

# First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day

Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 8, 2022

10:00 a.m.

Almighty God, you sent Jesus, our good shepherd, to gather us together. May we not wander from his flock, but follow wherever he leads us, listening for his voice and staying near him, until we are safely in your fold, to live with you forever; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

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

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

Words of Welcome

Prelude

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

arr. John Ness Beck

Call to Worship

Jesus said, “I am the good shepherd.”

***The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.***

He says, “I know my own, and they know me.”

***He calls us to listen to his voice and follow him.***

from John 10:11-18

\* Hymn 187

“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

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

\* 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.***

***We overlook the poor and the hungry,***

***and pass by those who mourn;***

***we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed,***

***and indifferent to calls for peace;***

***we despise the weak, and abuse the earth you made.***

***Forgive us, God of mercy.***

***Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new,***

***that we may know the joy of life abundant***

***given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord.***

\* 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 10:22-30 (NT, p.104)

Psalter: Psalm 23 (Hymnal 802)

A Time with Children

Second Lesson: Acts 9:1-22 (NT, p.127)

Sermon: "Conversion in Two Directions"

Rev. Carter

*Easter series: Acting Up with the Apostles*

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

\* Hymn 662 "Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies"

\* Affirmation of Faith *1 Cor. 15:1-6; Mark 16:1-9, Matthew 16:16; Rev. 22:13; John 20:28*

***This is the good news***

***which we have received, in which we stand,***

***and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast:***

***that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures,***

***that he was buried,***

***that he was raised on the third day,***

***and that he appeared first to the women,***

***then to Peter, and to the Twelve,***

***and then to many faithful witnesses.***

***We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God.***

***Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end;***

***he is our Lord and our God. Amen.***

A Minute for Our Church's Endowment

Offering

Offertory

"Shepherd Me, O God"

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.***

### **GO IN GOD'S NAME**

\* Hymn 182 "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"

\* Charge and Benediction

\* Postlude

"I Know That My Redeemer Lives"

arr. Jan Bender

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

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\* All who are able shall stand.

**The flowers** in the sanctuary today have been given to the glory of God

- in loving memory of Alan Eckstein by his sister, Bonnie Plantholt,
- in loving memory of Florence Evans by her daughter, Sandra Bailey; and
- in honor of mothers on Mother's Day.

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

Pastor	Rev. William G. Carter
Coordinator of Children And Youth Ministries	Jana Schillinger
Liturgist	Tabbi Miller-Scandle
Director of Music	Frank Jones
Organist	Kay Ten Eyck
Usher	Jeanne DeVirgilis

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### **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.

The Nursery is now **OPEN** Sunday mornings from 9:40-11:10 a.m. for children ages 3 and younger. 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.

**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)).

## This Week at a Glance

### Today

- **10 a.m.**, Worship in the sanctuary and on line
- **11:15 a.m.**, Confirmation Class, room 206

### Tuesday, May 10

- **10 a.m.**, MBK Quilts, Fellowship Hall
- **7 p.m.**, Session Meeting, Room 206

### Wednesday, May 11

- **10:30 a.m.**, Prayer and Share, room 209
- **6 p.m.**, Adult Education, room 206 and ZOOM.

Kate O'Brien and Alan Baker will lead discussion on practical life hacks we can all try to live more sustainably while reducing our personal carbon footprint, including some product demonstrations and maybe even some give-aways.

- **7:15 p.m.**, Choir Rehearsal, sanctuary

### Sunday, May 15

- **10 a.m.**, Worship in the sanctuary and on line
- **Nature Walk following worship (see below)**
- **11:15 a.m.**, Confirmation Class, room 206



### **Nature Walk following Worship on May 15**

#### ***One more walk, but this time without the trash.***

We close this Earth Car series where we began, outside amid the beauties of nature, but this time without the trash bags.

Wear comfortable clothes and shoes that morning and bring

your binoculars! We will meet in the Session room after church to arrange carpools to the upper parking lot of the Church of the Epiphany where Meg Hatch will lead a walk down the Trolley Trail.

### Looking Ahead:

#### **Drew Nugent & the Midnight Society**

**Friday, May 20, 2022**

**7:00 pm**



*The Arts at First Presbyterian series will come to a "fiery" conclusion, when the hottest "hot jazz band" from Philadelphia travels north in a Model T to transform Fellowship Hall into a speakeasy.*

*Drew Nugent plays piano, trumpet, and tea kettle, as he leads the Midnight Society jazz band. They will bring alive the music of the Roaring 20's (the 1920's) as they put a smile on your face and a tap in your step.*

### ***And yes, there will be dancing.***

*The event is open to the public free of charge. A free-will offering will be taken to help defray costs of the event. For more information, call the church office at 570-586-6306.*

**Sunday, May 22**, we will ordain and/or install recently-elected elders and deacons during the worship service. Mark your calendar and plan to be here.

**Sunday, May 22 – Table Talk following Worship.** Maureen Maher-Gray, executive director of the NEPA Youth Shelter, will join us to share an update on the work of this Scranton organization that reaches out to at-risk youth. More information is available in the May Presbyter.



## **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.camplackawanna.org](http://www.camplackawanna.org)  
Scholarships are available from our Christian Education Committee.  
Check with Jana Schillinger for details.**

### **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**

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