

The First Presbyterian Church of Lewisburg

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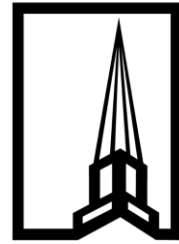
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Sunday Worship: Worship Service - 9:30 a.m. (In-person or Livestream)

Sunday, August 22nd is Matt Rishell's last day serving as our Director of Youth Ministries. Shortly thereafter, he leaves for England to pursue a master's degree in International Relations at Durham University. Matt's ministry through our church has spanned more than 3 ½ years. During this time, our congregation has welcomed both an Interim and an Installed Pastor, taken on an almost entirely new Staff, and navigated the uncertainty and anxiety of the Covid pandemic.

Through all these transitions, Matt has provided a steady, thoughtful, and prayerful presence and direction to the growing faith of our Middle and High School students. He's led mission trips, built indoor toilet-brush hockey rinks and life-size foosball tables in the Great Hall, renovated The Cave after it was flooded by backed-up sewage, shared the Gospel with students and their families, hosted Thanksgiving (Friendsgiving) dinner for 80+ people at the manse, preached on Sunday mornings, and taught the Bible at Youth Group and in Sunday School. Matt has also assisted people in need who found their way into the church building late at night, assisted with Vacation Bible School, and for the last year-plus, been our primary technician running the soundboard, projector and livestream for Sunday worship and for memorial services. To say that Matt has been a tremendous gift to our congregation, with a ministry reaching far beyond the youth group, is a gross understatement. He will be greatly missed!

As grateful as I am for Matt's partnership in ministry at First Presbyterian (and for the great humor he brings to my otherwise bland weekly Staff meetings) I am



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Upcoming Events

Sunday, August 22

Following worship Farewell Reception for Matt Rishell in the parlor

Friday, September 3

5:30-8:00 p.m. **First Friday Kids Night in the Great Hall**

Sunday, September 5

9:30 a.m. **Holy Communion**

Sunday, September 12

9:30 a.m. **Sunday School**
10:30 a.m. **Worship Service**

August Meetings

Tuesday, August 17

7:00 p.m. Session & Deacons Meeting

August Ushers

The Mebius Family

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

confident in this new chapter God is ready to compose with him. To express our thanks to Matt for all that God has done through him at First Presbyterian Church, I invite you to a reception in the Parlor after worship on Sunday, August 22nd. At that time, we'll present Matt with a monetary gift to help with school, travel, and moving expenses he'll incur as a graduate student abroad.

If you would like to contribute to Matt's send-off gift, you may do so through our [Faithlife online platform](#) (from "Add or change funds," select "Matt Rishell - Thank You"), or by bringing or sending it to the church office (please specify "Matt" on your check or envelope) before Aug. 22nd. Either way, please take time to express your thanks and offer your blessing to Matt before he sets off for new adventures in jolly old England!

Peace to you,
Pastor Ryan

August Birthdays & Anniversaries

August Birthdays

- 2 Chloe McSween
- 4 Laura Graver, Rebecca Mignot, Lucas Winner
- 7 Tim Cavanagh, Dan Cavanagh, Mark Reif, Ann Roll
- 8 Tom Gresh
- 9 John Walsh
- 11 Barb Schmidt
- 14 Ariel Cooper, Nancy Curran, Audrey McSween
- 18 Pat Samuelson
- 22 Ann Miller, Sammy Miller, Connie Moore
- 23 Kim Gilger
- 24 Emersyn Papson
- 25 Samuel Gill, Kerry Shutt, Sally Vogel
- 26 Ryan Kraus
- 28 Patricia Apple, Garrett Brown
- 29 Tony Collins, Rick Stancavage
- 30 Keay Hathaway



August Anniversaries

2 Jason & Sarah Friedberg
4 Richard & Peg Erdley, Matt & Ashley Kalcich
5 Tom & Mary Lou Rich
8 Matt & Wendy McTammany, Steve & Kristen Mebius
12 Seth & Judith Ziegler
14 Wayne & Marilyn Gaver
15 Jim & Patty Apple
17 Clint & Karen Shurtliffe
19 John & Jessie Walsh
23 Ralph & Peggy Starkey
26 Brent & Ashley Papson
29 Dave & Marcia Thomas



Using Our Online Giving through Faithlife

We consider it a joy to give to the Lord, and we are thankful for your support as we proclaim the good news of the gospel in our community. We know that many of you give sacrificially and cheerfully to support our ministries and missions.

As Pastor Ryan mentioned, we have recently launched a new giving platform, Faithlife Giving. With it, you can easily and securely make one-time or recurring gifts!

To give, you can go directly to <https://faithlife.com/lewisburgpresby/give> and follow the prompts. You can also get there from the church's website, <https://first-presby.org> when you click on the green "Give" button at the top of the page.

Once on the Faithlife site, you can create an account so you can view your giving history, access your giving statements, and keep track of your giving methods. You have the option of giving to our Unified fund, which supports our budgeted personnel, programs, and facility expenses. By selecting the box, "Add or change funds," you can contribute to other church accounts, such as Deacons, Memorial Gifts, Capital Campaign, Missions, or Youth Summer Mission Trip. You will receive an email from Faithlife confirming your gift.

