

*"For all those who
exalt themselves
will be humbled,
and those who
humble themselves
will be exalted."*



LUKE 18:14, NIV

First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 23, 2022

10:00 a.m.

Send your Holy Spirit into our hearts, Almighty God, to rule and direct us according to your will, to comfort us in all temptations and afflictions, to defend us from all error, and lead us into all truth; that we, being steadfast in the faith, may increase in love and in all good works, and in the end obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ your Son, 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

"Arioso"

George Frederick Handel

Call to Worship

from Psalm 66

By awesome deeds you answer us with deliverance,
O God of our salvation;

***You are the hope of all the ends of the earth
and of the farthest seas.***

Let us worship God!

* Hymn 10

“Sing Glory to the Name of God”

Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession

***Eternal God, our judge and redeemer,
we confess that we have tried to hide from you,
for we have done wrong.
We have lived for ourselves, and apart from you.
We have turned from our neighbors,
and refused to bear the burdens of others.
We have ignored the pain of the world,
and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed.***

***In your great mercy forgive our sins and free us from selfishness,
that we may choose your will and obey your commandments;
through Jesus Christ our Savior.***

* Silent Confession

* Assurance of Pardon

* Passing of the Peace

* Response 447

“We Are Forgiven”

We are forgiven! We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: Joel 2:23-32 (OT, p.848)

Psalter: Psalm 65 (OT, p.527)

A Time with Children

Special Music

“How Great Thou Art”

arr. Michael Helman

Second Lesson: Luke 18:9-14 (NT, p.81)

Sermon: "The Pretentious Holy Man"

Rev. Carter

Series: Caricatures of the Kingdom

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 688

"Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"

* 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.**

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.**

Minute for Stewardship

Offering

Offertory

“Perpetual Motion”

Carl M. von Weber

* Doxology 606

* Prayer of Thanksgiving

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Hymn 655

“What Shall I Render to the Lord”

* Charge and Benediction

* Postlude

“The Happy Trumpeter”

by Gordon Young

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

* All who are able shall stand.

We are grateful for the many ways that people support our church's ministry to the community and world. If you wish to contribute by cell phone, **scan here.**



**First Presbyterian Church
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Trunk or Treat on October 30 3:00 - 4:30 p.m.

On Sunday, October 30, our Deacons are sponsoring a **Trunk or Treat event** for the kids of Clarks Summit. It is a "pop up" event - which means ANYBODY can take part without a lot of planning. Can you **donate candy**? **Are you coming with a decorated car trunk?** There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex of the church to let the Deacons know. We would appreciate your help! In the last few years, we have welcomed as many as 300 kids from the neighborhood.



Upcoming Presbytery Meeting – All are invited!

November 12, 2022, Johnsonburg Camp and Retreat Center, Johnsonburg, NJ Hosted by:
Lackawanna Presbytery and Lehigh Presbytery

Schedule: 10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. * Worship, keynote, and conversation
12:30 – 1:15 p.m. * Lunch
1:30 – 3:30 p.m. * Stated Presbytery Meeting

Guest Speaker: The Rev. Dr. Jan Edmiston, General Presbyter of the Presbytery of Charlotte and former co-moderator of the General Assembly of the PC(USA), will join us as we talk about “what comes next” and how to be a faithful and vital community in an ever-changing world. Using [Shift: Three Big Moves for the 21st Century Church](#), by Mark Tidsworth, and her own work on the changing church, Jan will focus on dramatic shifts that challenge the way we do church and demonstrate the need to work together in partnership. Jan has been at the forefront of dreaming new and creative ministry in our times.

Reservations are needed. Please contact Bruce Jordan at 570-348-0643 or polackawanna.finance@gmail.com no later than October 28. Cost of lunch is \$15.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Pastor	Rev. William G. Carter
Coordinator of Children And Youth Ministries	Jana Schillinger
Liturgist	Brian Schillinger
Director of Music	Frank Jones
Bell Choir Director	Richard Cochrane
Guest Organist	Jan Thyren
Usher	John Conklin and Bill Farrell

Church Family Announcements

Our congregation worships God, equips God's people for ministry in the world, and serves God in ways that are faithful to the Gospel.

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

- **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.

Large-print bulletins are available at the rear of the sanctuary. Ask an usher for help.

The Nursery is open Sunday mornings from 9:40-11:10 a.m. for children ages 3 and younger in room 208. The nursery is regularly staffed by Heather Lyons.

Tell us your prayer concerns: Prayer Request Cards are available in the pew racks. Pass them to the center aisle to be collected during the first hymn. Please pray for: Janet, Barbara, Hall, Barry, Karen, Mike, Caleb, Jim, Sandy, Nancy, Ellen, Susannah, Janice, Kate, the Hares family, the Fritz family, Leonard, Janet.

Mission and Justice Volunteer Opportunity

The Mission and Justice Committee is planning a morning of volunteering at the CEO/Weinberg Northeast Regional Food Bank in Pittston on Saturday, October 29, 9 a.m. to 12 noon. We will help pack boxes of food for qualifying senior citizens in our area. If you would like to carpool to the site, we will meet in the lower church parking lot, leaving at 8:30 a.m. Sign up in the narthex, or contact Diane Scheuer at 570-362-3276.

Are you interested in joining this church? If yes, please let the church office know (570-586-6306 or office@fpccs.org).

Help Wanted!

Are you the one we are looking for?

We are seeking volunteers to replenish our committees and assist with brief but important tasks around the church.

- Interested in volunteering in the office on a regular weekday morning? [Notify Nancy Owens.](#)
- Can you serve on the Christian Education and Growth committee? [Let Jana know.](#)
- Could you serve on the Worship, Music, and Arts committee, or on the Arts planning team? Tell Jan Thyren or Robin Pinches of your interest.

Thanks for considering this invitation. A church like ours depends on volunteers!

My Brother's Keeper: Plastic (grocery store) bags needed.

MBK will start making plastic mats using plastic bags. It takes approximately 600-700 clean plastic shopping bags to make a single 3' x 6' mat, so we need LOTS of them. Please bring your extra bags to Church; there is a tub in the Narthax for them. Thank you!! We welcome anyone interested in working on the sleeping bags and/or the mats to join us on

the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month from 10:00 to Noon in Fellowship Hall. (More information will be available in the November Presbyter.)

This Week at a Glance

Today

- **10 a.m.**, Worship in the sanctuary and online
- **11:15 a.m.**, Confirmation, Room 206

Tuesday, October 25

- **10 a.m.**, MBK Quilts, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, October 26

- **9 a.m.**, Presbyter Mailing, Room 206
- **10:30 a.m.**, Prayer and Share, Room 209
- **6 p.m.**, Adult Bible Study, Room 206
- **7 p.m.**, Adult Choir rehearsal, Sanctuary
- **8 p.m.**, Bell Choir rehearsal, Fellowship Hall

Thursday, October 27

Saturday, October 29

- **8:30 a.m.**, Meet in church parking lot to car pool to Weinberg Northeast Regional Food Bank, Pittston

Sunday, October 30

- **10 a.m.**, Worship in the sanctuary and online
- **11:15 a.m.**, Confirmation, Room 206

Looking Ahead:

- Sunday, November 6
All Saints Celebration (held after worship)
4 p.m., Arts Concert of Chamber Music, Sanctuary
by Beverly Trio of Heinze, Klaber and Levin
- Sunday, November 20, **4 p.m.**, All Church Recital, Sanctuary
- Sunday, December 4 — Advent Program (held after worship)
- Friday, December 9 — Parents' Night Out (5:30-8:30 p.m.)