



WE BID ALL who have come to worship a warm welcome in the name of Jesus Christ! If you do not have a church home, we invite you to become part of this community of faith and learn about what it means to follow Jesus Christ. Please join us for summer worship Sunday mornings at **10:00**. Find more info at: www.firstprescarlisle.org.

~ ANNOUNCEMENTS ~

TODAY, serving in worship:

Reader: Denise Kelly

Greeters/Ushers: Bruce & Kathy Mulvey; Lynda Mann

Fellowship Host: Connie Husler

Video Recorder: Joe Shane

Audio Recorder: Ray Thomas

THIS WEEK, in our prayers:

* **in the Presbytery:** Congregation of Middletown; seeking a pastor

* **in the community:** Dickinson College Religious Life

* **in the congregation (at random):** Lois Lloyd

THIS WEEK, in the life of the church:

▪ **Monday:** Office closed; Happy Labor Day!

▪ **Wednesday, 7 PM:** Choir rehearsal (*psst.....Pastor Tony's birthday!*)

NEXT SUNDAY.....16th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST.....SEP. 8th

~ RETURN TO NORMAL SUNDAY SCHEDULE ~

> **9:15 AM:** Prayer, sanctuary

> **9:30 AM:** Sunday school (adult class, Gathering Room)

> **10:45 AM:** Worship, includes Communion; Scripture, James 1:17-27; Sermon, "Faith in Action: Just Do It!"

> **After worship:** Church Picnic, Fellowship Hall

> **5 PM:** Deacons/Friends serve "My Brother's Table" at The Salvation Army.

ADULT EDUCATION CLASS resumes next Sunday at 9:30 AM in the

Gathering Room. On Sunday mornings in September we will consider the

weighty topic of the conflict in the Middle East, using as a study guide,

Chosen? Reading the Bible Amid the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict. We

will consider such questions as: How do we respond as Christians?; and

What does Jesus teach us about peace? Although there are no easy

answers to this complex situation, we will try to understand it better.

(The books are available today.) **Mark Your Calendar...Come.....Join In!**

BOOKSHELVES – recently replenished! The library in Fellowship Hall has

recently received a large infusion of new books (look for the purple dots;

\$1 hardbacks, \$.50 paperbacks). As always, book sales continue to support

the Carlisle Area Family Life Center. Thirty packets were recently prepared

and delivered to the Center (i.e., books/handmade baby hats/literature on

the importance of reading to babies), and this note was received:

"....Thank you....your packets have been so helpful in showing our clients

right from the start how the center and the community will be there for them

to assist their family."



**ALL-CHURCH PICNIC – Next Sunday, September 8th,
after 10:45 AM worship!**

**NOTE: Please sign up TODAY to help us plan! Needed
are a few cookie-bakers and clean-up crew members.
HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!**

~ About Today's Hymns ~

~ **"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"** was written by Walter Chalmers Smith (1824-1908). He was born in Aberdeen, Scotland, and ordained in 1850, serving churches in London, Glasgow and Edinburgh. The tune ST. DENIO is a Welsh folk melody from the early 19th century.

~ **"Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"** was written by George Croly (1780-1860). Born in Dublin, Ireland, Croly was ordained and served until age 30 in Ireland, then moved to London and devoted himself to literary works. The tune MORECAMBE was composed by Frederick Atkinson (1841-1897) for "Abide with Me: Fast Falls the Eventide." It was named for Morecambe Bay, near Bradford, England.

~ **"Come, Labor On"** was written by Jane Borthwick and was published in *Thoughts for Thoughtful Hours* (1857). Originally the hymn had seven stanzas but several of them have fallen into disuse. Borthwick spent her life in Edinburgh, Scotland, where she devoted herself to religious and social work, always maintaining a deep interest in home and foreign missions. The tune ORA LABORA was composed by Thomas Noble in 1918. He was born in Bath, England, and came to the U.S. in 1912 where he served as organist and choir director at St. Thomas Church, Fifth Avenue, NYC, 1912-1947.

(Source: *The Presbyterian Hymnal Companion*, LindaJo H. McKim)



Members of the Congregation, Ministers

The Rev. Anthony D. Lorenz, Pastor

The Rev. Jon A. Black, Pastor Emeritus

Debby Madden, Educator Emerita

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First Presbyterian Church
On-the-Square
Carlisle, Pennsylvania



September 1, 2024

10:00 a.m.

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

ORDER FOR WORSHIP

GATHERING

PRELUDES

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

Callahan

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

Powell

Brenda Long, Flute

~ GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS ~

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

Powell

Brenda Long, Flute

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good.

God's steadfast love endures forever.

Let us live by the power of the Spirit.

And be guided by the power of God!

* HYMN #263 – “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you
with our whole heart and mind and strength.
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
In your mercy forgive what we have been,
help us amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be,
so that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name. AMEN**

(*silent confession . . .*)

* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

* RESPONSE #579 – “Gloria Patri”

* PASSING THE PEACE

Just as God has forgiven us in Christ Jesus, let us also forgive one another and offer signs of peace and reconciliation.

The peace of Christ be with you, **and also with you.**

(*Extend a word of peace with one another . . .*)

PROCLAIMING

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**O Lord, you have given us your Word
for a light to shine upon our path.
Grant us so to meditate on that Word,
and to follow its teaching
that we may find in it the light
that shines more and more
until the perfect day.
Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. AMEN**

FIRST LESSON

Psalm 16

(O.T., p. 495)

(The Word of the Lord; **thanks be to God!**)

SPECIAL MUSIC

The Lord's My Shepherd

Powell

Brenda Long, Flute

SECOND LESSON

Galatians 5:16-26

(N.T., p. 190)

(The Word of the Lord; **thanks be to God!**)

SERMON

“Live By the Spirit”

Rev. Lorenz

* HYMN #326 – “Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart”

* THE APOSTLES' CREED (Traditional)

**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 LORD'S PRAYER

(p. 16, blue hymnal)

GIVING THANKS

OFFERING OURSELVES

Offertory

Allegretto

Vinci

* RESPONSE #592 – “Praise God”

* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**Blessed are you,
O Lord our God, maker of all things.
Through your goodness
you have blessed us with many gifts.
With them we offer ourselves
to your service and dedicate our lives
to the care and redemption of all that you have made,
for the sake of him who gave himself for us –
even our Lord Jesus Christ. AMEN**

SENDING

* HYMN #415 – “Come, Labor On”

* BENEDICTION

* CLOSING RESPONSE #535 – “Go with Us, Lord”

**“Go with us, Lord, and guide the way
Through this and every coming day.
That in Your Spirit strong and true
Our lives may be our gift to You.”**

* POSTLUDE

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* indicates please stand, if able

BOLD indicates ALL read

Children's Worship Bulletins are available; an usher can assist you



TODAY, please remain after worship to enjoy conversation and light refreshments in Fellowship Hall.

TODAY, we welcome & thank Brenda Long for sharing her musical gift.