

First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
Resurrection of the Lord/Easter Sunday

April 9, 2023

10:00 a.m.

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

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude "Christ Is Alive!" arr. Mary McDonald

Call to Worship

Beloved church, behold the victory of our God:

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Sin and death shall reign no more.

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Let this place resound with joy.

Christ is risen! Alleluia! Thanks be to God.

* Processional Hymn 232 "Jesus Christ is Risen Today"

Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession

***Lord Jesus, through the power of the Holy Spirit
we have been raised to share in your glorious resurrection.***

Yet we have not lived as Easter people.

***We are unsure of your promise, confused about your will,
and afraid in the face of danger.***

***Like Mary, we weep at the tomb,
but do not recognize your presence.***

***Call us by name, risen Lord,
that we may know you with confidence.***

***Whenever we are tempted to fear death,
give us courage to confess your Easter victory.***

***Whenever we are overwhelmed by the power of evil,
reveal to us your triumph over every destructive power.***

***Set us free from our sin and open the way to abundant life.
In your holy name, we pray.***

* Silent Confession

* Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace

* Response 240 (refrain only)

Alleluia! Alleluia! Give thanks to the Risen Lord.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Give praise to his name.

Words of Welcome

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: Colossians 3:1-4 (NT, p. 201)

Psalter: Psalm 118 (Hymn 391)

All will sing the refrain, while the choir sings the verses.

A Time with Children

Anthem "Christ is Risen Indeed"

Second Lesson: John 20:11-18 (NT, p. 114)

Sermon: "Supposing Him to Be the Gardener"

Rev. Carter

Sermon Series: Lent and Easter in the Company of John

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 241 "Woman, Weeping in the Garden"

* Affirmation of Faith Book of Common Worship

***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.***

Offering

Offertory

"The Trumpet Shall Sound"

arr. Lani Smith

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper (Hymnal p. 8)

Communion of the People

*Please hold the bread until all are served, so that we might share it as a
sign of our unity in Christ. As a sign of individual devotion and commitment,
you may drink the cup as you are served.*

As communion is served, all are invited to sing hymns 236 and 240.

Prayers of the People

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Hymn 233 "The Day of Resurrection"

* Charge and Benediction

* Postlude "Jesus Christ is Risen Today" arr. Mary McDonald

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

* All who are able shall stand.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Pastor	Rev. William Carter
Coordinator of Children and Youth	Jana Schillinger
Director of Music	Frank Jones
Organist	Kay Ten Eyck
Liturgist	Kim Barrows
Ushers	The Farrell Family

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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.

From the Music Staff: Our children and youth are invited to take part in the prelude for next Sunday, Holy Humor Sunday! Youth and older children are asked to meet Sunday, April 16th at 9:30 in the sanctuary to learn an easy Boomwhacker accompaniment to "If You're Happy and You Know It". Younger children are invited to meet that morning in the sanctuary at 9:45 to learn an easy percussion part.

Please let Kay or the church office know if your children wish to take part! Kay can be reached at kayt1085@gmail.com or 570-313-0146.

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.

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: Hall, Kate, Leonard, June, Janet, Donna, Maura, Tina, Chuck, Jane, Rachel, Wayne, Alice, the Pittman family, Cheryl, Kathy, Racheal, Otto, Dawn, Colleen, Anne, Aria, Morse.

Adult Education in April

Join us at 6 p.m. on Wednesdays for adult education. Continuing with the topic of **“Exclusion and Embrace,”** next week, Dr. Alan Baker will offer an introduction of the musical work, “Concerning Matthew Shepard,” which will to be presented on April 15 in our sanctuary.

Beginning April 26 and throughout May, Mission and Justice will lead a series on **Challenges of Immigration Reform.** A detailed listing of topics appears in the April *Presbyter*.

The Arts at First Presbyterian 2022-2023 series will conclude with two blockbuster events in April.

“Considering Matthew Shepard”

Saturday, April 15, 2023 7:00 pm

Choral Society of NEPA / Bloomburg University Choir

Dr. Alan Baker directs a combined choir and orchestra for a Grammy-nominated oratorio by Craig Hella Johnson. The work tells the perhaps forgotten story of the 1988 hate-crime murder (25 years ago) of a gay college student in Wyoming, an “ordinary boy” who “never would imagine his life could be this story” yet became a modern-day martyr with federal hate-crime legislation named for him. The large-scale production is based on spiritual texts, Shepard’s journal, and news reports. This beautiful piece is haunting and truthful. Join us for a soul-stirring evening, unlike any other!

Big Band Jazz: Basie, Buddy, and Ella

Sunday, April 30, 2023 4:00 pm

We close our season with the NEPA Repertory Orchestra, a 16-piece jazz band under the direction of saxophonist Tom Heinze and pianist Bill Carter. They will gather the region’s finest musicians to offer a toe-tapping afternoon of classic big band music.

Both events are open to the public free of charge; a free-will offering will be taken to defray the costs of the event. For more information, please call the church at 570-586-6306 or visit our website at www.fpccs.org. The church is located at 300 School Street in Clarks Summit.

This Week at a Glance

Sunday, April 9 – Easter Sunday

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

Monday, April 10

- The Church Office is closed.
- **5 p.m.**, Girl Scouts, Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, April 11

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

Wednesday, April 12

- **10:30 a.m.**, Prayer and Share, Room 209
- **6 p.m.**, Adult Bible Study, Room 206
- **7:00 p.m.**, Adult Choir Rehearsal, Choir Loft
- **8 p.m.**, Adult Bell Choir Rehearsal, Fellowship Hall

Saturday, April 15

- **7 p.m.**, The Oratorio, “Considering Matthew Shepard,” Sanctuary

Sunday, April 16 – Holy Humor Sunday

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

Looking ahead:

- **Sunday, April 23** Table Talk, 11:15, Fellowship Hall
An Introduction to the upcoming Wednesday Adult Education Classes concerning **Challenges of Immigration Reform**. The morning topic is “Myths, Misconceptions, and the Facts” with guest Immigration Attorney Tracey Hubbard.
- **Sunday, April 30 and May 7, An Inquirers Class** will be offered after church, room 206, for anyone wishing to find out more about our congregation.
- **A Congregational Meeting has been called for May 7** immediately after worship for the purpose of hearing and acting on the report of the Nominating Committee. We will meet in the sanctuary.

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**Camp Lackawanna is
accepting registrations
for the Summer 2023 Season!**

Camp programs are scheduled between
June 23 through July 21.

Check out the options
www.camplackawanna.org

Camping scholarships are available from our
Christian Education Committee.
Check with Jana Schillinger for details.

Programs are planned for children
and young people in
grades 1 through 12.

