact Alan Baker at abaker2@verizon.net or (570) 362-0382.

Shopping List for Hickory Street Food Bags:

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| 1 box of breakfast cereal | 1 box of pasta |
| 1 box of Mac n Cheese | 1 can or plastic jar of spaghetti sauce |
| 1 plastic jar of peanut butter | 2 cans of vegetables |
| 1 can of fruit | 1 can of tuna |
| 1 box of Pop Tarts | 1 four-pack of pudding or jello cups |
| 1 plastic jar of jelly | 1 bag of candy |

This Week at a Glance

Sunday, October 20

- 10 a.m., Worship in the sanctuary and online
- 11:15, Pre-confirmation meeting, Room 206

Monday, October 21

Tuesday, October 22

- 9 a.m., Women's Bible Study, Fellowship Hall
- 10 a.m., My Brother's Keeper Quilters, Fellowship Hall
- 7 p.m., Deacons, Room 206

Wednesday, October 23

- 10:30 a.m., Prayer and Share, Room 209
- 5:45 p.m., Adult Education, Room 206
- 7 p.m., Adult Choir, sanctuary
- 7:30 p.m., AlAnon, Room 206
- 8 p.m., Bell Choir, Fellowship Hall

Thursday, October 24

- 5:45 p.m., Girl Scouts, Room 108
- 7 p.m., AlAnon, Room 111

Friday, October 25

- Fellowship Hall open to receive Hickory Street food and supplies

Saturday, October 26

- Hickory Street Community Meal is served today

Sunday, October 27

- 10 a.m., Worship in the sanctuary and online
- 4 p.m., Paul Lyon and the Merchants of Groove, Sanctuary

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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