

\* Response (11:15)

\* Postlude

"Praise Medley"

arr. Wyrzten

\* All who are able shall stand.

\*\* Late arrivers may be seated.

PH Presbyterian Hymnal

### PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Pastor	William G. Carter
Associate Pastor	Barbara C. Muntzel
Choir Director, soloist	Susan Kelly
Bell Choir Director	Richard Cochrane
Organist	Maud Thomas
Liturgist	Karen Kane
Greeter	Melba Fialko
Ushers	Tudor Williams (9:00)
	Diane Classen (11:15)

**The flowers** this morning have been given by Bill and Diane Keller to the glory of God and in honor of the first birthday of their granddaughter, Alison Kane.

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I am  
the vine;  
you are  
the branches.

John 15:5

# First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 21, 2000

9:00 and 11:15 a.m.

O God, form the minds of your faithful people into a single will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that, amid all the changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

## ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Concerns of the Church

Prelude

"My Jesus, I Love Thee"

Gordon

Call to Worship

Psalms 22:25-26

From you, O Lord, comes my praise in the congregation;

***my vows I will pay before those who fear him.***

The poor shall eat and be satisfied;

***those who seek him shall praise the Lord!***

\* Hymn 483 "Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above"

\* Call to Confession

\* Prayer of Confession

***Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave,  
you shattered the power of sin and death.***

***We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear,  
bound by the ways that lead to death.***

***Gladness has no home in our hearts, and gratitude is slight.***

***Forgive our dread of dying,***

***and set us free for joy in the victory of Jesus Christ.***

***He was dead but lives,***

***and he will put down every power to hurt and destroy,***

***when your promised kingdom comes.***

\* Silent Confession

\* Assurance of Pardon

\* Passing of the Peace

\* Gloria Patri (PH 579)

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Recognition of Graduates

## PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Epistle Lesson: 1 John 4:7-21 (NT, p. 241)

Second Lesson: Acts 8:26-40 (NT, p. 127)

Anthem

"Give Me Jesus"

Waldrop

9:00 - Young children are dismissed for our assembly program in Fellowship Hall.

Gospel Lesson: John 15:1-8 (NT, p. 109)

Sermon: "Cut or Pruned?"

Rev. Carter

## RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

\* Hymn 501 "Bread of Heaven, on Thee We Feed"

\* Affirmation of Faith: Apostles' Creed (PH, p. 14)

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Offering

Offertory

"Wonderful Peace"

Cooper/Wyrtzen

\* Doxology (PH 592)

\* Prayer of Dedication

## GO IN GOD'S NAME

\* Hymn 366 "Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me"

\* Charge and Benediction

## This Week at a Glance

<b>Sunday, May 21</b>			<b>Graduate Recognition</b>
9:00 AM	Worship		
10:00	Church School for all ages		
11:15	Worship		
4:00 PM	Organ Dedication Recital	Sanctuary	
4:00	Overeaters Anonymous	Room 210	
8:00	AlAnon	Room 210	
<b>Monday, May 22</b>			
12, 5, & 7 PM	Weight Watchers	Rooms 103/105	
1:30 PM	Staff Meeting	Room 206	
7:00	African Bible Study	Room 208	
7:30	OA	Room 210	
<b>Tuesday, May 23</b>			
9:30 AM	Overeaters Anonymous	Room 210	
10:00	MBK Quilts	Room 105	
7:00 PM	Deacons		
<b>Wednesday, May 24</b>			
9:00 AM	Presbyter Mailing		
3:45 PM	Prayer & Share	Room 208	
5:15	Chrysalis	Room 105	
5:45	Teen Choir	Room 102	
6:30	Youth Bells	Room 105	
6:45	Adult Choir	Sanctuary	
7:30	Adult Bells	Room 105	
<b>Thursday, May 25</b>			
9:30	M.O.M.S.	Room 111	
9:30	OA	Room 210	
7:00	Music & Worship	Room 208	
7:30	Sanctuary Committee	Room 206	
7:30	Boy Scouts	Room 105	
<b>Friday, May 26</b>			
<b>Saturday, May 27</b>			
10:00 AM	Confirmation Class	Room 206	
<b>Sunday, May 28</b>			
9:00 AM	Worship		
10:00	Church School for all ages		
11:15	Worship		
4:00	Overeaters Anonymous	Room 210	
8:00	AlAnon	Room 210	

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## Church Family Announcements

*Our congregation intends to worship God, to equip God's people for ministry in the world, and to serve God in ways that are faithful to the Gospel.*

**If you are visiting this worship service**, please introduce yourself to one of the pastors and sign the friendship pad in your pew. The visitors' packet in the pews offers helpful information on the life and work of this church.

