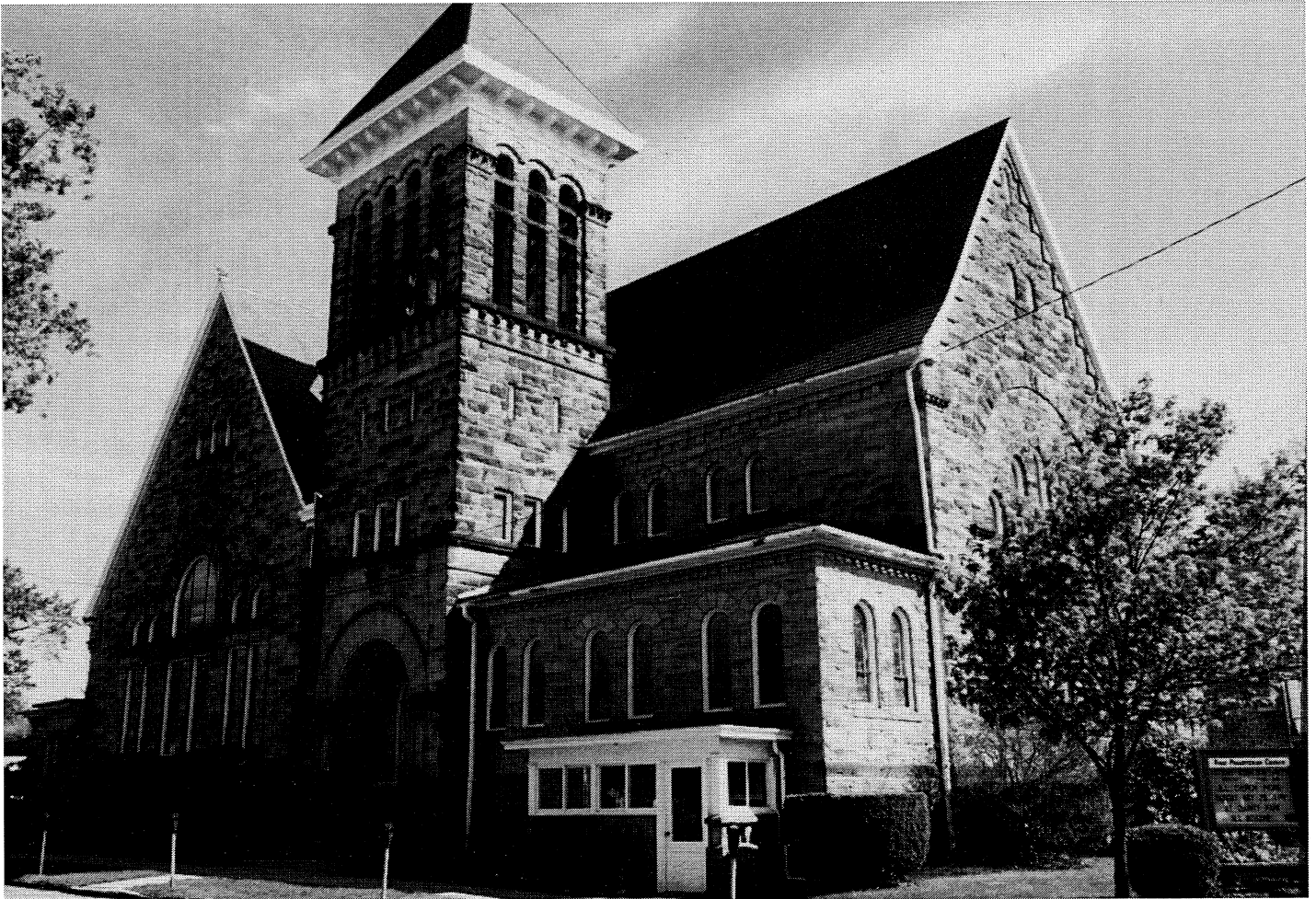


FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Second Sunday after Pentecost

June 6, 2021



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We come together to worship, grow, and serve as disciples of Christ.

