

Oh no, not again ....



### **It's Holy Humor Sunday**

*It's the day you should have stayed home,  
but we are glad you are here.  
Today we are glad that anybody is here.*

## First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter / Holy Humor Sunday

The 81st Day of the Chinese Year of the Rabbit

### GATHER THIS MOTLEY CREW

The Early Notes "If You're Happy and You Know It" (see insert)

Congregational Sing Along, Accompanied by Our Children and Youth

Concerns of the Church ... *and we have a LOT of concerns about this place!*

Call to Worship

Knock, knock . . .

\* Opening Song 541 "God Be With You Till We Meet Again"

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

\* Time to Confess

***Lord of life, as we rejoice in the gift of laughter,  
we confess the ways we have abused the gift.***

***We fall short of your glory***

***when we use laughter as a weapon,***

***when we laugh at the expense of another,***

***when we use humor to tear others down,***

***or to excuse hateful beliefs and harmful stereotypes.***

***Lord, forgive us and grant us wisdom.***

***Teach us to take ourselves lightly,***

***to giggle, guffaw, and howl when the moment is right,***

***to diffuse tension with an injection of grace,***

***to distinguish between that which builds up or tears down.***

Checklist for Forgiveness:

Shh! I'm Praying. You'd Better, As Well

Are We Off the Hook Yet?

Passing the Peas of God

The Alleluia Moment (Refrain from Hymn 240)

***Alleluia! Alleluia! Give thanks to the Risen Lord.***

***Alleluia! Alleluia! Give praise to his name.***

### LISTEN UP - GOD'S TALKING

Prayer for People Who Don't Understand the Bible

First Lesson: Philippians 4:4-9

A Time with Young Buckaroos

Anthem

"Gather Us In"

Gospel Lesson: John 20:19-24 (NT, p. 115)

Sermon: "Holy Halitosis!"

Bishop Mildew



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

Pasturizer	Bishop W. G. Mildew
Hand Waver	Francois T. Messydesk
Finger Wiggler	K.10. <i>Eek! I-Saw-a-Mouse!</i>
Parable Tosser	Aunt J. Redhead
Statue in Absentia	Wayne, the Hula Dancer
Virtuous Understudy	K.B. Toys With You
Usherettes with Raisinettes	To Be Recruited
Friendly Greeters	Couldn't Find Any

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Congregational Sing Along:

### **If You're Happy and You Know It**

Accompanied by Our Children and Youth

If you're happy and you know it \*clap your hands  
If you're happy and you know it clap your hands  
If you're happy and you know it then your face will surely show it  
If you're happy and you know it clap your hands

\*stomp your feet

\*shout "Amen"!

### **Joy to the World**

Joy to the World, the Lord's alive. Awake, rejoice and sing!  
It's just as he had said, he's risen from the dead.  
Salvation now he brings, Salvation now he brings,  
Salvation, salvation now he brings.

Joy to the World, the empty tomb proclaims a victory.  
Of light compelling, a great dispelling  
Of darkness in the world, of darkness in the world,  
Of darkness, of darkness in the world.

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove  
The glories of his righteousness  
And wonders of His love, and wonders of His love,  
And wonders, wonders of His love.

# 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.

**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.

## **The Arts at First Presbyterian 2022-2023**

**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.

The event is 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](http://www.fpccs.org). The church is located at 300 School Street in Clarks Summit.

## This Week at a Glance

Sunday, April 16 – Holy Humor Sunday

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

Monday, April 17

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

Tuesday, April 18

- **10 a.m.**, Women's Bible Study. Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, April 19

- **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

Thursday, April 20

- 8:30 a.m., Men's Breakfast and Bible Study, Room 206

Sunday, April 23

- **10 a.m.**, Worship in the sanctuary and online
- **11:15**, Table Talk, Fellowship Hall

### Looking Ahead:

- Next Sunday, April 23, at 11:15 a.m., a Table Talk will be held in Fellowship Hall. It is 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.

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.



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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](http://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.