We also have text to give! Simply text "Give" and a numerical amount to: (570) 203-1059 (e.g. Give 50). You'll receive a text response with a link to follow to complete your gift. After setting up your account, future gifts can be processed automatically.

Thank you for choosing to be a part of what God is doing here at First Presbyterian! If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call the office at (570) 524-4419 or email us at info@first-presby.org.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

National Collection Week is **Monday, November 15 – Monday, November 22.**



It is not too early to begin thinking about how you can assist with this year's Operation Christmas Child. August is a great time to pick up bargains on school supplies!! First Presbyterian Church of Lewisburg will once again be a Drop-Off' location ... around the twentieth year we have participated in this way.

From here the shoebox gifts go on a long journey to a needy child in one of 130 countries around the world. They are distributed through churches in those countries and each one receives a small story book about Jesus in their own language. This is a simple yet powerful way to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The parent organization of Operation Christmas Child is Samaritan's Purse, led by Franklin Graham.

Please prayerfully consider how you can volunteer this year and don't hesitate to contact me with questions. Thank you.

Alice Marquart

Drop-off Team Leader



We're looking for some help running our cameras, sound, and livestream from the "tech booth" in the balcony. Requires you arrive 30 minutes before the service starts. We will train you and compensate you for your time! If interested, please speak with Pastor Ryan, Matt Rishell or Mike Pursley.



We are planning to return to regular communion and passing the offering plates in October. In order to do so, we need volunteers to help with communion and to be ushers in the upcoming months. To volunteer, please contact Marcia Thomas or the church office. All are welcome to volunteer.



First Presby Kids News

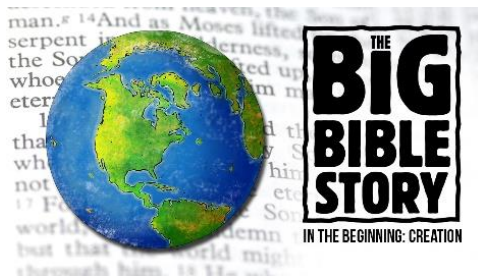
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“How you made me is amazing and wonderful. I praise you for that. What you have done is wonderful. I know that very well.”

Psalm 139:14 (NIRV)

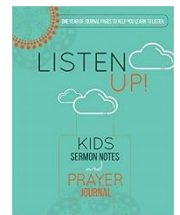
Volunteer with us! Our First Presby Family includes so many young children. And we offer those children many opportunities to grow their faith. If you feel called to teach, join us in Sunday School. If you want to play with some preschoolers, hang out in the Nursery. If you want to engage kids in a fun activity, Kids Church is the place for you! Contact Corey Jusko to learn more or to sign up!

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.



Kids Church! In August, we are going back to the beginning – the beginning of the Bible that is! We take a journey through the book of Genesis to learn all about God's creation and how AMAZING it is! 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.

Sermon Notes for Big Kids! Kids 3rd grade and older can take a copy of Listen Up! Kids Sermon Notes and Prayer Journal. Keep your big kids occupied and engaged in the worship service. There's space to take notes and draw/doodle. Get your copy in the Narthex or outside the Choir Room.



First Friday Returns! On **Friday, September 3** we'll bring back First Friday for First Presby Kids! First Friday is open to kids in our community, aged 3-11 years old. Our September First Friday will be a low-key games and movie night with pizza for dinner. We hope you can join us **Friday, September 3, from 5:30-8:00pm!**

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August Youth Newsletter

We are back and fully recovered from our summer mission trip to Wilmington, DE. What a week we had! It was hot – about 106 degrees each day! – but it was a fantastic week filled with laughter, deepening relationships, service, and learning and growing in the Lord.

Normally, I am able to update you all daily on the mission trip, but unfortunately, this year our school had no cell/internet service whatsoever. Although it was frustrating at first and we all tried without success to communicate with those back home, it proved to be a blessing that allowed us to be in the moment and be with each other.

With close to 300 students and leaders separated into 38 crews comprised of the members of our own youth group, as a camp we completed 97% of all the projects at all of our worksites.

Next year the youth group will be serving in Frederick, Maryland from July 24th – 30th. It's not too early to start planning another amazing week, so stay tuned for more updates!

We are back in the semi-normal swing of things as we all gear up for the upcoming school year. We've been able to get together mid-week for pool parties and bonfires, Sunday nights for normal youth group full of games and lessons, and Saturday brunches at Street of Shops.

For those who may not be aware, I did have to move my flight from Aug. 16th to Sept. 1st (we can thank the bureaucracy of the student visa process for that). Youth activities will continue as normal as they can until then. After I depart, we will still be continuing youth group run by an amazing team of volunteers to keep the program moving forward, even if there is a gap in the Youth Director position.

Take a look below for some highlights of our trip!

Thank you!

Matthew Rishell – Youth Director

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