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AND FOR THE PROTECTION OF OTHERS WITH WHOM YOU ARE WORSHIPPING**

We Gather in God's Name

(Tune your car radio to 88.7 FM)

Welcome and Announcements

Lector, Michelle Deitz

We silently shift our focus to God and prepare to worship.

Prelude

In the Glow of Early Morning

William Macomber,
arr. Joseph Prentiss

Please join in reading or singing those parts of the service printed in **bold**.

Call to Worship

Listen. Do you hear it?

The love of Christ is poured out for us.

Listen. Do you hear it?

The cloud of the faithful is singing God's praise.

Listen. Do you hear it?

The Spirit of God is calling us to worship.

✠ When this symbol precedes an element of the service, please rise in body or spirit.

✠ Hymn No. 829

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

Text: Palmer 1830
Music: Mason, 1831, alt.

Call to Confession

When we gather to praise God, we remember that we are people who have preferred our wills to his. Accepting his power to become new persons in Christ, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Prayer of Confession

Awesome and compassionate God, you have loved us with unfailing, self-giving mercy, but we have not loved you. You constantly call us, but we do not listen. You ask us to love, but we walk away from our neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns. By our silence we condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed. God of grace, as you come to us in mercy, we repent in spirit and in truth, admit our sin, and gratefully receive your forgiveness through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

I will cleanse them from all the guilt of their sin against me, and I will forgive all the guilt of their sin and rebellion against me. (Jeremiah 33:8) Friends, in Christ we are forgiven. **Amen.**

GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son, and to the
Holy Ghost, as it was in
the beginning is now and
ever shall be, world
without end. Amen,
Amen

✠ Gloria Patri

We Share God's Word

Time with the Children

Kara Willy

Scripture Reading

2 Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-17

(NRSV)

⁶ So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord—⁷for we walk by faith, not by sight. ⁸ Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. ⁹ So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. ¹⁰ For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

¹⁴ For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. ¹⁵ And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. ¹⁶ From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view;

even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, but we know him no longer in that way.
¹⁷ So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

Prayer for Illumination

Lord God, may your Word be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Message

Rev. Paul W. Abell, Jr.

“By Sight and Faith”

Prayer for Courage

Recognition of Acolytes

Bonnie Champion

Recognition of Graduates

Cindy Stants and Jim McConnell

✦ **Hymn No. 740**

Lead Me, Guide Me

Text: Akers, 1953

Music: Akers, 1953; arr. Smallwood

We Give Thanks to God

✦ **Affirmation of Faith**

The Apostles’ Creed

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.**

Call for the Offering

Offertory

Follow the Way of the Lord
(Soloist: Bonnie Champion)

