



First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
19th Sunday after Pentecost

September 29, 2024

10:00 a.m.

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

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Hymn
Words of Welcome

Prelude "This is My Father's World/He's Got the Whole World in His Hands"
arr. Brant Adams
Psalm 124:1

Call to Worship

Our help is in the name of the Lord
who made heaven and earth.

This is the day the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

* Hymn 12 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"
Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession

**O Lord our God,
you call us to work for a world
where all will be fed and have dignity,
but we find ourselves distracted by our own desires.
You call us to seek justice and peace,
but we are satisfied with injustice and discord.
You call us to bring liberty to the oppressed,
but we do not insist on freedom for all.**

**Forgive us, O Lord.
Turn us to your will by the power of your Spirit,
so that all may know your justice and peace;
through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior.**

* Silent Confession

* Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace

* Response (Hymn 439, v. 2)

**God forgives all your transgressions, all diseases gently heals;
God redeems you from destruction, and with you so kindly deals.**

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: James 5:13-20 (NT, p. 231)

Psalter: Psalm 124 (Hymnal 330)

A Time with Children

Anthem

Second Lesson: Mark 9:38-41 (NT, p. 45)

Sermon: "More Than Us"

Rev. Carter

Fall Sermon Series: Disciple School 102

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 738 "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"

* Affirmation of Faith Declaration of Faith, PCUS 7.4

***The church has often lived and worked
among those who do not share the Christian faith.
It has been sometimes corrupted and sometimes helped
by other religions, and by secular faiths and ideologies.
In turn it has affected them for good or ill.
We do not fully comprehend God's way with other faiths.
We need to listen to them with openness and respect,
testing their words to us by God's word.
We should be loving and unafraid in our dealings with them.
We know God calls us to share the gift of Christ
with all who will receive it.
We are confident God judges all faiths, including our own.***

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Minute for Mission Diane Scheuer

Offering

Offertory "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" arr. David Lasky

* Doxology 606

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Christ, all people here below.
Praise Holy Spirit evermore. Praise Triune God, whom we adore.***

* Prayer of Dedication

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Hymn 343 "Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life"

* Charge and Benediction

* Postlude "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" arr. David Lasky

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
Trumpeter	Jeff Leas
Liturgist	Debbie Miller
Ushers	Diane Cosner and Chris Jeske

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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.

- **Join us at 10:00 a.m. in person or on our YouTube channel**, (or stream the service on YouTube at a later time).
- Please use the **red attendance pads** to record your presence today.
- **Large-print bulletins** are located at the rear of the sanctuary.

This morning for our children:

- **The Nursery** is staffed regularly on Sunday mornings from 9:40 to 11:10 a.m. Located in room 208 (sanctuary level), it is furnished with a changing table, and age-appropriate toys and books for children ages 3 and younger.
- **Bible Time**, for children age 4 to approx. grade 4, will be hearing about
*how God provides *celebrating our gifts *Deborah *Elijah.

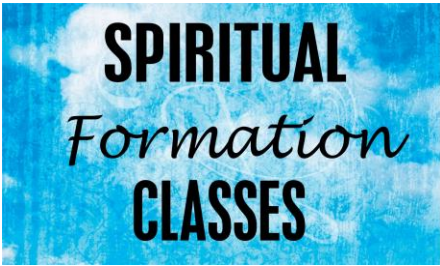
Tell us your prayer concerns. Prayer Request Cards are in the pew racks. Pass them to the center aisle to be collected during the first hymn.

Please pray for: Hall, Janet, Travis, Edward, Irena, Maureen, Bentley, Nate, Kay, Kelly, Judy, Renee and family, Clyde, Emily, Denise, Sawyer, June, Marion, Nancy J., Debbie S., Brenden, Sue, Rebecca, Anne, Brenda, Jerry, Denise, Dawn, Chris, JoAnne, Sue, Jeanette, Rob, the family of Franklin G., Dennis V., Ray, Theresa, Jeneane, Lucy, Marlene.

On Tuesday, October 1, there is a luncheon for guests from Clarks Summit State Hospital. During that event, they are given gifts of warm socks. **A box is located in the Narthex to receive donations** of new socks for men and women. Your donations of socks will be greatly appreciated. Please refer questions to Janet Dobson, coordinator.



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.



Please join us on Wednesday evenings!

Adult Education

Throughout the fall, our focus will be Discipleship. On Wednesday, we will continue to discuss Faithful Discipleship During a Time of Election, by exploring the rise (or resurgence) of Authoritarian

Reactionary Christianity. Source materials are from Columbia Theological Seminary.

Adult Education meets in room 206 at 5:45 p.m. Feel free to bring a sandwich or salad to enjoy while we meet. All are invited!

The Adult Choir rehearses at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. The director's dream is for everyone to come a few minutes early to get music and take a seat. All are welcome. Invite your friends. Let's have some fun!



Our Bell Choir rehearses at 8 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

If you are interested in ringing, speak with Dick Cochrane.

There just might be a bell for you!

The 2024-25 Arts Series at First Presbyterian will open with an organ recital by **Chris Johnson** today at 4 p.m.

Organist Christopher Johnson, a graduate of The Cleveland Institute of Music, Manhattan School of Music and Yale University, is the organist and director of music at Covenant Presbyterian Church in Scranton. He previously served as director of music and organist at Riverside Church and artist-in-residence at Union Theological Semin-ary, and is the long-time director of Chapel music at The Interchurch Center in New York City.



This Week at a Glance

Sunday, September 29

- **10 a.m.**, Worship in the sanctuary and online
- **4 p.m.**, Arts Series: Organ concert with Chris Johnson

Tuesday, October 1

- **12:00 noon**, State Hospital Luncheon, Fellowship Hall
- **5 p.m.**, Generosity Team, Room 209
- **7 p.m.**, Mission and Justice, Room 206

Wednesday, October 2

- **10:30 a.m.**, Prayer and Share, Room 209
- **5:45 p.m.**, Adult Education, Room 206
- **7 p.m.**, Adult Choir, sanctuary
- **8 p.m.**, Bell Choir, Fellowship Hall

Thursday, October 3

- **8:30 a.m.**, Men's Breakfast and Bible Study
- **7 p.m.**, Building and Grounds, Room 209
- **7 p.m.**, Christian Education, Room 206

Saturday, October 5 Worship Through Service

- **9:00 a.m.**, Highway Cleanup, meet at Clarks Summit United Methodist Church, Morgan Highway (Alan Baker)
- **10:00-11:30 a.m.**, Blessing of the Animals, back parking lot of our church (Rev. Carter)
- **1:00-3:00 p.m.**, Bingo for Clarks Summit State Hospital residents, (Diane Scheuer)

Sunday, October 6 World Communion Worship Through Service 10 a.m.,

Worship in the sanctuary and online

- **11:00 a.m.**, Prepare sandwiches for Community Intervention Center, Church Kitchen (Melba Fialko)
- **11:00 a.m.**, Sew Quilts for the Homeless, Fellowship Hall (Marie Cochrane)
- **11:15 a.m.**, Create Door Wreaths for Members in Assisted Living, Room 206 (Debbie Shane)
- **2:00 p.m.**, Hymn Sing at the Pines, (Jan Thyren)
- **TBD, Serve Communion for Shut-ins** (Beverly Bright)

Worship Through Service

Projects planned for days other than October 5-6

- **Packing boxes to take to our shut-ins**, TBD, Youth and adults can color greeting cards and help prepare boxes for distribution (Patti McGonagle)
- **Yard and Garden Help**, details TBD (The Farrell Family)

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