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The First Presbyterian Church

IT IS I;

Do not be Afraid

JOHN 6:20

Berwick, PA
The Order of Worship Sunday July 28th, 2024

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church of Berwick! We are glad that you are worshipping with us today. If you are visiting for the first time today, we invite you to sign the guest book in the back of the sanctuary or scan the QR code to fill it out digitally. Throughout the service, the People make the responses in **bold** print.



WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE Peace by Eugene Englert

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Why have you come to this place?

We have come to find Jesus.

Why have you come today?

We are tired in body and spirit.

Jesus bids you sit and be at ease.

We are hungry with nothing to eat.

Come and eat your fill.

But there are only five barley loaves and two fish.

There is plenty for all.

Will we find wholeness here?

Jesus gathers the fragments of our lives, that nothing may be lost.

*HYMN OF PRAISE #302 Red Hymnal I Love to Tell the Story

¹ I love to tell the story
Of unseen things above,
Of Jesus and His glory,
Of Jesus and His love.

I love to tell the story
Because I know 'tis true;
It satisfies my longings
As nothing else can do.

Refrain:

I love to tell the story,
'Twill be my theme in glory,
To tell the old, old story
Of Jesus and His love.

² I love to tell the story,
More wonderful it seems

CHIP IN FOR KRISLUND GOLF TOURNAMENT

Get those golf clubs ready and plan on joining us for our 2024 "Chip in for Krislund" Golf Tournament! This year's tournament will be held on **Friday, September 6**, at Nittany Country Club, Mingoville, PA. This is a great way for you to enjoy a day on the links while also supporting Krislund. The format is a fun scramble, so golfers of all levels are welcome. In addition to having fun and supporting Krislund, you'll have a chance to win a car - all you have to do is make a hole-in-one! Proceeds from the tournament are used to provide financial assistance to those campers who might otherwise not be able to come to Krislund.

HEY, PSU FOOTBALL FANS!

If you're looking for a great place to stay during your PSU Football weekend, we have just the place for you! Stay in one of our cozy cabins and enjoy the peaceful surroundings of Krislund after an exciting day at the stadium. For information on availability and pricing, call (814) 422-8878 or email registration@krislund.org

PEANUT BUTTER SUNDAY

Next Sunday, August 4th is peanut butter Sunday. Your donations can be left in the box provided in the narthex.

IN THE PULPIT

July 28 John Polhill

August 4 Sally Dries

August 11 Nancy Hardy

August 18 Steve Engelhardt

August 25 John Polhill

COMMUNION

October 6

November 24

December 24

PRAYER LIST

Matthew Boggs

Wade Casaldi and family

DAngelo family

Bob Feick Family

Matt Gabel

Wilhelmina Hoover

Tom & Barb Huntington

Kishbaugh family

Announcements

THANK YOU!

This morning we welcome back John Polhill to the pulpit. Welcome back John and thank you for leading us in worship this morning!

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Don't forget, men's breakfast is held **EVERY Wednesday** at 7:30am downstairs in the kitchen. All men are welcome to attend, fill up on hot cooked grub, join in fellowship and do whatever it is that men do.

PHOTO SHOW AND COMPETITION

Calling all local photographers! Registration is now open for the 2024 Journey Bank Photography Competition.

Explore this year's categories-including our brand new Hometown Pride category!

- Animals/Wildlife
- Flowers
- Hometown Pride
- Nature/Landscape
- Black & White

Download your registration packet on our website today: <https://www.journeybank.com/download/?id=1090>. Registration closes Friday, September 13th.

OUTREACH

If you happen to drive by the church on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month you will notice a big bus in the back of the parking lot. Our partnership with Gaudenzia has started and they will be utilizing the space for their mobile unit to reach out to those in the public in need of their services.

PRAYERS

Please keep Jerry, Alison and the Powlus family in prayer for the recent death of Alison's father and continued prayers for Alison as she recovers from surgery.

Than all the golden fancies
Of all our golden dreams.
I love to tell the story,
It did so much for me;
And that is just the reason
I tell it now to thee. (Refrain)

³ I love to tell the story,
'Tis pleasant to repeat
What seems, each time I tell it,
More wonderfully sweet.
I love to tell the story,
For some have never heard
The message of salvation
From God's own Holy Word. (Refrain)

⁴ I love to tell the story,
For those who know it best
Seem hungering and thirsting
To hear it like the rest.
And when, in scenes of glory,
I sing the new, new song,
'Twill be the old, old story
That I have loved so long. (Refrain)

CALL TO CONFESSION

We live in an ever-changing world. Seasons come and go, politicians rise and fall, children are growing up faster, loved ones die, neighbors move away, new ones come along, one day there is peace, the next day war, but instead of trusting in our God who says, "I work all things for good," and "Behold, I make all things new," we give into fear, live in old ways, and seek to create our own good. So let us come before God this morning in faith, confessing our need for greater faith and looking to Jesus who is a light unto our path and a lamp unto our feet. Let us pray together our prayer of confession. Let us pray.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son. Please look with compassion on the whole human family, take away the arrogance and hatred that infect our hearts, break down the walls that separate us, unite us in bonds of love, and, through our

struggle and confusion, work to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Christ Jesus our Lord. AMEN

(Silence for people to examine their hearts in prayer)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Friends, God loves us despite our fears and our shortcomings. We can find no greater meaning in life than to accept God's love and forgiveness and to allow that love to change us; to change us that we may be God's light in the world. May we accept this graceful gift and share the peace, love, and hope of Christ with one another in all that we do and say.

SPECIAL MUSIC

SCRIPTURE READINGS Ephesians 3:24-21; John 6: 1-21

*GLORIA PATRI

SERMON A Love that Surpasses Knowledge

*HYMN #357 O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

¹ O Master, let me walk with Thee
In lowly paths of service free;
Tell me Thy secret; help me bear
The strain of toil, the fret of care.

² Help me the slow of heart to move
By some clear, winning word of love;
Teach me the wayward feet to stay,
And guide them in the homeward way.

³ Teach me Thy patience; still with Thee
In closer, dearer company,
In work that keeps faith sweet and strong,
In trust that triumphs over wrong.

⁴ In hope that sends a shining ray
Far down the future's broadening way;

In peace that only Thou canst give,
With Thee, O Master, let me live.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH
Apostles' Creed

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORDS PRAYER

*CLOSING HYMN Let There Be Peace on Earth

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me;
let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.
With God our creator, children all are we.
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now.
With every step I take, may this be my solemn vow:
To take each moment and live each moment
in peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION Let There Be Peace on Earth

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*Will those who are able please stand