Stratton/Larson

✦ **Doxology**

Prayer of Dedication

Prayers for the People and The Lord’s Prayer

We Go Forth to Serve

✦ **Hymn No. 700**

I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

Text: African American spiritual

Music: African American spiritual, arr. Whalum, 1984

✦ **Charge and Benediction**

Postlude

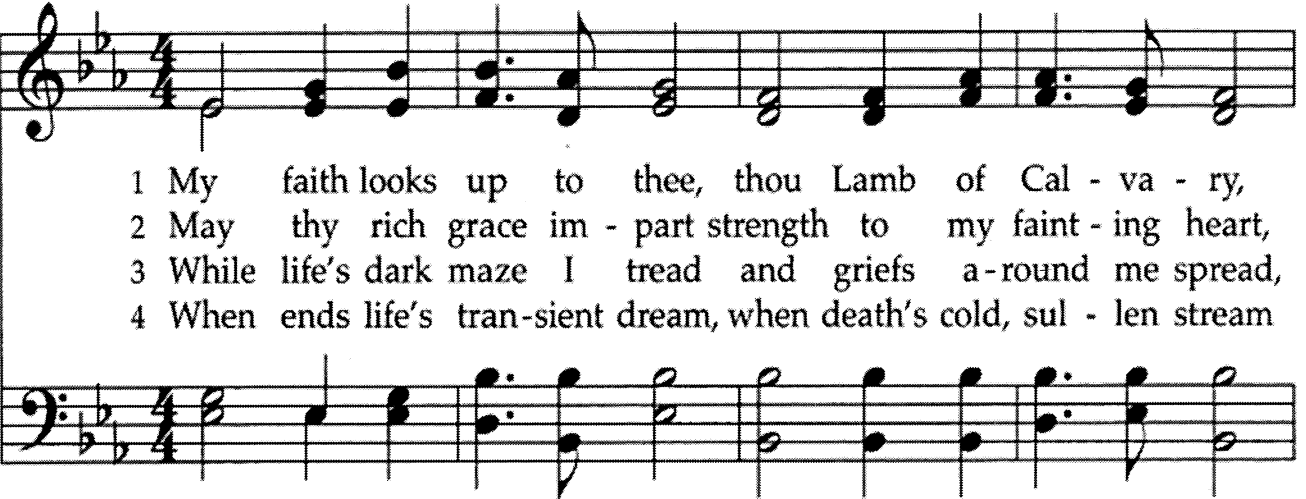
Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

F. J. Haydn,
arr. Robert J Hughes

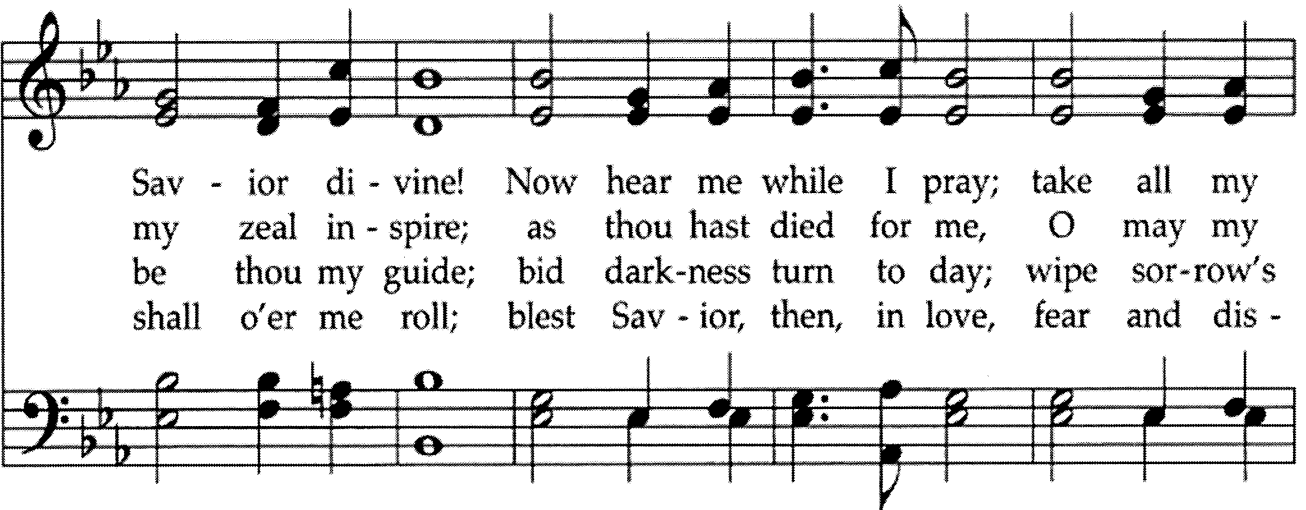
DOXOLOGY
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

THE LORD’S 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, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.


My Faith Looks Up to Thee 829



1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,
2 May thy rich grace im - part strength to my faint - ing heart,
3 While life's dark maze I tread and griefs a - round me spread,
4 When ends life's tran-sient dream, when death's cold, sul - len stream



Sav - ior di - vine! Now hear me while I pray; take all my
my zeal in - spire; as thou hast died for me, O may my
be thou my guide; bid dark-ness turn to day; wipe sor-row's
shall o'er me roll; blest Sav - ior, then, in love, fear and dis -



guilt a - way; O let me from this day be whol - ly thine!
love to thee pure, warm, and change-less be, a liv - ing fire!
tears a - way; nor let me ev - er stray from thee a - side.
trust re-move; O bear me safe a - bove, a ran-somed soul!

