



*When the devil
had finished every test,
he departed from him
until an opportune time.*

LUKE 4:13, NRSV

First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
1st Sunday in Lent

March 9, 2025

10:00 a.m.

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

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Hymn 423
Words of Welcome

Prelude "Forty Days and Forty Nights" arr. Jason Dixon

Call to Worship Psalm 91:14-15

Those who love me, I will deliver;

I will protect those who know my name.

When they call to me, I will answer them;

I will be with them in trouble, I will rescue and honor them.

* Hymn 42 "Your Faithfulness, O Lord, Is Sure"
Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession

Everlasting God,

fountain of all life and the true home of every heart:

Our hearts are restless until they rest in you.

Yet our hearts have wandered away

by selfish passion and base desire.

Having sought many things,

we have neglected the one thing needful.

We have not loved you with our whole hearts;

turn us back to you and grant us forgiveness.

Lead us home, that we may find in you

our life and joy and peace.

* Silent Confession

* Response: ***Create in me a clean heart, O God;*** Hymnal 423
create in me a clean heart, O God;
create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.

* Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace

During the season of Lent, we refrain from singing alleluia.

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: Deuteronomy 26:1-11 (OT, p. 180)

Psalter: Psalm 91 (Hymnal 43)

A Time with Children

Anthem "On Eagle's Wings" Jan Michael Joncas

Gospel Lesson: Luke 4:1-13 (NT, p. 61)

Sermon: "Misreading the Bible"

Rev. Carter

Sermon series: Come Home with Luke

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 gather 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.

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.
- During Bible Time we will be listening to Jesus, learning about being a good neighbor, growing God's kingdom, celebrating, and being lost & found.

Our Wednesday Adult Bible Study continues each week at 5:45. The Bible study is called **"An Acceptable Fast,"** based on the Old Testament lectionary readings for the season of Lent. Want to be with a group that studies the Bible and enjoys one another? Come and join us!



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, Ann, Tim, Bill, Mike, Jason, Bobby, Craig K., Gary K., Phil, Tucker, Frank, Cheryl, Kathy, Tim, Ray, Caleb, Jon, Char, Wayne, Susan, Jerry, Don, Roberta, Judy, family of Dr. Smeraldi, Evelyn, Wayne, Clark family, Candace, Jen, Terry, the Tolpa family, Edward, Sue, the Fitzgerald family, Joseph, Baby Lyric.

The next Mobile Food Pantry takes place **this Thursday, March 13.** Pre-registration is required at fpccsfoodpantry@gmail.com or 570-586-6306.

More Lackawanna County families are welcome. Put the word out so that others can have access to this program.

Pots of Tulips will be ordered for Easter morning. The plants are \$9 per pot. Deadline to order is Sunday, March 16. Make checks payable to First Presbyterian Church. To purchase tulips, complete the order form (found in the Presbyter or in the Narthex) and either place it in the offering plate or return it to the church office with payment.



STATE HOSPITAL LUNCHEON - Tuesday, April 1, noon, Fellowship Hall

All are welcome to join us for a meal and fellowship with guests from Clarks Summit State Hospital. We would like to collect items for them such as small writing journals/notebooks (not wire bound), blank cards (if imprinted inside, that's OK), any CD'S that you aren't interested in anymore, candy (no hard candy or nuts), and new socks for Males/Females. A box will be placed in the narthex for donations. Any questions or if interested in attending that day, please do not hesitate in giving Janet Dobson a call, or leave a message at the church office, 570-586-6306 or office@fpccs.org

2025 Flower calendar: There are still several available weeks for individuals, families, and church committees to donate flowers for the worship service. Please email office@fpccs.org or call 570-586-6306 and Karis or Rebekah Naeher will contact you.

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.



Looking Ahead:

- Highway Cleanup, April 12, 9 a.m.
- Hickory Street Community Meal, April 26
- Vacation Bible School, July 14-18, 2025

ARTS at First Presbyterian

Sunday, March 16, 4 p.m., The Lyric Consort presents Irish music for St Patrick's Day. This a cappella vocal group led by Chris Gallo was founded by Dr. Alan Baker in 1993 and performs beautiful vocal music for unaccompanied voices.



Saturday, March 29, 7 p.m., a Tuba Recital

will be presented by renowned British tuba player Will Druiett. Mr. Druiett has appeared in recitals throughout Europe, USA, and Asia. Recently Will was invited to perform as a soloist as part of the 79th Vienna Philharmonic Ball in the Musikverein.

Saturday, April 5, 7 p.m.

An Evening with the Seraph Brass

“The next Canadian Brass” is how critics describe this quintet of the world’s best brass players. Don’t miss this outstanding ensemble as they return to NEPA. They will raise the roof!



Can you help?

Arts at First Presbyterian is looking for a host home or homes for two female musicians for the April 5 concert. The host would need to house the individual(s) on Saturday evening and provide breakfast on Sunday morning. The host would also need to provide transportation from church to your home after the concert and back to church Sunday morning. The only requirements are a separate room and a pet-free and smoke-free home. If interested, please contact the webmaster at webmaster@fpccs.org, or the office at 570-586-6306.

This Week at a Glance

Sunday, March 9

- 10 a.m., Worship in the sanctuary and online
- Following the anthem, Bible Time
- 11:15 a.m., LIFT program, Fellowship Hall

Monday, March 10

Tuesday, March 11

- 9:30 a.m., Yoga, Room 111
- 6 p.m., OA, Room 210
- 7 p.m., AA, Room 111

Wednesday, March 12

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

Thursday, March 13

- 4 – 6 p.m., Mobile Food Pantry distribution, Fellowship Hall

Friday, March 14

- Presbyter Deadline – Please send articles to office@fpccs.org

Saturday, March 15

Sunday, March 16

- 10 a.m., Worship in the sanctuary and online
- Following the anthem, Bible Time
- 11:15 a.m., Pre-confirmation meeting
- 4 p.m., Lyric Consort presents Irish music for St. Patrick's Day, Sanctuary

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