

## First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day  
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 20, 2023

10:00 a.m.

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

### ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Hymn Sing (9:45 a.m.)            826, 20, 641

Words of Welcome

Prelude            "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"    arr. Kenneth Kosche

Call to Worship

Let praise to God resound in the heavens!

**Let praise to God fill the earth!**

Let all God's angels offer praise and rejoicing!

**Let all God's creatures sing praise and joy!**

Open your hearts and spirits today.

**Let us praise the Lord today and always!**

\* Hymn 33            "Praise the Lord! God's Glories Show"

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

\* Call to Confession

\* Prayer of Confession

**Gracious God, you know what kind of people we are.**

**We often judge others harshly and fail to see our shortcomings.**

**We look with suspicion and fear,**

**and neglect to show hospitality to strangers.**

**We withhold the grace and love that you give us so freely.**

**Forgive us. Pour out your grace upon us to save us from our sin.**

\* Silent Confession

\* Assurance of God's Forgiveness

Christ transforms, redeems, and renews. Through Christ's death and resurrection, we are a new creation, ready to sing God's glory and testify to God's grace and love. Friends, believe the Good News:

***In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen!***

\* Gloria Patri 581

### PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: Acts 11:1-18 (NT, p. 130)

Second Lesson: Revelation 21:1-6 (NT, p. 259)

A Time with Children

Gospel Lesson: John 13:31-35 (NT, p. 108)

Sermon: "God's Love is for Everyone, even Those People!"            Rev. Samford

### RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

\* Hymn 203            "Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love"

\* 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.***

Offering

Offertory "Have Thine Own Way, Lord" arr. Donald Hustad

\* Doxology 606

\* Prayer of Dedication

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

\* Hymn 318 "In Christ There Is No East or West"

\* Charge and Benediction

\* Postlude "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" arr. Lana Kelley

*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** have been given to the glory of God in loving memory of Ella Scheuer by her parents, Diane and Jack Scheuer.

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

Guest Preacher	Rev. William Samford
Coordinator of Children and Youth	Jana Schillinger
Director of Music	Frank Jones
Organist	Kay Ten Eyck
Liturgist	Grace Farrell
Ushers	Judy Cutler, Debbie Miller



John 13:34

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## This Week at a Glance

Sunday, August 20

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

Monday, August 21

Tuesday, August 22

- **7 p.m.**, Deacons, room 206

Wednesday, August 23

- **9:00**, Presbyter Mailing, room 206
- **10:30**, Prayer and Share, room 209

Thursday, August 24

- **7 p.m.**, Rehearsal for August 27 special music, Sanctuary  
Contact Connie or John Weiss for details at 570-466-4520.

Sunday, August 20

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

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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## 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 red attendance pads have returned to the pews!** Please sign 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 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.

**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.

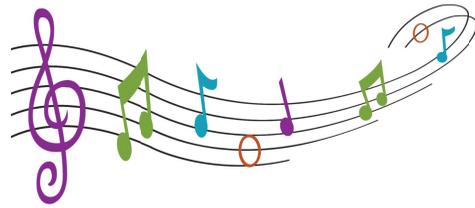
**Please pray for:** Hall, Kate, Leonard, Chuck, Jane, Rachel, Wayne, Alice, Cheryl, Kathy, Otto, Dawn, Colleen, Anne, Aria, Morse, Christian, Margaret, Bob, Bonnie, Leslie, Sara, Susan, Marta, Flo, Gretchen, Jim, Lisa, Karis, Janet, Patty, Dean, Sharon, Naylor family, Sonny, Ralph.



**Join Connie and John Weiss in singing for worship on Sunday August 27th.** Prior choral experience is not required. We will rehearse Thursday August 24 at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary. Questions? Call 570-466-4520.

**We will be looking for a sexton** to begin work this fall. A job description is posted on the church bulletin board. A letter of application and resume can

be sent to the church office.



## Coming this fall:

### **Sunday, September 3**

Our annual **Jazz Communion** will swing the fall into gear at 10:00 a.m. This year, we welcome the Presbybop Blue Note Sextet as they feature the music of trumpeter Lee Morgan.



**Sunday, September 10** - Join us for **Rally Day** as we celebrate a baptism and join together for a church-wide **pancake breakfast** after morning worship.

**Thursday, September 14** – Northeast Pennsylvania Philharmonic will present a concert in our sanctuary at 7 p.m.

**Saturday, September 16** – Highway Cleanup  
Meet at Clarks Summit Methodist Church at 9 a.m.

**Sunday, September 17** – Bird Walk at Lackawanna State Park

with Meg Hatch after worship.

**Tuesday, September 19** - The Presbyterian Women begin their **monthly Bible study** with Rev. Bill at 10 a.m. This year's topic: "Sacred Encounters: The Power and Presence of Jesus Christ in Luke-Acts."  
**All women are welcome!**

**Wednesday, September 20 - Adult Education** begins at 6:00 p.m. Dr. Charlie Pinches will offer the first series, titled, "The Apostle Paul and the Called Life."

**September 30 - October 1 - Worship Through Service** weekend, with hands-on service projects around the community.