Lead Me, Guide Me

Capo 1: (D)

Refrain

(A7) (Em)

B^b7 Fm

3

Lead me, guide me, a - long the way, for if you

(A) (D) (A7) (D)

B^b E^b B^b7 3 E^b 3

lead me, I can - not stray. Lord, let me walk each

(A7) (B7) (Em) (D) (A7) (D)

B^b7 C7 Fm E^b B^b7 E^b *Fine*

day with thee. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

(D) (B7) (Em) (A7) (Em)

E^b 3 C7 Fm B^b7 Fm

I am weak and I need your strength and power to help me

(A) (D) (D) (D7)

B^b E^b E^b E^b7

o - ver my weak - est hour. Help me through the dark-ness your

(Em) (D) (A7) (D)

Fm E^b B^b7 E^b *to Refrain*

face to see. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

700 I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

1 I'm gon-na live so (live so)
 2 I'm gon-na work so (work so)
 3 I'm gon-na pray so (pray so)
 4 I'm gon-na sing so (sing so)

God can use me an - y -

where, Lord, an - y - time! (an - y - time!)

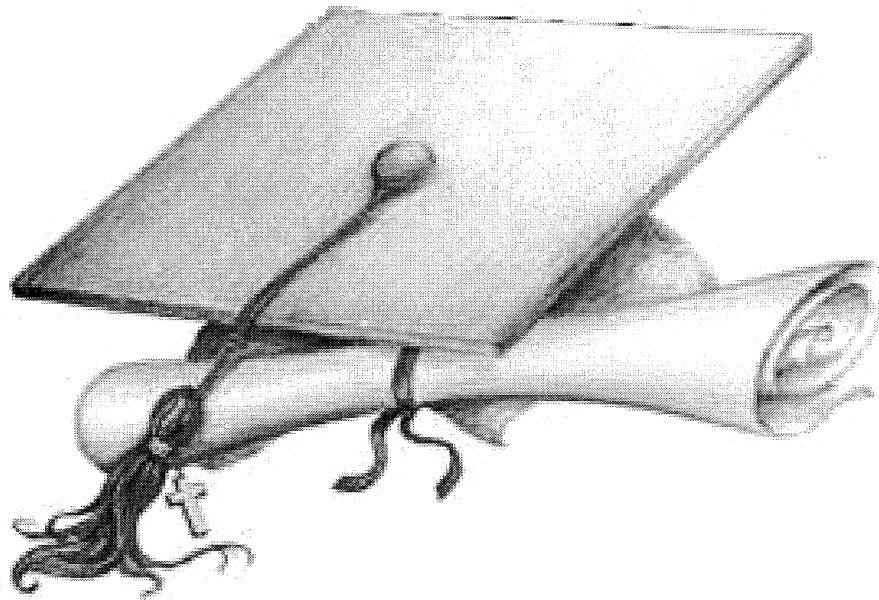
I'm gon-na
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live so (live so)
 work so (work so)
 pray so (pray so)
 sing so (sing so)

God can use me an - y -

where, Lord, (my Lord,) an - y - time! (an - y - time!)

GRADUATE RECOGNITION SUNDAY
JUNE 6, 2021
10:00 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE



*But the wisdom from above is first pure,
then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield,
full of mercy and good fruits,
without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy.*
James 3:17

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HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE

Isaac Alexander Solida, son of Joel and Dana Solida, graduated from Union High School. Isaac will pursue a degree in Music Education and Physical Therapy at Slippery Rock University. Isaac graduated third in his class and was selected for the National Honor Society.

UNIVERSITY GRADUATES

Bachelor's Degree Recipients

Noah Port graduated in May from Penn State University in State College PA. Noah, son of Fred and Michelle Port, received a Bachelor of Arts degree in History, and is a graduate of the Schreyer Honors College.

