

# First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day  
Second Sunday of Easter

April 24, 2022

10:00 a.m.

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

God of creation, we give thanks for the goodness of the earth that you made and sustain. Our voices join in praise with all creation: with the sea that roars, the trees that clap their hands, and the birds that sing in joy. Unite us by your Spirit, that we may be signs of your abundant mercy and live in thanksgiving for your grace, as we wait for the completion of your creation in Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.



## **ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME**

Words of Welcome

Prelude

"Now the Green Blade Rises"

arr. David Cherwien

Call to Worship

from Psalm 24

The earth is the Lord's, all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it;

***for the Creator has founded it on the seas, and established it on the rivers.***

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

***Alleluia! He is risen indeed!***

\* Hymn 664

"Morning Has Broken"

*Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.*

Call to Confession

\* Prayer of Confession

***God of life,***

***You created us in your image***

***to care for one another and for all creation.***

***Forgive us for turning away from you,***

***ignoring the needs of our neighbors***

***and the cries of the earth.***

***As the sun brings light and warmth to this earth,***

***make us signs of your grace,***

***through Christ, our light and life, we pray.***

\* Silent Confession

\* Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace

\* Easter Alleluia 587

***Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!***

## **PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD**

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: John 20:19-31 (NT, p. 115)

Psalter: Psalm 65 (Hymnal 38)

A Time with Children

Anthem

"Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

arr. Tammy Waldrop

Second Lesson: Revelation 22:1-5 (NT, p. 260)

Sermon: "Hope of the Earth"

Rev. Carter

## **RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

\* Hymn "The Climate is Changing" (to Hymn 12, "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise")

The climate is changing! Creation cries out!  
Your people face flooding and fire and drought.  
We see the great heat waves and storms at their worst.  
We pray for the poor, Lord — for they suffer first.

We pray for the animals here in our midst  
who cannot defend their own right to exist.  
We pray for the mountains and forests and seas  
that bear the harsh footprint of our human greed.

We thank you for people who treasure the earth,  
whose faith has long taught them its beauty and worth.  
We thank you as well for the children and youth  
who look to the future and speak out the truth.

We thank you for leaders, courageous and brave,  
who know that the earth is worth fighting to save,  
who care about justice and what they should do,  
who listen to science and work hard for you.

You love this good earth, and you sent us your Son!  
May we love our neighbors — there's work to be done.  
May we, by your Spirit, do all in our power  
to care for your earth in this critical hour.

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The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Presentation of Emily Lily Koltis and Wesley Donald Koltis

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.***

Minute for One Great Hour of Sharing

Offering

Offertory

"He Lives"

arr. Lani Smith

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 714

"God of the Fertile Fields"

\* Charge and Benediction

\* Postlude

Prelude on "Victimae Paschali Laudes"

arr. Denis Bedard

*If you are leaving before the postlude is finished, please do so quietly.*

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\* All who are able shall stand.

The wearing of masks during worship is optional.

**The roses** at the front of the sanctuary have been placed in honor of Emily and Wesley Koltis who are being baptized this morning. Emily and Wesley were born June 26, 2021. Their parents are Andrew and Bethany Koltis, and they have an older sister named Evelyn. Sue Sill is their grandmother. Blessings and prayers for this young family.

**Today's postlude** is based on an 11th century chant. The translation found in English hymnals is "Christians, to the Paschal Victim Offer your thankful praises! A Lamb the sheep redeemeth: Christ, who only is sinless, Reconcileth sinners to the Father; Death and life have contended In that combat stupendous: The Prince of Life, who died, reigns immortal." The tune is based on the Dorian mode rather than the major and minor keys we are accustomed to hearing. It is one of the few ancient sequences (hymns) that are still in use today. Denis Bedard (b. 1950), who wrote this arrangement, is a Canadian organist composer.

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## **PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE**

Pastor	Rev. William G. Carter
Coordinator of Children And Youth Ministries	Jana Schillinger
Liturgist	Meg Hatch
Director of Music	Frank Jones
Director of Bell Choir	Richard Cochrane
Organist	Kay Ten Eyck
Usher	Erika Adams

## **Church Family Announcements**

**Thank you for joining us for Worship.** We worship every Sunday in two ways!

- **Join us in person at 10:00 am.**
- **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.

**Our sanctuary** is open for prayer whenever the building is open.

**Beginning this week**, we are glad to reopen our children's nursery on Sunday mornings! The nursery is located in room 208. It will be regularly staffed by Heather Lyons, a member of this congregation and nursery caregiver prior to the pandemic.

**About today's second hymn:** This hymn-prayer was written to support efforts to counter climate change, including at the United Nations Climate Change Conference in Glasgow, Scotland (October 31-November 12, 2021). COP26 (Conference of Participants) is the main decision-making body of 197 countries working to stabilize greenhouse gas emissions and to counter dangerous climate change.

