

# Service For The Lord's Day

Communion

May 7, 2023

\*Those who are able, please stand.

\_\_\_\_\_10:00 A.M. Worship

**WELCOME!** We are glad you are worshiping 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.* 

#### PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Lord Jesus, we believe in God and in You. We trust that You are the way, the truth, and the life. Give us courage to travel this way, following You, with untroubled hearts, however hard the road may become. Teach us to love, which is the way, both of suffering and of life: in Your name, we pray. Amen.

## 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.

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE (Please greet nearby worshipers and return to your seat.)

**PRELUDE** "Agincourt Hymn" arr. Johnson

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

(Responsive)

Leader: Sisters and Brothers, let us gather together with glad and generous hearts, for Jesus continually guides us along the way to truth and life.

All: Let us give what we can to all who have needs, so that all people, no matter who they are, may also know the way, the truth, and the life. Let us worship our one and only God with our lives.

# \*PRAYER OF INVOCATION (In Unison)

Almighty God, in Christ You have shown us the way, revealed to us Your truth, and offered us everlasting life. As we continue our journey to the cross at Jerusalem, keep our eyes on Christ, so that we may see Your path more clearly, know Your truth more fully, and receive Your life more abundantly; through Christ, Who dwells with You and the Holy Spirit in eternal glory. Amen.

\*OPENING HYMN

"Open My Eyes, That I May See"

No. 451

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

(Lay Reader)

# \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)

Lord Jesus, we confess that we often want an easier way - a way that doesn't challenge us, that doesn't ask much of us, that comforts us without requiring our commitment. So often we want to see the Father without following You and without loving our neighbors. Forgive us. Grant us the strength and clarity of vision we need. Grant us the love we need to follow You in the way that leads to truth and life, the way of the cross, the way of love. Amen.

**\*KYRIE** No. 574

# \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Pastor Betty)

The water poured into the baptism font is a reminder of our own baptism and that Jesus Christ is the living water Who nourishes us and offers us forgiveness and new life.

\*GLORIA PATRI No. 579

### GOD'S PEOPLE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

# **PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION** (In Unison)

Lord, as we listen to Your holy Word, open our hearts to the power of Your Spirit. As we wander off the path to You and eternal life, provide us guidance and the true way through the Word read and proclaimed. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Marissa Welke

FIRST READING

John 14:1-14

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Aria"

J.S. Bach

SECOND READING John 12:23-28a

**SERMON** "Jesus Revealed: 'I Am the Way, the Truth, the Life" Rev. Dr. Betty Angelini

# GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** The Apostles' Creed" (Ecumenical) Hymnal p. 17

**HYMN** "Let Us Break Bread Together" No. 525

# SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

... "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."

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Elements

Communion Music "Blessed Jesus, We Are Here" J.S. Bach

Prayer

**OFFERTORY** "Abide with Me" J.S. Bach

\*DOXOLOGY No. 592

\*OFFERTORY PRAYER (In Unison)

Almighty God, receive the gifts we bring in gratitude for Your astounding goodness. Make our lives to be an acceptable offering as we try to follow You. Amen.

\*HYMN "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" No. 475

## GOD'S PEOPLE GO FORTH TO SERVE

#### \*CHARGE AND BLESSING

**POSTLUDE** "Earth and All Stars" arr. Johnson

# 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 FLOWERS ON THE CHANCEL are given to the Glory of God and in honor of Betty Kay and Buck's wedding.

**PLEASE GIVE A WARM WELCOME to Marty Young.** Thank you, Marty, for filling in for Melanie as she is away with family.

**RADIO MINISTRY** is in honor of **Betty Kay and Buck's wedding day.** 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 financial support will keep this ministry alive.

**NAME TAGS:** Please pick up your name tag in Fellowship Hall. Wearing it will help visitors and new members feel a part of our church community. IF YOU HAVE A PACEMAKER, DO NOT USE THE MAGNETIC NAME TAG; let us know and we will make an alternate name tag. If you can't find your name tag, please contact the Church Office.

**ADDICTION AWARENESS SERIES is today, immediately following worship, in Badger Hall.** The guest speaker will be Dr. Anthony J. Montevideo, case manager at Niles Treatment Services.

**WEDDING:** Please join us as we celebrate the marriage of Betty Kay and Buck **today**, at 12:00 **p.m.**, in the Sanctuary or on Facebook. A light reception in Fellowship Hall will follow the ceremony. The couple are requesting **no gifts**; your presence is your gift to them.

**MEET-N-EAT:** The next Meet-n-Eat is **Tuesday, May 9, at 5:30 p.m.** Take an evening off from cooking dinner and come to the Church for a time of fun and fellowship. Chef Dave Angelini will serve a wonderful meal followed by a CE activity. Sign up in Fellowship Hall or call the Church Office by **Sunday, May 7, 2023**, so we know how much food we need.

**ATTENTION! ATTENTION!** There will be a special section in the June *Spire* about our high school and college students. PLEASE send all information and updates to the Church Office at <a href="mailto:kathietrowbridge@fpcwarren.org">kathietrowbridge@fpcwarren.org</a> no later than **May 10, 2023.** 

**PLEASE JOIN US ON MAY 14, 2023**, as we receive the Confirmands as new members, as we continue to walk with them in their faith journeys, and as they vow to walk with us in our faith journeys. We will have a special Youth Sunday worship that day that will recognize the confirmands and those who are graduating high school seniors.

**CALLING ALL MEMBERS AND YOUTH!** We are working on a slide show for Mother's Day, and we need your help. Please write down what you love most about your mom on a piece of paper and have someone take a picture of you holding it. Send your photos to Marissa Welke at <a href="marissawelke@fpcwarren.org">marissawelke@fpcwarren.org</a> or Alexis Musgrove at alexismusgrove.soprano@gmail.com.

THE TIME IS FINALLY HERE! KIDS' KAMP is right around the corner. Our theme this year is Operation Restoration, which is fitting in this crazy world we are living in right now. Each day of the five-day Kamp has a theme: FEED, HEAL, FORGIVE, PRAY, and REST. We will have dinner every night at 5:30 p.m. with our Kampers followed by games, music, storytelling, bible study, some fresh air, and - this year - a service-themed craft! Our Kamp begins Sunday, June 4, and continues through Thursday, June 8. If you want to help or volunteer in any way, please reach out to Marissa Welke or Donna Latessa. We thank you for your continued support.



VIDEO PROJECTION:

Online giving can be done with your phone using the QR code on the left or use the pew card.

PASTOR:
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRY:
DIRECTOR OF FAMILY AND YOUTH MINISTRY:
LAY READER:
RADIO, LIGHTS AND SOUND SYSTEM:

Rev. Dr. Betty Angelini Melanie A. Vlad Marissa Welke Lynn Griffith Gary Wireman Bob Stahl

# WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

Sun, May 7	- Communion - Worship
Mon, May 8	- OA, P.       10:00 am         - Virtual Fellowship and Follow-up       3:00 pm         - Girl Scout Recruitment, P       5:00 pm         - Girl Scouts, B       5:30 pm         - AA, MC       7:00 pm         - Voices of Micah, Z       7:00 pm
Tues, May 9	- Al-Anon, MC
Wed, May 10	- AA, MC
Thur, May 11	- Prayer Talk, FH
Fri, May 12	- Church Office Closed
Sat, May 13	- CISV Camp Training, B
Sun, May 14	- Mother's Day/Youth Sunday/Confirmands - Choir Rehearsal

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