Advanced Degree Recipients

Joel Matticks received his Master's degree in International and Public Policy from the University of Pittsburgh. Joel is the son of Tom and Elaine Matticks.

F. Taylor Port, son of Fred and Michelle Port, graduated from the University of West Florida with a Master's of Business Administration.

Marissa Reid graduated from Mercyhurst University with a Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies. Marissa is the daughter of Randy and Pam Reid.

Ashley Greenawalt, daughter of Kurt and Brenda Nesbitt, graduated from Virginia Commonwealth University with a Ph.D. in Microbiology and Immunology.

Michael A. McClain graduated from the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Science with a Doctorate of Optometry. Dr. McClain is the son of John and Lee Seitz and the late Kevin L. McClain. He will be practicing in our area.



ROMA AND WAYNE FULTON SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The Roma Kline & Wayne L. Fulton Scholarship Fund was created by the Fulton Family for church members and children of church members. Full time students pursuing higher education at an accredited college or university may receive the scholarship up to two times during their school career. Contributions to the fund are always appreciated. Checks may be made payable to The Presbyterian Foundation with "Fulton Scholarship" designated on the memo line.

We are pleased to announce the 2021 Roma & Wayne Fulton Scholarship recipient:

ISAAC ALEXANDER SOLIDA



*⁶As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord,
continue to live your lives in Him,
⁷rooted and built up in Him
and established in the faith, just as you were taught,
abounding in thanksgiving.*

Colossians 2:6-7

JUNE 6, 2021
SECOND SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

taking faith home

Be careful of judging others.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	Mark 3:20-35	Doing the work of God
Monday	Genesis 3:8-15	Adam and Eve hide from God
Tuesday	2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1	Living by faith
Wednesday	Matthew 4:1-11	The temptation of Jesus
Thursday	Genesis 3:1-7	Adam and Eve eat forbidden fruit
Friday	John 8:39-59	Distinguishing truth from evil
Saturday	Psalms 130	Prayer of lament and hope
Sunday	Mark 4:26-34	Parables of Jesus

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

And looking at those who sat around [Jesus], he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother." Mark 3:34-35 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Dear God, help us to see your healing and saving work in our daily lives through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, we thank you for feeding us with this food and for nurturing us with hope in your saving work through Christ Jesus. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May God bless you to know you are brothers and sisters of Christ Jesus.



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JUNE 6, 2021

HYMN OF THE WEEK

Out of the Depths



taking faith home

WEEKLY MILESTONES



Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.



CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- When people disagree and are unkind to each other, how can they resolve the dispute?
- What is something you would describe as evil?
- The scribes described Jesus' healing others as the work of evil. How would you describe Jesus' healing of others?



DEVOTIONS

Read: Mark 3:20-35.

In the opening chapters of Mark, Jesus has already cast out demons and healed lepers and others with physical ailments, but scribes said he did this work on behalf of demons. To this accusation, Jesus states in the strongest terms possible that such a position is wrong. It is one thing not to see God's liberating work at play in the world. It is another to dare to call it the work of evil. The good news is that Jesus' work of healing (same word for salvation in the Greek language) is real and is meant to bless and save lives. In our age of divided loyalties and accusations, Jesus' words are a good warning to us not to judge others too harshly. Even though you may not see it, they may be doing the work of God to free lives and reconcile relationships. It is a sobering thought for sobering times. When have you felt that someone was acting in a way opposed to God's work in the world? Explain.

Pray: God of power and might, in Christ's name help us to recognize your healing work in the world and be part of reconciling relationships. Amen.

SERVICE

A life of service begins with an attitude of humility and repentance. Psalm 130:1-2 states, "Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD. Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication." We are asking God to hear our cry for help and our cry for forgiveness. God hears our prayers. Pray either alone or with others as you ask for God to hear your prayer of repentance so that you can be a loving servant.



RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Summer activities will begin soon. Talk about your plans and the changes in schedules.

