



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. Find more info at: www.firstprescarlisle.org.

Announcements

TODAY, we give special thanks to Lori Elliott for sharing her musical gifts.

TODAY, serving in worship:

- Reader: Jim King
- Greeters/Ushers: Jean Kretzing; Ron & Deb Richcreek
- Fellowship Hosts: Parish Life Committee (Celebrate June birthdays!)
- Video Recorder: Joe Shane
- Audio Recorder: Ray Thomas

TODAY, after worship:

- ~ **You are invited** to Fellowship Hall for conversation and light refreshments. While there, you can participate in the "Dinner for Dads" fundraiser (details below).
- ~ **The Prayer Community** meets. All are welcome!

TODAY (Father's Day) is a 2nd opportunity to support our annual "Dinner for Dads" local mission fundraiser. In recognition of Fathers' Day, "meal tickets" can be purchased in Fellowship Hall. All donations support the Deacons' local mission of preparing and serving The Salvation Army and Community CARES food programs throughout the year.

CONGRATULATIONS, CLASS OF 2026! Congratulations to Camryn Thompson who graduated in May from West Chester University with a Bachelor's Degree in Communication and Media Studies. Camryn is the daughter of Heather and the late Scott Thompson, and granddaughter of Mary Jane Blosser.

THIS WEEK, in our prayers:

- * **in the presbytery:** Centre (Loysville); Rev. Lon Kuehn
- * **in the community:** Tree of Life (K St.)
- * **in the congregation (at random):** Gerald & Jenneane Light; Suzanne McKinnon

NEXT SUNDAY.....FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST.....JUNE 28TH

- > **10:00 AM:** Worship; Sermon, "Pharisees, Tax Collectors, and Sinners!" (Luke 18:9-14)
- > **After worship:** Fellowship Time

ON SUNDAY, JULY 5th, First Church will celebrate our nation's 250th birthday by worshiping as Colonial-era Presbyterians did. You won't want to miss this very special worship service. Invite a friend!

YOUTH AND PARENTS – CLIP & SAVE THIS REMINDER! Presbyterian Youth Fellowship will meet in the Gathering Room the 2nd Sunday of the month for a time of lunch, fellowship and discussion. Mark your calendar with these projected dates: **July 12....Aug. 9.....Sep. 13.....Oct. 11.....Nov. 8...and Dec. 13.**



Members of the Congregation, Ministers The Rev. Anthony D. Lorenz, Pastor The Rev. Jon A. Black, Pastor Emeritus Debby Madden, Educator Emerita Arthur Thompson, Organist Ron Richcreek, Music Director Avis Allen, Secretary Chuck Adler, Sexton Office Hours: Mon. & Wed., 10 AM-3 PM Phone: (717) 243-4612; E-mail: fpCarl@pa.net ; Website: www.firstprescarlisle.org	Church Officers Elders Deb Richcreek Deb Ryerson Tricia Naylor Matt Weiser Charlie Thompson Susan Palyo Lynne Hofferica Lynda Mann Vicki McLaughlin Deacons Jim King Jeff Whitman Danielle Weiser Barbara Allen Mary Jane Blosser Bruce Ashbaugh Anita Ashbaugh Pat Pepper Earlene Heckendorn
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Our Mission Partners	
Local	International
Project SHARE Community CARES Samaritan Fellowship SPY Maranatha-Carlisle Safe Harbour My Brothers' Table CV Habitat for Humanity	Presbytery of Honduras Partnership Honduras Scholarship Fund Kids Connection Haiti Reach Out Lafond, Haiti Friends of Presbyterian Educ. Board



First Presbyterian Church On-the-Square Carlisle, Pennsylvania



June 21, 2026

10:00 a.m.

The Fourth Sunday
after Pentecost

ORDER FOR WORSHIP

GATHERING

PRELUDES

All Glory Be to God on High
Faith of Our Fathers
The Old Rugged Cross

Telemann
Young
arr. Nishimura

Lori Elliott, flute

~ GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS ~

The King of Love

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* CALL TO WORSHIP

(Psalm 121)

I lift up my eyes to the hills;
from where will my help come?
**My help comes from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.**

He will not let your foot be moved;
he who keeps you will not slumber.
**He who keeps Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.**

The Lord is your keeper;
the Lord is your shade at your right hand.
**The sun shall not strike you by day
nor the moon by night.**

The Lord will keep you from all evil;
he will keep your life.
**The Lord will keep
your going out and your coming in
from this time on and forevermore.**

* HYMN #181 – “Come Sing to God”

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Most holy and merciful Father,
we confess to you and to one another,
that we have sinned against you
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 fully loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We have not always had in us the mind of Christ.**

**You alone know how often we have grieved you
by wasting your gifts, by wandering from your ways.
Forgive us, we pray you, most merciful Father,
and free us from our sin.
Renew in us the grace and strength
of your Holy Spirit, for the sake of
Jesus Christ, your Son our Savior. 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

(John Calvin, 1509-1564)

**Almighty and gracious God,
since our salvation stands
in our knowledge of your holy word,
pour out your Holy Spirit upon us,
that our hearts may be freed
from the chains of sin,
so that we may hear and receive your word,
recognizing your gracious will for us.
Teach us by scripture to love
and serve you with delight,
praising and glorifying you;
in Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN**

FIRST LESSON Jeremiah 31:27-34 (O.T., p. 734)
(The Word of the Lord; **thanks be to God!**)

SPECIAL MUSIC *I Love to Tell the Story* arr. Nishimura
Lori Elliott, flute

SECOND LESSON Luke 18:1-8 (N.T., p. 81)
(The Word of the Lord; **thanks be to God!**)

SERMON “Persistence Pays Off” Rev. Lorenz

* HYMN #333 – “Seek Ye First”

* 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 *Allegro* Anonymous

* RESPONSE #592 – “Praise God”

* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**Heavenly Father,
you have given us riches beyond measure.
We can only return a fraction of what we owe you;
but we ask, Lord, that you will bless our gifts today
and help us to use them wisely in your service
and for your glory. AMEN**

SENDING

* HYMN #383 – “My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

* BENEDICTION

* CLOSING RESPONSE #540 (v. 1) - “God Be with You Till We Meet Again”

**“God be with you till we meet again; Loving counsels, guide uphold you,
With a Shepherd’s care enfold you: God be with you till we meet again.”**

* POSTLUDE *Fuga* Selby

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\* indicates please stand, if able  
BOLD indicates ALL read

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