

The First Presbyterian Church
300 South Main Street
Greensburg, Pennsylvania
The Fifth Sunday of Easter – May 15, 2022 – 10 a.m.
Simulcast Service

PRELUDE

Panis Angelicus

César Frank

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsive*)

Call on the name of the Lord in praise; Make known God's deeds among the nations!
Sing to God with joyful songs; tell of God's wonderful deeds!

✠HYMN 301

Let Us Build a House

✠PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love. We have not loved our neighbors, and we have refused to hear the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

✠ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Psalm 146

HANDBELL ANTHEM

Beach Spring

Kevin McChesney

SECOND READING

John 13:31-35

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Martin R. Ankrum

✠HYMN 306

Blest Be the Tie that Binds

✠AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - APOSTLES' CREED (*unison*)

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 - THE LORD'S PRAYER (*unison*)

OUR JOYFUL RESPONSE - TITHES & OFFERINGS

✠RESPONSE Doxology (hymnal p. 606)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

✠PRAYER OF DEDICATION

✠HYMN 757

Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

✠BENEDICTION

✠CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE Alleluia! Alleluia! Give Thanks!

Donald Fishel

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

POSTLUDE

They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love

Mark Hayes

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP THIS MORNING:

Rev. Dr. Martin R. Ankrum, Pastor / Head of Staff

Dr. John B. Salveson, Minister of Music / Organist

Ms. Gloria Christofano, Interim Choir Director

Ms. Hazel Braun, Guest Organist

Chancel Choir

Kirk Ringers, Mrs. Karen Cole, Interim Director

Mrs. Nancy Golden, Lector

Mr. Michael Pascarella, Mr. Rick Terrill, Video Technicians

*Music for this morning's service has been made possible, in part,
by Edgar and Joanne Highberger and by gifts to the Dr. Edgar S. Highberger Music Fund.*

FIRST NEWS: The News of FPC – May 15 - 22, 2022

NEW MEMBERS CLASS – SUNDAY, TODAY – 11:30 A.M. - We are grateful for the many visitors to our services since we have been back in-person. If you would be interested in becoming a member at FPC, please join us after the service today in the PW Lounge of our church for this one-time meeting. The class will be received during worship on Sun. May 22.

FAMILY GAME NIGHT - TONIGHT, FPC DINING ROOM - 5:00 – 7:00 PM: The Christian Education Committee is inviting all FPC families and friends to join us for a potluck dinner and games! The committee will provide hot dogs, lemonade, and water. Please bring something to share. After dinner we will play some fun board games. Please bring your favorite game to share too! Contact Jill Gaetano to make your reservation! jeely60@comcast.net or 724-640-4148.

JOHNSTOWN BUS TOUR - For anyone still wishing to join fellow members for a deluxe motorcoach tour to see the city of Johnstown and the South Fork dam flood memorials, there is *still* room. This will be a day full of interesting sites and packed full of historical commentary. Please join us on Saturday, May 21. Tour bus leaves from the church at 8:30 a.m. Contact David McMunn for more details (412) 657-8486. Get your reservation in SOON!

A SPECIAL THANKS to all the folks that assisted this week in beautifying the landscape around the church building: Bob Ashbaugh, Betsy Hoeldtke, Jan McNerny, Chris Terrill and Diane Workman planted 200 geraniums, Rick Terrill who delivered the flowers and Keith Huey who was the landscape designer. Also, a very special thanks to Ed & Joanne Highberger who donated the flowers in memory of Ernestine Salvador.

VBS 2022 "SAINTS AND HOLY HELPERS" June 13-16 9am-Noon and June 19 9am/warm up, 10am/worship. Come sing a song of the saints of God! As we are all children of God, we celebrate the saints with whom we are connected. Join us in giving glory to God for the ordinary, holy lives of believers in this and every age. **REGISTER NOW TO RESERVE YOUR SPACE!**

GRADUATION SUNDAY, JUNE 12, 2022 Join us on Sunday, June 12 at 10 a.m. to recognize our graduates. If you have a child graduating from High School, College or Post-Graduate work, please let us know by phoning the church office by Friday, June 3, 2022.

DARING HEARTS NEEDED! - VOLUNTEERS FOR ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD PANTRY

Dare to make a difference in the lives of people you may never meet! Volunteers needed for St Vincent de Paul Food Pantry at Our Lady of Grace Church for the following dates: 6/4/22. 7/9/22. 8/6/22. We need 5 people to pack boxes inside from 7:45 a.m. – 9 a.m. and 5 volunteers to help with loading boxes into cars from 9 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. for each of those dates. If interested please call Kathy Martinko 724-858-5485 or email kmartinko82@comcast.net. Thanks so much! Our church's help during the summer months food distribution is always so greatly appreciated!

ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY CLEAN UP sponsored by First Presbyterian Church will be on Saturday, May 14. The rain date is Saturday, May 21. Meet in the parking lot at Lynch Field across from the Dairy Queen on 119N at 8:30 a.m. Volunteers should be at least 14 years of age (volunteers under age 16 are asked to be accompanied by their parent/guardian). Please contact Carol Henry to sign-up. (724-689-6276 or cahh7277@yahoo.com)



Do you wish to give online?

To set up your own recurring donations, either visit the church website or scan the QR code with your smart phone, or contact the church office for help. Your support of Christ's church in this place is greatly appreciated! www.firstpresbyteriangreensburg.com

GAMES WITH RICK

WHEN: Sunday, May 22, 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

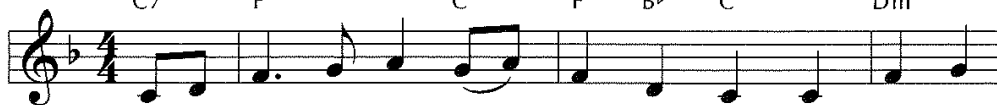
WHERE: FPC Youth Room - We've been running a D&D 5e campaign. The kids play characters and interact with the Eberron game world guided by me. The kids work together to solve problems and overcome obstacles in a fantasy world setting that blends magic and machine. They've defeated pirates, saved a town by rescuing a dragon, and become movie stars. If cooperative storytelling sounds like fun to you, then this may be your scene.

PRAYER LIST: Jane B., Ann Bagley, Carol & Nick Behun, Becky, Lisa B., George Chambers, Sandy Cole, Edna Mary Cox, Dan, Lou DeRose, Chris Dieck, Joanne & Dennis Doyle, Michael Felice, Richard Gracik, Edgar and Joanne Highberger, Gretchen Highberger, Frank Hodges, Lucas James, Lee Jamison, Kathy McIlhattan Kostrick, Ray Kuyat, Dan Liebold, Paige Lucas, George Maser, Carol Mateer, Jeff Mateer, Peg & Doug Newman, Nancy Pallitta, Chuck Phillips, Kathleen Piekut, Colton Reid, Bill Rumshock, Ron Russell, Dr. John Salvesson, Nico & Stacey Salvio, Joan Scales, Vivian Schwing, Gene Sember, Barbara Sill and family, Janet Sutherland, Isabelle Taylor, Ray Tietsworth, Lynda Turin, Linda & Tom Turin, Lois Ann Watson, Jay and Sue Woodward, Tom Yacko, and Marsha Zoruba.

Let Us Build a House

All Are Welcome

Capo 3: (A7) (D) (A) (D) (G) (A) (Bm)
 C7 F C F B^b C Dm



1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can
 2 Let us build a house where proph - ets speak, and words are
 3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter,
 4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the
 5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and

(D) (A) (D) (Bm7) (Em) (A)
 F C F Dm7 Gm C



safe - ly live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell
 strong and true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek
 wine, and wheat; a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground
 wood and stone to heal and strength-en, serve and teach,
 vi - sions heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed

(Em) (A7) (G) (D) (F#m) (Bm)
 Gm C7 B^b F Am Dm



how hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and
 to dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as
 where peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through
 and live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the
 as words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and

(Em) (A) (D) (G)
 Gm C F B^b



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the
 wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as
 Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we
 strang - er bear the im - age of God's face; let us
 laugh - ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace; let this

Although it was written for a church dedication, this text is not about a physical structure but a spiritual one. The building is at best only a vessel for the essential love and hope, life and faith, peace and justice, hospitality and nurture that form the worshipping community.

THE CHURCH

(D)
(G)
(F#7)
(Bm)
Refrain
(Em)
(Bm)

F
B^b
A7
Dm
Gm
Dm

love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
 one we claim the faith of Je - sus:
 share in Christ the feast that frees us: all are wel - come;
 bring an end to fear and dan - ger:
 house pro-claim from floor to raf - ter:

(F#m)
(Em)
(D)
(Em)
(A7)
(D)
(G)
(D)
(A7)

Am
Gm
F
Gm
C7
F
B^b
F
(C7)

all are wel - come; all are wel - come in this place.