Conclude your discussion time with this prayer: **Dear God, thank you for school, work, friends, and family. As we begin our summer activities, keep us safe, renew us in body and spirit, and help us to show kindness to others. Amen.**



In addition to *Taking Faith Home*, celebrate milestones in your daily life as an effective faith formation tool. Go to: www.milestonesministry.org

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBY

Tuesday, June 8

6:00 p.m. Mission Team, Zoom

Wednesday, June 9

10:00 a.m. Morning Circle, Parlor

8:00 p.m. AA Meeting, Social Hall

Saturday, June 12

9:00 a.m. Indoor Workday

Sunday, June 13 Communion

10:00 a.m. Worship

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE SESSION STRONGLY RECOMMENDS THE WEARING OF MASKS FOR YOUR PERSONAL PROTECTION AND FOR THE PROTECTION OF OTHERS WITH WHOM YOU ARE WORSHIPPING.

Today is Graduate Recognition Sunday: During worship this morning, we will recognize members and children in our church family who have graduated high school or college this year. Their information is provided in the insert.

Acolyte Recognition will also be held during this morning's service. We will be acknowledging those children who have been serving, as well as welcoming new acolytes.

Morning Circle will resume gathering! The Presbyterian Women Morning Circle will meet on Wednesday, June 9th at 10:00 a.m. in the Parlor.

Communion will be held on Sunday, June 13th. We will still use the individual, pre-packaged items.

The Sharing Cupboard item for June is a two-pack of paper towels. As the Deacons continue to use the Sharing Cupboard ministry to compliment the Food Bag Distribution, this will need to be in the church by Sunday, June 13th. The Food Bag Distribution for June is Thursday, June 17th.

Our next Food Bag Distribution is Thursday, June 17, 2:00-4:00 p.m. or all bags are gone. Ongoing thanks to all who contribute their time and/or money to make this happen! It is amazing what we can do for our community together!

Sanctuary flowers are needed for Sunday June 27. The sign-up poster is in the hall by the church office. Due to flower shortages caused by winter storms earlier this year, the price has risen from \$20 to \$25 (plus delivery and tax). You may call or email the church office regarding those you wish to remember or honor: (814) 226-8145 or churchoffice@clarionpresby.org.

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

Trinity Point Church of God 10th Annual Golf Scramble, July 31, 2021. Start time is 2:30 p.m. This is a four-person scramble at Hi-Level Golf Course. It is \$60/person or \$240/team. Price includes greens fees, cart, refreshments, and meal. There will be prizes for: lowest score, skill games, and door prizes. For more information, please call 814-761-6314. You can register online at www.trinitypointchurchofgod.org

Youth Connection is looking for mentors, will you be one? Youth Connection is a local mentoring program serving Venango, Forest, Clarion, and Eastern Crawford Counties. Just about anyone can be a mentor. The main requirement is a willingness to be a caring, consistent, and safe role model with a desire to share a friendship with a local youth. It only takes a few hours a month to make a positive change in a youth's life. You can share the kinds of activities you already enjoy and experience the joys of seeing a world of possibility open up through a youth's eyes. You can help shape their future for the better and have a lot of fun doing it! Spending time with a mentor can help youth develop skills to manage everyday challenges while growing up; explore new interests; gain confidence in themselves; and develop an enhanced capacity to care for others. For more information on how to get involved with the Youth Connection Program, contact Program Director Jessica Walters at (814) 676-9940, ext. 1228 or via email at jwalters@fscas.org.

MEMBER CARE

Please pray for:

- *Members with known health concerns:* Ruth Showers, Fred Port, Jim Young, Dorothy Jean Foreman, Herb & Dee Thrush, Mary McCamant, Pat McConnell, Pauline Henry, Mary Swanger, Fred and Jeanne Foster.
- *Our family and friends in need of prayer:* Shirley McKinley's daughter, Charlotte Hartman and nephew, Kenneth Daughtery Jr.; John McKinley's great-nephew, David Mahle; Marianne Reynolds' mother, Alice Davis; former treasurer, Jennifer Hurrelbrink; Carolyn McFarland's brother and his wife, Rick and Janelle Moore; Kristen Maze's uncle, Charles Gamble; Ellen DiBernardo's friend, Barbara Frampton; Pastor Paul's daughter, Helen Abell; Bill and Bonnie Champion's sister-in-law, Norma Stahlman Champion, and Linda Deitz, sister to Jeff Deitz.
- *And all of those serving in the US Military* including members and friends of our own faith family.

