

He is not here;
he has RISEN!

Mark 16:6



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

March 31, 2024

10:00 a.m.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude "Thine Is The Glory" arr. Noel Rawsthorne

Call to Worship from Isaiah 25:6-9

It will be said on that day:

we have waited for the Lord, that he might save us.

This is the Lord for whom we have waited;

Let us be glad and rejoice in God's salvation!

Jesus Christ is risen from the dead.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

* Processional Hymn 232 "Jesus Christ is Risen Today"
Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession

***Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave,
you shattered the power of sin and death.***

***We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear,
bound by the ways that lead to death.***

***We overlook the poor and the hungry,
and pass by those who mourn;***

***we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed,
and indifferent to calls for peace.***

Forgive us, God of mercy.

***Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new,
that we may know the joy of life abundant
given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord.***

* Silent Confession

* Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace

* Easter Response 589 "Alleluia"

Welcome and Concerns of the Church

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Gospel Lesson: Mark 16:1-8 (NT, p. 54)

A Time with Children

Anthem "Behold the Risen Savior!" Lloyd Larson

Epistle Lesson: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 (NT, p. 176)

Sermon: "As to One Untimely Born"

Rev. Carter

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 248 "Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!"

* Affirmation of Faith: Apostles' Creed (Hymnal, p. 35)

Offering

Offertory

"The Strife Is O'er"

arr. Colin Hand

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer (Hymnal, p. 8)

The Words of Institution

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.

During communion, we will join in two Easter hymns – 240 and 260.

* Prayer after Communion

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Hymn 233 "The Day of Resurrection!"

* Charge and Benediction

* Postlude Postlude on "Llanfair" arr. Mary McDonald

All are invited to remain seated to listen to the postlude.

If you are leaving before it 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

Heather Acker

Ushers

Chris Jeske and Bett Ellis

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 and archived for later viewing on the same site.
- Please use the **red attendance pads** to record your presence today.
- **Large-print bulletins** are located at the rear of the sanctuary.

Bible Time is our program for children (age 4 to approx. grade 4) to hear Bible stories told in a fun and engaging way. Each Sunday following the anthem, children are invited to go with leaders downstairs for Bible Time (lasting about 20 minutes) and return for the Prayers and the end of service.

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.

The 2024 Flower Calendar is located on the bulletin board next to Rev. Carter's office. If you would like to place flowers in the sanctuary for a Sunday morning, sign up. You will be contacted for more information.

Adult Education meets on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m., Room 206. Topics in April include:

- April 3 - "Seen and Heard on the Ground" - Our friend Bill Hoyle will report on a recent trip to Palestine.
- April 10 - Dr. Michael Azar (University of Scranton) returns for a conversation on Israel and Gaza
- April 17 and 24 - Rev. Bill and Friends begin a Bible Study series titled "Why Presbyterians Are Like That." We will explore the ways we read the Bible, pray, and serve. All are invited!

As Lent concludes, so does our invitation to support **One Great Hour of Sharing**. This annual appeal addresses world hunger, assists those who suffer from disasters, and lifts those who wish to improve the circumstances of their lives.

Interested in a Presbyterian trip to Scotland? Our church is sponsoring a Presbyterian Heritage Tour of Scotland for September 5-14, 2024. The trip will take our travelers to Edinburgh, Glasgow, St. Andrews, and the mystical island of Iona. A brochure is available in the Narthex. An information session was recorded for your listening. The trip will be capped off at 26 travelers. Interested? Let Rev. Carter know.

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, Bob, Bonnie, Betty, Lisa, Janet, Patty, Barb, Tami, Bette, Sharon, Jim, Ralph, Linzy, Sue, Dillon, Tony, Aiden, Bill, Margaret, Colleen M., Carmella, LeAnne, Wayne, Dennis V., Liz, Jerry, Wayne, Gerry, Tracy, Kathy, Hannah, Tom, Dick, Chris, Rick, Brian, Len, Joyce, Staci, Travis, Nancy, Helen, Edward, Irena, Maureen, Bentley, Sawyer, Nate, Kay, Ginny, and the Lipscomb, and Crotti families.

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.



State Hospital Luncheon
April 2nd, 12 Noon

You are invited to join us for a luncheon and fellowship with our guests from the State Hospital. We are collecting new socks (male & female) in the box in the Narthex. Helpers are always needed. Won't you come, to help serve and make our guests feel welcome? If you have any questions, please call Janet Dobson at (570) 563-1887.

Hearts and Hands for Camp Lackawanna

Can you help? Camp Lackawanna is organizing **two Hearts and Hands weekends** for April 12-14 and May 17-19. There are many tasks to be done. These include wood splitting, painting, cleaning, minor repairs, spreading woodchips, loading a dumpster, and others. There is something for all ages! You can come for the entire weekend or just one day. Meals and lodging will be provided. Please sign up by April 8 or May 13 by sending an email to Suzanne Bates at suzanne@batesemail.net, or calling 248-320-6095.

An Evening in Tuscany
Sunday, April 28th, 5 p.m.
Fellowship Hall

Come and join us for a fun evening of great food and fellowship to benefit the NEPA Youth Shelter. The evening begins at 5 p.m. with BYOB, charcuterie and appetizers. Followed by a 6 p.m. full buffet dinner, featuring a sumptuous variety of Italian specialties prepared by local Italian restaurants and FPCCS members.

To guarantee your reservation please RSVP with your check payable to FPCCS, note "Tuscan Dinner" by April 21st. \$25 per person; tables seat up to 8. Checks can be mailed to JoAnn Hall, 11 Crystal Park Blvd, Clifford Twp., PA 18407. Sign-up sheets in the Narthex and Fellowship Hall are to determine "head count" only.

This Week at a Glance

Today, March 31

- **10 a.m.**, Worship in the sanctuary and online
- **11 a.m.**, Easter Egg Hunt

Monday, April 1

- Church office is closed. (No fooling!)

Tuesday, April 2

- **12 noon.**, State Hospital Party, Fellowship Hall
- **7:00 p.m.**, Mission and Justice, Room 206

Wednesday, April 3

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

Thursday, April 4

- **8:30 a.m.**, Men's Breakfast and Bible Study, Room 206
- **5:45 p.m.**, Girl Scouts, Fellowship Hall
- **7:00 p.m.**, Building and Grounds, Room 209
- **7:00 p.m.**, Christian Education, Room 206

Friday, April 5

Saturday, April 6

Sunday, April 7 Holy Humor Sunday

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

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