



First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
Sixth Sunday of Epiphany

February 12, 2023

10:00 a.m.

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

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Music
Words of Welcome
Prelude

Call to Worship

Our help is in the name of the Lord,

who made heaven and earth.

This is the day the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

* Hymn 396 “Brethren, We Have Met to Worship”
 Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.

* Call to Confession
* Prayer of Confession

***Almighty God, we confess
we have not been faithful to you in our thoughts and actions.
We have been selfish in our desires
and quarrelsome in our relationships.
We have allowed fear to divide us from those who seem different,
and let distrust separate us from one another.
Shine your light into our darkened hearts.
Save us from our divisive ways.
Unite us in the same mind as Jesus Christ,
who dwells with you and the Holy Spirit in perfect harmony.***

* Silent Confession
* Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace

* Response 583 “Glory to God”
***Glory to God! Glory to God! Glory in the highest!
Glory to God, glory to God, alleluia, alleluia!***

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination
First Lesson: Matthew 5:20-30 (NT, p. 4)
Psalter: Psalm 92 (Hymnal 682)

A Time with Children

Anthem

Second Lesson: Isaiah 58:13-14 (OT, p. 689)
Sermon: “On Trampling the Sabbath” Rev. Carter
Sermon Series: Wintering with Isaiah

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 393 “O Day of Rest and Gladness”

* Affirmation of Faith: Heidelberg Catechism, Q. 103

Q. What is God’s will for you in the fourth commandment?

A. ***First,***
that the gospel ministry and education for it be maintained,
and that, especially on the festive day of rest,
I diligently attend the assembly of God’s people
to learn what God’s Word teaches,
to participate in the sacraments, to pray to God publicly,

*and to bring Christian offerings for the poor.
Second,
that every day of my life I rest from my evil ways,
let the Lord work in me through his Spirit,
and so begin in this life the eternal Sabbath.*

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.*

Offering

Offertory

* Doxology 606

GO IN GOD'S NAME

- * Hymn 36 "For the Fruit of All Creation"
- * Charge and Benediction
- * Postlude

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

* All who are able shall stand.

The flowers are given to the glory of God by Tina Wydeen in memory of her husband Don.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Pastor	Rev. William G. Carter
Coordinator of Children and Youth	Jana Schillinger
Director of Music	Frank Jones
Organist	Kay Ten Eyck
Liturgist	Michael Thompson
Usher	Peter Moore

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TODAY is Souper Bowl Sunday!

Souper Bowl Sunday

Sunday, February 12 isn't just the Big Game...
it's a big opportunity to help those in need!

Remember to bring your donation to church on
Souper Bowl Sunday or check **fpccs.org** for
online donation information.

All proceeds will benefit the AEM Food Pantry.



Our next Arts Event: Songs, Old and New

Our area's top vocalists will perform on **Sunday, March 5 at 4 pm** at the **First Presbyterian Church in Clarks Summit** as part of the church's 2022-23 concert series. The concert titled **"Songs, Old and New"** will feature a program of art songs, arias, spirituals, show tunes and other types of vocal music.

These talented singers will be accompanied by **Dr. Rick Hoffenberg**. **Dr. Jennifer Cowgill**, Associate Professor of Voice at Marywood University, is organizing the program – and will serve as one of the vocal soloists. It will be a glorious afternoon of song. Come to this free concert – and invite your friends!

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 in two ways!

- **Join us in person at 10:00 a.m.**
- **Tune in online** for our service, which is broadcast live on [our video page on YouTube](#) and archived for later viewing on the same site.

Large-print bulletins can be found at the rear of the sanctuary.

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 staffed by Heather Lyons.

They are back! Next time you sit in one of our pews, look for **the red attendance pad**. After you see it, please fill out your name and pass it to the next person across the pew. We are trying to do a better job keeping track of those who come to worship.

The 2023 flower calendar is hanging in the hallway next to Rev. Carter's office. If you wish to contribute sanctuary flowers during the year, please sign up and you will be contacted for additional details.

Tell us your prayer concerns. Prayer Request Cards are in the pew racks. Pass them to the center aisle to be collected during the first hymn.

Please pray for: Barbara, Hall, Nancy, Ellen, Susannah, Janice, Kate, Leonard, Janet, June, Janet, Donna, Maura, Tina, Chuck, Jane, Morse, Rachel, Wayne, Alice, Carolyn.

Lent is coming

A season of forty days before Easter, Lent begins on **Ash Wednesday, February 22**. All are invited to a simple worship service that evening at 7:00 p.m. Many of our worship services will focus on the rich stories of the Gospel of John.

After Ash Wednesday, we begin **an adult education series on "Exclusion and Embrace."** Each Wednesday evening at 6:00 p.m., the class will discuss a brief video that explores our relationship to those who have frequently been excluded from our circle of faith. These include gays and lesbians, the Jews, those who practice other religions, and people of other nations. Some of these videos are already posted online, so we will share those links in our weekly emails.

Needed...35 Bags of Groceries: As part of our church's many efforts to recognize and battle hunger in our community, we serve a free lunch at Hickory Street Presbyterian on Saturday, March 25. The menu is posted in the narthex for those who can make the entree, prepare desserts, and serve the meal that day. In addition, we need 35 bags of groceries for distribution. As we continue to do this project twice each year, accumulating that big supply of groceries is proving to be the most difficult portion of the work. So please start now to help us fill those grocery bags. Shopping lists showing what is needed for each bag can be found below. You can shop for the complete bag or contents or just focus on some of the individual items.

Shopping List

1 box of cereal	1 box of pasta
1 can or plastic jar of spaghetti sauce	1 box of mac and cheese
1 or 2 cans of vegetables	1 can of fruit
1 can of tuna	1 box pop tarts
1 4-pack of jello or pudding cups	1 bag of candy
1 plastic jar of peanut butter	1 plastic jar of jelly

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

- Can you assist with serving meals at one of our funeral luncheons? Let our Deacons know.
- 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. This church depends on volunteers!

This Week at a Glance

Sunday, February 12

- **10 a.m.**, Worship in the sanctuary and online

Monday, February 13

- **5 p.m.**, Girl Scouts, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, February 15

- **10:30 a.m.**, Prayer and Share, Room 209
- **6 p.m.**, Adult Bible Study, Room 206
- **7 p.m.**, Adult Choir Rehearsal, Choir Loft
- **8 p.m.**, Adult Bell Choir Rehearsal, Fellowship Hall

Thursday, February 16

Sunday, February 19

- 10 a.m., Mardi Gras Sunday, Sanctuary
- 11:15 a.m., Introduction to the Lenten Season, Fellowship Hall

Looking Ahead

Wednesday, February 22

- 6 p.m. Bible study, Room 206
- 7 p.m., Ash Wednesday Service, Sanctuary