Blest Be the Tie That Binds 306

1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in
 2 Be - fore our *Fa - ther's throne we pour our
 3 We share our mu - tual woes; our mu - tual
 4 When we are called to part, it gives us
 5 From sor - row, toil, and pain, and sin we

Chris - tian love. The fel - low - ship of
 ar - dent prayers. Our fears, our hopes, our
 bur - dens bear. And of - ten for each
 in - ward pain; but we shall still be
 shall be free; and per - fect love and

kin - dred minds is like to that a - bove.
 aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.
 oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
 joined in heart, and hope to meet a - gain.
 friend - ship reign through all e - ter - ni - ty.

*Or "Maker's"

Written to express a pastor's unwillingness to leave a beloved congregation, this hymn is frequently used as an expression of Christian fellowship, especially at the conclusion of the Lord's Supper. The tune is attributed to an influential Swiss musician and publisher.

757 Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

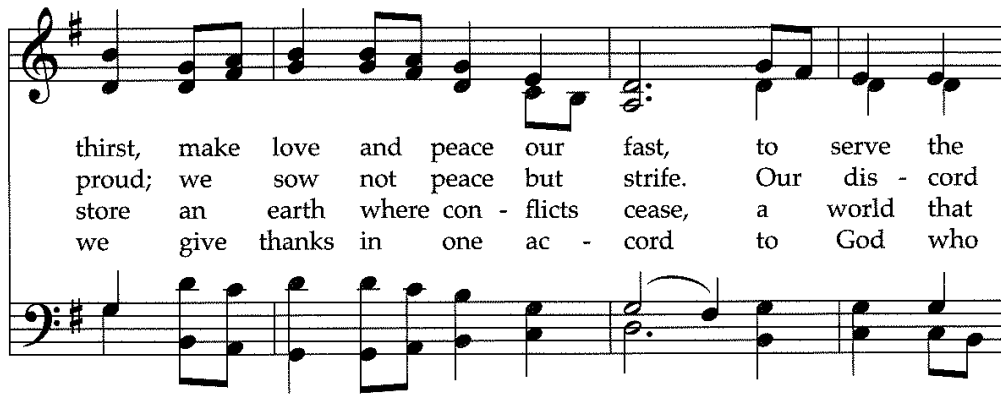
1 To - day we all are called to be dis - ci - ples of the
 2 God made the world and at its birth or - dained our hu - man
 3 Pray jus - tice may come roll - ing down as in a might - y
 4 May we in ser - vice to our God act out the liv - ing

Lord, to help to set the cap - tive free, make
 race to live as stew - ards of the earth, re -
 stream, with righ - teous - ness in field and town to
 word, and walk the road the saints have trod till

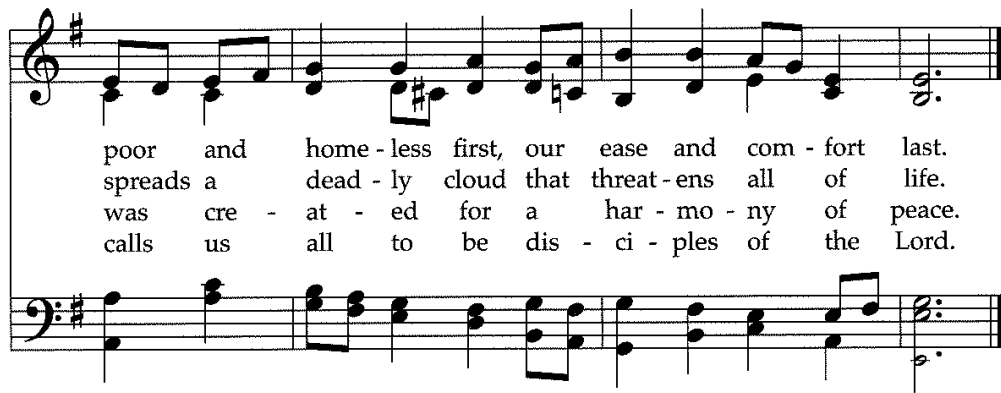
plow - share out of sword, to feed the hun - gry, quench their
 spond - ing to God's grace. But we are vain and sad - ly
 cleanse us and re - deem. For God is long - ing to re -
 all have seen and heard. As stew - ards of the earth may

This text placing stewardship in the context of faithful witness was written by a retired Presbyterian minister to be part of the 1986 stewardship campaign titled "Called to Be Disciples." The tune name recalls the Sussex village where the arranger first heard the melody.

JUSTICE AND RECONCILIATION



thirst, make love and peace our fast, to serve the
proud; we sow not peace but strife. Our dis - cord
store an earth where con - flicts cease, a world that
we give thanks in one ac - cord to God who



poor and home - less first, our ease and com - fort last.
spreads a dead - ly cloud that threat - ens all of life.
was cre - at - ed for a har - mo - ny of peace.
calls us all to be dis - ci - ples of the Lord.