

First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day

Trinity Sunday

May 30, 2021

10:00 a.m.

O blessed Trinity, in whom we know the maker of all things seen and unseen, the Savior of all both near and far: By your Spirit enable us to worship your divine majesty, so that with all the company of heaven we may magnify your glorious name, saying: Holy, holy, holy. Glory to you, O Lord most high. **Amen.**

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Words of Welcome

Prelude

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

arr. Michael Burkhardt

Call to Worship

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

And also with you!

This is the day the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

* Hymn 2

"Come, Thou, Almighty King"

1 Come, thou almighty King, help us thy name to sing; help us to praise:

Father, all glorious, o'er all victorious, come, and reign over us, Ancient of Days.

2 Come, thou incarnate Word, merciful, mighty Lord, our prayer attend.

Come, and thy people bless, and give thy word success; Spirit of holiness, on us descend.

3 Come, holy Comforter, thy sacred witness bear in this glad hour.

Thou who almighty art, now rule in every heart, and ne'er from us depart, Spirit of power.

4 To thee, great One in Three, eternal praises be, hence evermore!

Thy sovereign majesty may we in glory see, and to eternity love and adore.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of grace, love, and communion,

***we confess that we have failed to love you with all our heart, soul, and mind;
and to love our neighbor as ourselves.***

We ignore your commandments,

stray from your way, and follow other gods.

Have mercy on us.

***Forgive our sin and raise us to new life that we may serve you faithfully
and give honor to your holy name. Amen.***

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.

Moment of Recognition

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 6:1-8

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory." The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke.

And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!" Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

Psalter: Psalm 29

Sing glory to the name of God, whose holy splendor shines abroad. Alleluia, alleluia!
Enthroned above the crashing waves, the God of grace and glory saves.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The name of God is full of might: resounding thunder, flashing light. Alleluia, alleluia!
The wilderness cannot contain the echoes of the great refrain:
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The name of God is wild and free, awhirl in holy mystery. Alleluia, alleluia!
A secret wrapped in smoke and fire, still chanted by the temple choir:
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

May God forever be our peace; may hymns of glory never cease:
Alleluia, alleluia! Let all the faithful people come; sing praise to God, the Three-in-One:
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Moment with Children

Epistle Lesson: Romans 8:18-28

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints

according to the will of God. We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.

Sermon: "Groaning for What Cannot Be Seen"

Rev. Carter

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn 1 "Holy, Holy, Holy"

- 1 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!
- 2 Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.
- 3 Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinfulness thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in power, in love and purity.
- 4 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
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Affirmation of Faith: 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

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

arr. Jeffrey Honore

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.**

Litany of Blessing

Elder We wish Godspeed to Rev. Bill Carter as he begins his sabbatical.

All **As you journey, Bill, we ask God to guard you from harm.**

Pastor God's peace be with you as I leave to rest, reflect, replenish, and write.

All **God be with you while we are away from one another.**

Pastor God's blessing on you while I am gone from you.

All **May God fill you with the Spirit as you spend time with old friends and make new ones, as you show love to your family and go through passages with them, as you pray and study, as you travel and sit still.**

Pastor I thank God for my continuing ministry with you and the gift of time you have given me.

All **May you experience spiritual growth in your journey.**

Pastor I pray that God gifts you, too, with the taste of transformation.

All **God grant you a trusting heart as you plant your feet and heart in new places. We send you with our blessing.**

Pastor I leave you this candle. Light it when you gather for worship each Sunday and when you meet. Pray for me while I am gone.

All **We pray you are renewed and energized for ministry.**

Pastor I go seeking those gifts, and I will carry with me a candle. I will light it and pray for you while we are separated. I pray that you are keeping the Sabbath, so that you too, might be renewed to serve in God's name.

Elder Let us pray:

All **Eternal God, you call us to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Hymn 541 "God Be with You Till We Meet Again"

- 1 God be with you till we meet again; loving counsels guide, uphold you, with a shepherd's care enfold you: God be with you till we meet again.
- 2 God be with you till we meet again; unseen wings protecting hide you, daily manna still provide you: God be with you till we meet again.
- 3 God be with you till we meet again; when life's perils thick confound you, put unfailing arms around you: God be with you till we meet again.
- 4 God be with you till we meet again; keep love's banner floating o'er you; smite death's threatening wave before you: God be with you till we meet again.

* Charge and Benediction

Postlude

"Eternal Father, Strong to Save"

arr. Charles Callahan

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PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Preacher	Rev. William G. Carter
Coordinator of Children And Youth Ministries	Jana Schillinger
Liturgist	Judy Cutler
Director of Music	Frank Jones
Organist	Kay Ten Eyck

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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.

The Covid guidelines are changing quickly. Our Session is asking that we continue the use of masks for the time being. There is more freedom in seat selection since the blue tape has been removed from the pews, and the pew cushions have returned to the sanctuary so the pews are a little more comfortable. **Reservations** for worship are helpful, but **there is more flexibility** now, so if you forgot to make a reservation but want to come, **please do!**

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 preparing to take a summer sabbatical, which was deferred a year by the pandemic. He will be "off the clock" from June 1 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).

Scheduled meetings this week:

June 1, 7:00 p.m. - Mission and Justice
June 2, 7:00 p.m. - Finance – Room 206
June 3, 7:00 p.m. - Christian Education – Room 206

Looking ahead:

June 7, 11:00 a.m. – Friends of Naomi – Fellowship Hall

June 8, 10:00 a.m. – MBK Quilters – Fellowship Hall

June 8, 7:00 p.m. – Session – Room 206

June 12, 9:00 a.m. – Highway Clean-up, Clarks Summit UMC Parking Lot

CAMP LACKAWANNA INFORMATION

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

Help Needed: Many cabins at camp need a fresh coat of paint before camp season begins. If you have any available time to help the Camp, please contact Mykela Bricka (570-550-2391 or camplackawanna.director@gmail.com). She will be happy to have your help.

Camp Lackawanna Summer Schedule

DATES	CAMP	AGE GROUP
June 24-27	Family Camp	All Ages
June 28-30	Mini Camp	Ages 6-10
July 4-10	Wet n' Wild	Ages 7-16
July 11-17	Music, Arts and Drama	Ages 7-16
July 11-24	JH/SR 2-week	Completed grades 6-11
July 18-24	Adventure Camp	Completed grades 6-10
July 25-31	Night Owls	Completed grades 3-10
August 1-7	Camp Olympics	Ages 7-16

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