



Service For The Lord's Day

May 18, 2025 **Those who are able, please stand.* **10:00 A.M. Worship**

WELCOME! We are glad you are worshipping with us today. We pray that you will be challenged and find joy, hope, and celebration in this time spent together in the presence of God. *Please sign and pass the "Ritual of Friendship" booklet; then, return it to the first person.*

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER TO WORSHIP

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you

All: And also with you.

PRELUDE

"Prelude in F"

Bach

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

"In your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect..." (1 Peter 3:15)

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

(Responsive)

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

All: The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Leader: Let the peoples praise You, O God.

All: Let all the peoples praise You for the light, the love, and the new Jerusalem.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION *(In Unison)*

Astonishing God, You give us a vision of the heavenly city, the new Jerusalem, Your home among mortals on earth. Your blessing shines upon all the earth to help us see a larger vision of creation. You call us to move beyond our comfortable circles and into unfamiliar places, as we seek to share Your dream of a world made new in Christ. Be with us as we worship You and envision this new Jerusalem. Amen.

No. 233

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

excerpt from the Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth, praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!” With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

***HYMN**

“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

No. 610

PREPARATION PSALM

“Hear Our Prayer, O Lord”

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

(Pastor)

PRAYER

...“Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory forever. Amen.”

OFFERTORY

“Arietta”

Grieg

***DOXOLOGY**

No. 592

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

(In Unison)

Giving God, as spring bursts forth its blossoms in witness to Your love, You bless us from generation to generation with the new life of Easter faith. All that we have and that we are comes from You, O God. We gladly share this offering, so that others too may be blessed, for the sake of Jesus Christ, in Whose name we pray. Amen.

***HYMN**

“Lead On, O King Eternal!”

No. 269

GOD’S PEOPLE GO FORTH TO SERVE

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

***BENEDICTION**

“Amen”

POSTLUDE

“Postlude in G”

Bach

***THE CELEBRATION HAS ENDED;
LET OUR SERVICE BEGIN!***

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Welcome Visitors!



The Nursery is available for infants to 4-year-olds.
FPC Vision: Glorify and enjoy God through worship, education, and service.
FPC's Web Page: <http://www.fpcwarren.org>
Email address: info@fpcwarren.org
Facebook: First Presbyterian Church of Warren
Hearing Devices to better enable you to hear the service are available from one of the ushers. Please return the device at the end of the service.

THE DEACONS would like to thank all who remember the Deacons' Cupboard while shopping. They are requesting **toothpaste and toilet paper** for the month of **May**. You may leave your items in the Deacons' box in Fellowship Hall.

RADIO MINISTRY is funded today by **Janet Williams**. Our service is broadcast at 10:00 a.m. Sundays on 1570 AM and 97.7 FM. If you would like to contribute to this ministry, donations designated for the Radio Ministry may be placed in the offering box; contributions may also be mailed to the Church Office with "Radio Ministry" in the memo of the check. Our Radio Ministry costs \$125.00 per week; your support will keep this ministry alive.

GROCERY BAGS: Help yourself to more reusable grocery bags located near the Sanctuary exits to help care for the earth God created. This is a mustard seed project provided by Miriam Esther Circle to reduce single use plastics and to clean up the environment.

THE SPIRE DEADLINE for June is **Wednesday, May 21**. Please send your articles and photos to Kathie at kathietrowbridge@fpcwarren.org. Thank you.

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED at **noon on Friday, May 23, and all day Monday, May 26**, in observance of the Memorial Day holiday. Have a fun and safe holiday.

50 DAYS OF EASTER PRAYER CALENDAR: For each day of the Easter Season (stretching from April 20 until June 8 this year), you are invited to invest some focused time in prayer. Get prayer calendar in the Church Office, ask for a copy to be mailed to you, or download the "50 Days" guide from [\[tinyurl.com/50EasterPrayers\]](http://tinyurl.com/50EasterPrayers)

AMPHITHEATER SUMMER CONCERTS: Volunteers are needed this summer to collect \$5 from people who want to park in our parking lot for the concerts at the Warren Community Amphitheater. FPC splits the proceeds between Deacons' missions and parking lot maintenance. Please choose a band you want to hear as listed on the sheet in Fellowship Hall and sign up for a shift that night. We need two people for each shift. It is easy to do and a fun way to spend a Saturday evening! The first concert will be **Saturday, May 31**.

VOICES OF MICAH TEA: Please join the Voices of Micah 6:8 Committee on **Thursday, June 5**, for a tea at **4:00 PM** as we bring women of our community together to share our successes, concerns, and how we can support one another. Members of our group participated in the High Tea hosted by the YWCA Mahoning Valley on Feb. 20, 2025, at the Upton House in honor of their 120th anniversary. We want to offer the opportunity to extend the dialogue we shared to include others. Please RSVP to the Church Office at 330-393-1524 or email donnallatessa@gmail.com.

SAVE THE DATE: FPC Warren Kids' Kamp 2025 will be held **Sunday, June 22 – Thursday, June 26, from 5:00-7:30 PM**. The theme this year will be "What A Mess." Dinner will be served at 5:00 followed by learning, messy fun, and fellowship. We will welcome children who have completed Kindergarten – 5th grade. Call the Church Office at 330-393-1524 to pre-register your child. If you are interested in helping with this fun week, please contact Marissa Welke at 234-600-6773.



PASTOR:

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRY:

DIRECTOR OF FAMILY AND YOUTH MINISTRY:

LAY READER:

RADIO, LIGHTS AND SOUND SYSTEM:

VIDEO PROJECTION:

Rev. Greg Gillispie

Melanie A. Vlad

Marissa Welke

Betty Kay Womer

Alexis Musgrove

Bob Stahl

WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

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| Sun, May 18 | - Choir Rehearsal 9:00 am - Worship 10:00 am - Sunday School 10:30 am - Officers Nominating Committee Meeting, P 11:15 am |
| Mon, May 19 | - OA, P 10:00 am - Deacons' Meeting, FH 4:00 pm - Girl Scouts, B 5:30 pm - AA, MC 7:00 pm |
| Tues, May 20 | - Al-Anon, MC 9:30 am - Free Lunch and Grocery Distribution, FH 10:30 am - Finance Meeting, P 5:00 pm - Girl Scouts, FH 5:00 pm - NA, MC 7:00 pm |
| Wed, May 21 | - SPIRE DEADLINE - Crossroads Bereavement Group, P 1:00 pm - AA, MC 6:30 pm |
| Thur, May 22 | - Prayer Talk, FH 9:00 am |
| Fri, May 23 | - Church Office Closed |
| Sat, May 24 | - AA, MC 11:00 am |
| Sun, May 25 | - Choir Rehearsal 9:00 am - Worship 10:00 am - Sunday School 10:15 am |

FH-Fellowship Hall MC-Mable Culver P-Parlor B-Badger Hall T-Tieffle Lounge Z-Zoom



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