

~ Announcements ~

TODAY, we give thanks to Marsha Krotseng for sharing her musical gift.

TODAY, after worship, you are invited to Fellowship Hall for conversation and light refreshments.

- TODAY, serving in worship:*
- **Reader:** Nancy Jacoby
 - **Greeters/Ushers:** Ron & Deb Richcreek; Deb Ryerson
 - **Fellowship Hosts:** Lynne Hofferica & Nancy Jacoby
 - **Video Recorder:** Joe Shane
 - **Audio Recorder:** Ray Thomas

THIS WEEK, in the life of the church:

~ **Wednesday, 6:00 PM:** Choir rehearsal

- THIS WEEK, in our prayers:*
- * **in the presbytery:** Big Spring (Newville); Beth Fine, Comm. Ruling Elder
 - * **in the community:** Faith Chapel (Holly Pike)
 - * **in the congregation (at random):** Alberta “Bertie” Stoops

NEXT SUNDAY.....14th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST.....AUGUST 30th

> **10:00 AM:** Worship; Sermon: “Who Did the Right Thing?” (Matt. 21:23-32)

> **After worship:** Fellowship Time



Monday, Aug. 31, 7:00 PM: The final selection in this summer’s Book Club will be discussed. It’s not too late to read Death Comes for the Archbishop, Willa Cather....and join in the discussion.



Correction. Jake and Jaclyn Myers' newborn son is named Merle Wayne Myers. All are happy and healthy!



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	<u>Church Officers</u>	
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First Presbyterian Church
On-the-Square
Carlisle, Pennsylvania



August 23, 2026
10:00 a.m.

The Thirteenth Sunday
after Pentecost

ORDER FOR WORSHIP

GATHERING

PRELUDES
Be Thou My Vision
Cantilena
The God of Abraham Praise

Manz
Held
Young

~ GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS ~
~ Minutes for Mission ~

Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier
(from Orgelbuch, presented by the Matthias & Jetta Rogg)

Clausnitzer

* CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 103:1-5)

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless his holy name.
Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and do not forget all his benefits --
who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,
who redeems your life from the Pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,
who satisfies you with good as long as you live
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle’s.

* HYMN #464 – “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, in whom we live
and move and have our being,
whose face is hidden from us by our sins,
and whose mercy we forget
in the blindness of our hearts:
cleanse us from all our offenses,
and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires,
that with reverent and humble hearts
we may draw near to you,
confessing our faults,
confiding in your grace,
and finding in you our refuge and strength;
through Jesus Christ your Son. 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

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 Genesis 50:15-21 (O.T., p. 48)
(The Word of the Lord; **thanks be to God!**)

SPECIAL MUSIC Domine Deus from Gloria Vivaldi
Marsha Krotseng, vocalist

SECOND LESSON Matthew 18:23-35 (N.T., p. 20)
(The Word of the Lord; **thanks be to God!**)

SERMON “Mercy, In Like Manner” Rev. Lorenz

* HYMN #261 – “God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us”

* 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 Interlude Gawthrop

* RESPONSE #592 – “Praise God”

* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have these gifts to offer --
the fruit of our labor and of the skills you have given us.
Take us and our possessions to do your work in the world.
Blessed be God forever. AMEN

SENDING

* HYMN #223 – “O My Soul, Bless Your Redeemer”

* 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 Ode to Joy Beethoven

* indicates please stand, if able

BOLD indicates ALL read

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



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.