### Adult Education Today:

- ♦ **"The Gathering Woman: Listen to our Sisters, the story of Mary, mother of Jesus"** will be led by Barbara Muntzel. Location: Room 210
- ♦ **"Dealing with Deceivers: The Second and Third Letters of John"** will be led by Bill Carter. Location: Room 206

**A Bible study group meets** on Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in room 208. Known as *The African Bible Study Method*, it is a very powerful vehicle for spiritual growth. All are invited. For more information, please call Cliff McMurray (587-3062).

**The sympathy of the congregation** is extended to Betty Stark and her family upon the death last week of her brother.

**What are you doing this summer?** Brochures have come in for Synod School, Trinity Youth Conference, Camp Lackawanna, Westminster Conference on Music and Worship, and the New Wilmington Missionary Conference. Contact the church office for more information.

**Large print bulletins, hymnals and Bibles, and cushions** are available from the ushers. Please return worship aids to the back of the sanctuary after worship.

**Do you know someone** who needs a ride to church? For May 28, call Jim Arnold (586-6812).

**A congregational letter** can be found in the narthex. It is being sent to Bess Hopkins on the occasion of her 90th birthday. Please extend your wishes to her by signing the letter after worship.

**Our organ will be dedicated this afternoon** with a recital by Mark Laubach. Mark is regarded among the finest organists of his generation in the United States. He rose to national prominence upon winning First Prize in the 1984 American Guild of Organists national Artists Competition in Organ performance, one of the most prestigious organ competitions in the world. *All are invited to the 4 PM event.*

**Known to be hospitalized** recently was Roberta Spann (Mercy).

**It's time to sign up for summer music.** If you would like to prepare a musical offering for a summer service, please sign up on the sheet that has been placed on the bulletin board between the pastors' offices. (This opportunity is NOT limited to choir members.) Please be encouraged to share your talents on a Sunday morning.

**Are you aware of a pastoral or prayer concern that you would like to inform the pastors about?** Write it on a slip of paper and place it in the envelope located between the pastors' offices.

OOPS!

Omitted from the Post College graduate list was Susan Flynn. Congratulations, Sue.

A record number of children are attending Camp Lackawanna this year. Parents desiring scholarships are asked to contact the Christian Education Committee in writing.

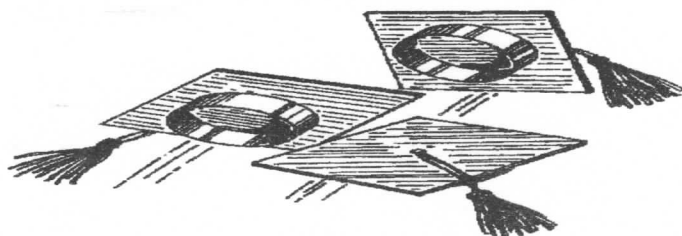
### Catechism Corner

**Question 95: What is the second commandment?**

You shall not make for yourself an idol (Ex. 20:4; Deut. 5:8).

**Question 96: What do you learn from this commandment?**

First, when I treat anything other than God as though it were God, I practice idolatry. Second, when I assume that my own interests are more important than anything else, I make them into idols, and in effect make an idol of myself.



## **Congratulations to the Class of 2000**

### ***High School***

Brenda Christman  
Aaron Foley  
Kate Frangos  
Kelly Lang  
Scott Lodwick  
Melanie McKenzie  
Ryan Olden  
Jana Schillinger  
Chris Shane  
Melissa Yevitz

### ***College***

Kelly Beck  
Heather Cole  
Jennifer Garnecki  
Terri Jadwin  
Gwenyth L. Jones  
Colin Kepler  
J. J. Mott  
Dylan Scott Ramsey  
Morgan DeWilde Ramsey  
Seth Reidenbach  
Whitney Williams

### ***Post Graduate Degrees***

Laura R. Crouse  
Susan Houseman  
Lynn Sargent