

The First Presbyterian Church of Lewisburg

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Sunday Worship: Sunday School – 9:00 a.m. (Virtual Only)

Worship Service - 10:30 a.m. (In-person or Livestream)

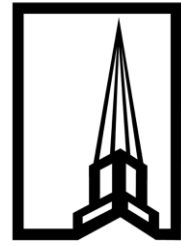
As the church's seasonal calendar goes, we are heading into "Ordinary Time." That's a strange way of saying that from June 6th until November 14th, no major Christian holidays or celebrations (i.e. Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter, Pentecost) change the decoration of our sanctuary, or the time and day of our worship services. The paraments that hang from the pulpit and cover the communion table will be turned to green and will stay that way for almost six months.

"Well, OK," you may be thinking, "Good to know. But so what?"

While "Ordinary Time" sounds kind of boring, it doesn't have to be! During these 'ordinary' months, we can break from the lectionary's holiday-based schedule of preaching texts and explore some of the Bible's less-commonly known stories and characters. Instead, we can plan to talk about issues and topics that aren't related to preparing for Jesus' birth, or in anticipation of his passion, death, and resurrection.

The 'so what' of "Ordinary Time" is this – as I prepare my preaching schedule for the "green" Sundays of summer and into the fall, I'd love to know what you're eager to hear about. The 20 (or so) minutes each Sunday that I explore God's word with you are the most meaningful, privileged moments of my ministry. And I want them to be relevant and important and informative to you, too.

So let's take these months ahead of us to answer pressing questions, sharpen our theological insight, and better equip ourselves to share the gospel with a world really confused about who God is, and about the consequence of God's love for us in Jesus Christ.



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

LEWISBURG, PA

Upcoming Events

Sunday, May 2

10:30 a.m. **Holy Communion**

Thursday, May 6

5:30 p.m. **Dinner By the River**

Sunday, May 9



Monday, May 31



May Meetings

Tuesday, May 18

7:00 p.m. Zoom Session Meeting

Wednesday, May 19

7:00 p.m. Deacon Meeting

May Ushers

Wayne Samuelson

Pat Samuelson

Anyone interested in ushering can sign up on the board in the narthex or notify the office.

Over the next few weeks, please share with me any themes, passages, stories, questions, or current events you'd like to hear addressed in a sermon. You can reach me directly by email (pastor@first-presby.org), call or text (570) 903-0600 (my cell), send a note by mail or carrier pigeon (or better yet, leave it on my desk penciled on the back of a \$10 bill), and I will do my best to work it into our Sunday morning worship schedule. If I can't, I'll let you know, and ask you if we can meet to talk about it!

If you prefer your request remain anonymous, just drop a note in the offering plate, or send an email to Alison (info@first-presby.org) and she will pass it on to me without disclosing the source.

I look forward to hearing from you, and to what God will say to us!

Peace to you,

Pastor Ryan

May Birthdays & Anniversaries

May Birthdays

- 2 Mary Kay Torretti
- 3 Seth Ziegler Sr.
- 9 Ashley Kalcich, Amie Reif, Jan Temple
- 14 Maya Jusko
- 15 Anne Goehring
- 17 Jeff Creighton, Katie Mebius
- 18 Derek Guissanie, Virginia Means
- 19 Barb Light
- 22 Laura Mae Chiboroski, Carole Friery
- 23 Marilyn Zaiser
- 25 Leslie Temple
- 26 Avery Brown
- 31 Joseph Gallagher

May Anniversaries

- 9 Michael & Kim Gilger
- 21 Paul & Marsha Tarves, Drew & Christianne Wright
- 28 Doug & Cindy Fischer
- 31 Ken & Corey Jusko



EVERY WEDNESDAY 7 P.M. – PODCAST

“WALK WITH GOD”
— ONLINE BIBLE SERIES —

CONTINUES
WEDNESDAY!



THE AWAKENING
IN AMERICA



www.TheAwakeningWorldwide.com

“Building Authentic Connections”

New online podcast continues this Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

Relationships play a vital part in our lives. God created us to be in relationships with others and with Him. In the coming weeks, Walt & Brenda McCord will lead us through the Book of Ruth to uncover what the Lord has to show us all about “Authentic Connections” in our lives. Find out more- and join us this Wednesday at TheAwakeningWorldwide.com



The Himmelreich is now seeking donations of bookcases, desks and tables. As The Himmelreich continues preparing for re-opening to the public, we've finished re-painting the downstairs basement of the library. We're now seeking donations of bookcases, desks or tables. If you have items you may wish to donate, please contact the Church Office or Rick Gathman for details.



