

First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
5th Sunday after Pentecost

June 27, 2021

10:00 a.m.

O Lord our God, we give you thanks that through the gift of our baptism you have poured out your grace upon us and claimed us as your people. By the power of your Holy Spirit, help us to love and serve you always and to love and serve one another; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Words of Welcome

Prelude "Largo and Allegro from Vivaldi: Concerto in E Minor"
John Weiss, cello

Call to Worship

We are called to follow—to walk in the way of justice and righteousness,
for we are children of God!

We are called to serve—to be Christ with and for one another,
for we are the salt of the earth!

We are called to shine—to be beacons of hope and witnesses to truth,
for we are the light of the world!

Come, you who are claimed as children of God,
salt of the earth and light of the world.

Let us worship God!

* Hymn 39 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

1 Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father; there is no shadow of turning with thee.
Thou changest not; thy compassions they fail not. As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Refrain: Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning, new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hath provided. Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

2 Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest, sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. **(Refrain)**

3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow: blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! **(Refrain)**

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession

Holy Redeemer,

we confess that often we are led astray from your ways.

Yet you do not leave us alone; in Christ you come to seek and save the lost.

We acknowledge that we need a savior,

and rejoice in the sure hope of Christ's saving work.

As recipients of your mercy, we offer ourselves to be bearers of your mercy.

Equip us by your Spirit as your ambassadors,

to show the world your healing love in Christ,

working faithfully for your Kingdom and righteousness,

proclaiming the good news of your love and joy.

* 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.***

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: I Corinthians 12:4-7

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

Time with our Children

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 5:13-16

“You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. “You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

Sermon: “He MUST be Talking to Someone Else!”

Rev. Weiss

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 459 “O Word of God Incarnate”

1 O Word of God incarnate, O Wisdom from on high, O Truth unchanged, unchanging, O Light of our dark sky:
we praise you for the radiance that from the hallowed page,
a lantern to our footsteps, shines on from age to age.

2 The church from you, dear Savior, received this gift divine; and still that light is lifted on all the earth to shine.
It is the chart and compass that, all life’s voyage through,
amid the rocks and quicksands still guides, O Christ, to you.

3 O make your church, dear Savior, a lamp of purest gold to bear before the nations your true light, as of old;
O teach your wandering pilgrims by this our path to trace,
till, clouds and storms thus ended, we see you face to face.

* 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

“Jesu, Meine Freude”
John Weiss - cello

arr. Phillip Keveren

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.**

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Hymn 308 “O God in Whom All Life Begins”

1 O God in whom all life begins, who births the seed to fruit,
bestow your blessing on our lives; here let your love find root.
Bring forth in us the Spirit’s gifts of patience, joy, and peace;
deliver us from numbing fear, and grant our faith increase.

2 Unite in mutual ministry our minds and hands and hearts
that we may have the grace to seek the power your peace imparts.
So let our varied gifts combine to glorify your Name
that in all things by word and deed we may your love proclaim.

3 Through tears and laughter, grief and joy, enlarge our trust and care;
so bind us in community that we may risk and dare.
Be with us when we gather here to worship, sing, and pray;
then send us forth in power and faith to live the words we say.

* Charge and Benediction

Postlude

“Voluntary”

William Selby

* All who are able shall stand.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Guest Preacher	Rev. Dr. Joanne G. Weiss
Coordinator of Children And Youth Ministries	Jana Schillinger
Liturgist	John Weiss
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.

Worship is Getting "Closer to Normal"

At the last session meeting, Session revised our "In-Person" Welcome to include **all children who are asymptomatic and whose parents are fully vaccinated.**

Mask-wearing and temperature checks will continue to take place until further notice.

- You can sit wherever you wish.
- You are welcome, and invited, to sing . . . *while wearing your mask.*
- Please continue to make reservations. However, we do have more flexibility now. If you forget to reserve a spot, you may still attend.

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.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL at First Presbyterian JULY 19-23 from 9am to Noon.



Who is welcome at God's table? YOU are!

You're invited to a week of fun and faith as we hear Bible stories of hospitality and welcome. With creative crafts, amazing songs, fun games, and so much more, it's an adventure you won't want to miss. Children age 4 to completed grade 5 can register at

myvbs.org/fpccs...and be sure to invite a friend!

Want to help? We welcome church members to be adult volunteers. Contact Jana at fpccs.vbs@gmail.com for more information.

Upcoming meetings

Saturday, June 26 @ 9 a.m. - Vacation Bible School Training - Room 206

Wednesday, June 30 @ 9 a.m. – Presbyter mailing in room 206

Looking ahead:

Thursday, July 1 @ 5:30 p.m. - Worship, Music, Arts

@ 7:00 p.m. - Christian Education

The Church Office will be closed on Monday, July 5, in observance of the Independence Day holiday, which occurs on Sunday.

Combined Session/Deacon meeting scheduled.

The Summer meeting of the Session of the First Presbyterian Church of Clarks Summit will be held on **Tuesday, July 27, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.** This is our yearly combined meeting with the Board of Deacons and will be held in Fellowship Hall. Following the completion of the combined meeting, session members will adjourn to the Session Room. No food will be served this year.

The Mission and Justice Committee offers 2 opportunities to serve.

On the Saturday mornings of August 28th and September 25th, our church will be preparing and serving a large community meal and filling/distributing bags of food at Hickory Street Presbyterian Church in Scranton. Since Hickory Street began this ministry to combat hunger in the local community, they have seen demand for the meals increase seven-fold and requests for food bags increase almost four-fold.

For August 28, we will prepare and serve around 130 meals and distribute around 40 bags of food. Volunteers are needed to:

- prepare in their own homes, in advance, the main entrée (10 people);
- prepare, as above, an easy-to-serve dessert (10 people);
- shop, collect food, financial support;
- (on August 28) additional on-site food prep, cooking, plating meals, filling food bags, delivering to both dine-in and drive-up guests, and clean-up (12 people);

To volunteer, or for more information, contact Alan Baker at abaker2@verizon.net or speak with Jack and Diane Scheuer, Melba Fialko, and Ginny O'Brien. Look for sign-up and information sheets to be posted in the church foyer.

The work on September 25th will be part of our larger annual "Worship through Service" weekend.

2020 Pastoral Sabbatical – in 2021! Rev. Bill is now on sabbatical, which was deferred a year by the pandemic. He is "off the clock" 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).

Help Rev. Carter reduce his library! While he is away, you are invited to help him reduce the size of his library! There are two boxes of books in the narthex that you are welcome to go through and take home any books that you would like to have. They are free! All are welcome to come in person to select their choices during the hours that the church is open (M-F; 9am-4 pm). No books will be reserved in advance or mailed.

CAMP LACKAWANNA INFORMATION

Summer Camp 2021 is open, and it's not too late to register. Head on over to camp.lackawanna.org to see what programs are being offered this summer and to register your children for camp! **Our church offers scholarships** for all young people who want to go. Check with Jana Schillinger for details.

Camp Lackawanna Summer Schedule

DATES	CAMP	AGE GROUP
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

Summer Office Hours: From now until the end of August, church office hours will be Monday through Friday, 9AM to 4PM, with lunch break at noon. Every effort will be made to have the office staffed each day, but If you need to speak face-to-face with a member of the staff, please call ahead (570-586-6306).



Enjoy the Convenience of Electronic Giving

First Presbyterian Church of Clarks Summit offers electronic Giving as a way to support the church on a regular or one-time basis. You can go to fpccs.org or scan the QR code (at right) anytime to set up an automatic donation plan, change your donation plan, make a one-time donation or view your online donation history. Why not give it a try today?

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