Caring Caller member of the week: Please remember Virginia Motzer, 161 S. 2nd Avenue, Clarion PA 16214-2403 on her birthday, June 17th.

WELCOME VISITORS

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church. We are glad to provide hybrid and virtual worship services for this Sunday. Services are currently livestreamed on our Facebook page (First Presbyterian Church of Clarion) in real time. Then archived to our website and Facebook page.

At First Presbyterian Church our mission is to worship, grow, and serve as followers of Jesus. From our youngest to our oldest, we seek to worship God in our actions, grow in God's love, and serve God's people in our community and around the world. We hope that you will come join us so we may personally extend a warm welcome. If you have any questions or particular needs, please feel free to contact Pastor Paul Abell at the church office at 226-8145 between 9 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., Monday thru Friday. You may also email him at pastorpaul@clarionpresby.org.

For more information visit our website at www.clarionfirstpresby.org.

Find us on Facebook! (First Presbyterian Church of Clarion)

Radio Broadcast-WWCH 1300AM and 94.1 FM every third Sunday of the month at 11:00 a.m.

Video recordings of past sermons may be viewed by clicking the "Worship" link on our home page at www.clarionfirstpresby.org or a phone app is available at sermon.net (look for First Presbyterian Church—Clarion.) You can also choose to listen to an audio version. Simply pick the option that works best for you. Videos of Sunday worship are also posted on our Facebook page (see above).

CHURCH STAFF AND LEADERSHIP

Interim Pastor: Rev. Paul W. Abell, Jr.
Organist: Jean Mitrosky
Director of Music: Bonnie Champion
Treasurer: Brenda Nesbitt
Secretary: Debra Owens
Sexton: Mike Hetrick
Sound Engineer: Josh Deitz
Video Engineer: Dan Willy

Ruling Elders:

<u>Class of 2021:</u>	<u>Class of 2022:</u>	<u>Class of 2023:</u>
Bobbie Cumo	Joe Burns	John Joy
Jeff Kapp	Robin Cable	Bert Louder
Elaine Matticks	Michelle Deitz	Jim McConnell
Marissa Widmer	Cindy Stants	

Deacons:

<u>Class of 2021:</u>	<u>Class of 2022:</u>	<u>Class of 2023:</u>
Doug Bills	Tamalyn Goble	Suellen Gourley
Pam Reid	Mike Hetrick	Cindy Kapp
Dana Solida	Carolyn McFarland	Norma Kooman
Amy Widmer	Debra Owens	

WORSHIP NOTES

Pastor: Rev. Paul W. Abell, Jr.
Lector: Michelle Deitz
Time with Children: Kara Willy
Director of Music: Bonnie Champion
Organist: Jean Mitrosky
Sound Engineer: Josh Deitz/Jeff Kapp
Video Engineer: Dan Willy
Greeter and Ushers: Norma Kooman and Amy Widmer

Flowers today are in honor of Jill & Charlie Siegel, by Pauline Henry.

Special thanks to Bonnie Champion for presenting the offertory music this week.

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

Sunday, June 6 Graduate & Acolyte Recognition

10:00 a.m. Worship

WEEKLY DEPOSIT SUMMARY

5/31/2021

Envelope Contributions	\$3,910.00
Miscellaneous Cash Contributions	<u>\$113.00</u>
Total Contributions	\$4,023.00
Food Bag Donations	\$1,100.00
Pentecost	\$100.00
Rental Income	<u>\$500.00</u>
Total Deposit	\$5,723.00

NOTES

Feel free to use this space to take notes on the sermon, the service or for any personal reminders that may help you in your walk with God this week