"I have hidden your word in my heart so that I won't sin against you."
Psalm 119:11 (NIRV)

Virtual Sunday School! Every Sunday at 9 am, our kindergarten through 5th grade students gather together online for a 30-minute lesson led by our rotating team of Sunday School teachers.



In our final month of Sunday school for the 2020-2021 session, kids get to predict what happens next in our Bible stories. They'll learn that God built His church by helping ordinary people make extraordinary choices! Even more importantly, the kids will learn that they can also make bold choices to help build the church today.

Nursery is OPEN! The nursery remains open, staffed with loving volunteers. The nursery is open to our youngest members from birth through age 3 and is open during the entire Sunday morning worship service. Children 2+ and adults must wear face masks in accordance with current church policy. **VOLUNTEERS WILL BE NEEDED in order to keep it open.** Please contact Corey to help!

Looking forward to KIDS CHURCH! Sunday school will take a break for June, July and August, but beginning **Sunday, June 6** we will bring back Kids Church for kids ages 4 through 3rd grade. After the Children's Message, kids will be dismissed to Kids Church where they will participate in a short lesson and enjoy a craft and/or some play time. **VOLUNTEERS WILL BE NEEDED.** Please contact Corey to help!

VBS is coming this summer! Mark your calendars for **August 2-6!** Many volunteers will be needed in order to host a fun and exciting week! **PLEASE PLAN TO JOIN US FOR** a volunteer kick-off meeting at church on **Sunday, May 16** immediately following the worship service. Anyone who is interested in volunteering – adults and youth – is encouraged to attend. We will briefly present the theme for the week, go over daily lesson topics, and we'll discuss volunteer positions.



Follow us on Facebook @ FirstPresbyLewisburgPA

Corey Jusko

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Sharing Our Concerns for Prayer

More than ever, we need to encourage and lift each other up to God in prayer. If you would like to be included on a regular “prayer chain”, please send your email address to Alison at info@first-presby.org



Every week, Pastor Ryan will email a list of the concerns, needs, and joys that we can pray for.

May Youth Newsletter

We are continuing to hold in-person youth on Sunday nights. After a long time of virtual-only, we all are happy to be back!

A thank you to all those who joined us and helped us run our small group book study of “Blue Like Jazz” by Donald Miller – We hope you enjoyed it as much as we did!

We have 3 spots available for this summer’s mission trip to Wilmington, DE! We will be serving the community in Wilmington from July 11th – 17th. We are also in need of 2 chaperones (1 female and 1 male) to make this trip possible. We can’t do it without your help and we would love to talk to you about how we can serve Wilmington and our youth together! Feel free to reach out to Matt Rishell if you’d like any more details on any aspect of our trip including the Covid procedures that will be in place.

A reminder to any student that is interested or already signed up for this year’s mission trip – the last day to sign up or make the final payment is June 10th.

Over the coming weeks, we are excited to bring back more of our youth programming that has been on hold, so stay tuned!

We ask for your continued prayers for our ministries and for the health and well-being of all our students. We ask for prayers in an unusually trying time for us all.

Matthew Rishell – Director of Youth Ministry

Would you like to be included in our weekly Youth Newsletter to stay up to date on all of our latest events and updates? Contact Matt at firstpresbyyouth@first-presby.org

Mission Trip 2021

WILMINGTON, DE
JULY 11TH - 17TH

**We're in need of
adult (21+)
male and female Chaperones**

Contact Matt Rishell for more details

Our Team

**Serena DeCosmo
Jack Drouin
Tim Cavanaugh
Jack Dieffenderfer
Reese Dieffenderfer
Lorren Huff
Ryan Shabahang
Peter Lantz
Emma Heid
Charlie Heid**

**Carina Pavlov
Anna Glantz
Lily McBride
Noah Shabahang
Sam Stancavage
Autumn Sena
Maggie Daly
Mia Turnbull
Liv Heid
Cole Temple**