### **Sunday, April 24**

Following morning Worship, **"Table Talk"** returns to Fellowship Hall

- ***If everyone around the world lived like us, how many earths would we need?***  
Join Meg Hatch and others from our Earth Care team to explore some easy and quick online apps to compute your personal carbon footprint, or that of your family. If you can't come, we invite you to do the online app at home sometime during the week. Then anonymously share your results on Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup> by filling out an answer sheet and dropping it in the box in the narthex. We'll share our "us" average the following Sunday. Be honest!
- **11:15 a.m.**, Confirmation Class, room 206

### **Tuesday, April 26**

- **10 a.m.**, MBK Quilts, Fellowship Hall
- **7 p.m.**, The Board of Deacons, room 206

### **Wednesday, April 27**

- **9:00 a.m.**, Presbyter mailing, room 206
- **10:30 a.m.**, Prayer and Share, room 209
- **6:00 p.m.**, Adult Education, room 206 and ZOOM.  
Jack and Diane Scheuer will share short videos followed by group discussion on the topics of: *What does the Bible say about the Natural World? Climate Change is a Poverty Issue. Climate Change is a Threat Multiplier.*



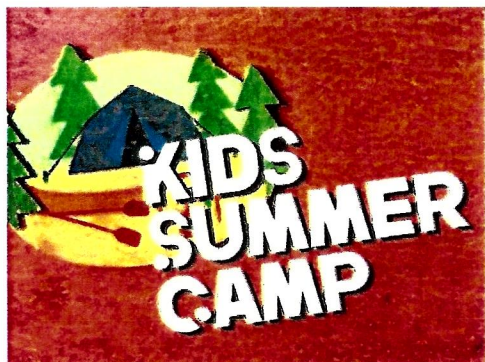
## Looking Ahead:

### Sunday, May 1 Holy Humor Sunday

- We tried to take it off the calendar, but *it wouldn't go!* So, come to church prepared to laugh, then . . . continue downstairs to Fellowship Hall for a Strawberry Short Cake Social!

**A Congregational Meeting** has been called for next **Sunday, May 1**, immediately following worship for the purpose of election of elders and deacons.

**Want to read the Bible with others in a supportive, non-threatening small group?** We are restarting our very popular **Immerse Bible reading** groups. We have one volunteer convener and she's looking for others to join in. Interested? Let us know of your interest in participating by phone or email (570-586-6306 or [office@fpccs.org](mailto:office@fpccs.org)).



## CAMP LACKAWANNA REGISTRATION FOR SUMMER CAMP IS NOW OPEN!

### 2022 SCHEDULE

#### Week 1: June 26-July 1

Mini Camp            Grades 1-3  
Elementary Camp   Grades 2-5  
Adventure Camp    Grades 6-12

#### Week 2: July 3-8

Night Owl Camp    Grades 6-12

#### Week 3: July 10-15

Elementary Camp   Grades 2-5  
Adventure Camp    Grades 6-12

#### Week 4: July 17-22

Camp Olympics     Grades 2-12

**To register, go to [www.camlackawanna.org](http://www.camlackawanna.org)**

## Abington Ecumenical Ministerium / Dalton Food Pantry

The A.E.M. Food Pantry is located at the Dalton United Methodist Church, 125 S. Turnpike Rd., Dalton. It provides food to families in need in the Abington Heights and Lackawanna Trail School Districts. The Pantry is open on Monday evenings from 6-7:30 p.m. To have access to the food pantry, you must register your family. To start the process, contact the church at 570-563-1619 and leave a message. Someone will contact you.

## 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](http://fpccs.org)** or **scan the QR code** (at right) any time 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 a try today?



## **Our Church Officers**

### **Elders**

**Rev. William Carter, moderator**

**Beverly Bright, clerk**

#### **Class of 2022**

Barbara Decker  
Dave Naeher  
Chris Norton  
Craig Smith  
Briar Woodley

#### **Class of 2023**

Alan Baker  
Jay Clymer  
Tabbi Miller-Scandle  
Jan Thyren  
Karen White

#### **Class of 2024**

Brad Campbell  
JoAnn Hall  
Ginny O'Brien  
Robin Pinches  
Barry Shepherd

### **Deacons**

#### **Class of 2022**

Katie Carter  
Jeanne DeVirgilis  
Grace Farrell  
Anne Rich  
Andrew Taylor

#### **Class of 2023**

Erika Henderson  
Jim McLaughlin  
Debbie Miller  
Barbara Norton  
Riley Wescott

#### **Class of 2024**

Bill Farrell  
Kate Hopkins  
Peter Moore  
Diana Pope-Albright  
Tracy Smith