

FACE PALM SUNDAY

*"Honestly,
I can't even
with you people..."*



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Last Shall Be First Presbyterian Church

2nd Sunday of Easter / Holy Humor Sunday

About 9:61 A.M.

10.12.0.11.8.5 on the Mayan Calendar

GATHER THIS MOTLEY CREW

- Opening Proclamation
- Music for Calisthenics
- Are You Concerned About Church? *Somebody Is.*
- Call to Worship

This is the day the Lord has made.

This is the day we could have stayed home.

We are glad you are here.

On a day like this, you are glad ANYBODY is here!

Lo, how we have waited for this day!

My name isn't Lo. But we are really glad to get out of the house.

If you're happy and you know it, clap your hands.

Clap! Clap!

- * Music, Music: Hymn 546 "Lord, Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing"

- * Telling the Truth

***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.

- * The Forgiveness Sequence
 - Shh! I'm Praying. You'd Better, As Well
 - Four Given?
 - Peace and Knock-Knock Jokes

Response: "Alleluia" 589

HUSH! GOD'S TALKING

- Prayer for Comprehending Obscure Bible Texts
- A Favorite Bible Verse: Psalm 2:4(a), (OT, p. 489)
followed by a visit from the Context Police

- An Almost Bible Story #1: Acts 29 (NT, index)
- A Time with the Wise Ones
- Music from the Jolly Choraliers
- Bible Story #2: Numbers 22:22-31, (OT, p. 141)
- Sermon: "Any Donkey Can Preach"

Rev. Don K. Kong

SO WHAT CHA GOING TO DO?

- * More Music: Hymn 157 "I Danced in the Morning"
- * What We Believe and What We Want to Believe
***We believe God takes delight in his creation,
that God enjoys his people,
that God laughs at the self-important.
We believe Jesus told jokes that many did not understand,
that he took joy in his saving work,
that people are still astonished to discover he is alive.
We believe that joy is evidence of the Holy Spirit,
that love is stronger than the grave,
that all things will work out well for those who love God.***

- The Give-Til-It-Feels-Good Sequence
 - One More Minute for One Great Hour
 - Fleecing the Flock Without Flinching
 - Wordless Tune for a Silent Collection
- The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper (*Need to play this straight. Mostly.*)
 - Invitation to the Lord's Table
 - Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer (Hymnal, p. 35)
 - 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.
- Sit Down, Sit Down, You're Rocking the Boat. And It's Time to Pray.

YOU DON'T HAVE TO GO HOME BUT YOU CAN'T STAY HERE

- * Holy Song 611 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"
- * Gesundheit!
- * Organic Music

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- * All who are able shall shake, rattle, and roll.
 - Special checklist boxes are included to keep your place in the service.

Today we continue to celebrate Easter through a gentle observance of Holy Humor Sunday. This is an ancient Easter custom begun in the early centuries of Christian faith, as we celebrate Jesus' resurrection with joy and laughter.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

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| M.C. | Waynewood Lake |
| Posture Pedic | Rev. Don K. Kong |
| Children's Idol | Jana Taj Mahal |
| Singspiration Leader | Frankly Scarlet |
| Zithers and Pipes | Jumpin' J.T. |
| Ushers | The Final Four |
| Greeters | Shiny Happy People |

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.

The flowers have been given by Betty Keen in celebration of the birthday of her husband, Don Keen.

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.

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.

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

- 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!

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.

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.

It has been brought to our attention that there were some name omissions on the Easter Flower list last week. We are very sorry that this occurred.



Concert: "Spring Can Really Hang You Up"

Sunday, April 21, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.

Bill Carter and the Presbybop Sextet

April "mixes memory and desire," wrote the poet T.S. Eliot. This poignant springtime theme will be explored by the Presbybop Sextet in a musical celebration for Jazz Appreciation Month. The music will feature jazz compositions and arrangements of Bill Carter and Bill's mentor, Al Hamme, in memory of Al's passing in September 2023.

The concert is also a launch event for Bill's new book, "Thriving on a Riff: Jazz and the Spiritual Life". The author will sign books at a reception following the concert.

The concert is open to the public free of charge, with a freewill offering taken to help defray the costs of the event.

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.

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.



This Week at a Glance

Today, April 7

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

Monday, April 8

Tuesday, April 9

Wednesday, April 10

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

Thursday, April 11

- **5:45 p.m.**, Girl Scouts, Fellowship Hall

Friday, April 12

- **Presbyter Deadline**
- **Hearts and Hands for Camp Lackawanna Weekend**

Saturday, April 13

- **9:00 a.m.**, Highway Clean-up, Clarks Summit Methodist Church parking lot (Morgan Highway and Grove Street)

Sunday, April 14

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