

*Service for the Lord's Day  
April 26, 2026  
Fourth Sunday of Easter*

*Preparation*

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE "Carillon" Leslie Sullivan First Presbyterian Handbells

WELCOME, JOYS, AND CONCERNS Christopher Black

MINUTE FOR MISSIONS Liz Ann Hill

CHORAL INTROIT "Jesus Stand Among Us" Anonymous  
Jesus stand among us In Thy risen pow'r. Let this time of  
worship be a hallowed hour.

† CALL TO WORSHIP

We have been through much, but the Lord has been with us,  
and so we find peace and give thanks.

**The Lord is our shepherd; we have everything we need.**

Through shadow and light, through death and birth, through grief and joy,  
we have never been alone. We rest in that truth.

**Surely goodness and mercy**

**shall follow us all the days of our lives,**

**and we shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

Let us worship the Lord.

† HYMN 410 "God Is Calling Through the Whisper" (v.1-3) W Zlobie Lezy

† CALL TO CONFESSION

Christ is the good shepherd, who leads us to safety and peace no matter what we  
have done. Christ's voice calls us to repent and return; let us heed that voice and  
go to God in prayer.

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of community, you call us to a world radically different from what  
we are used to. You ask us to lay aside our ideas of "mine" and "yours."  
You show us a life where goods are shared,  
where all are loved, and faithfulness is shown through generosity. But we  
cling to our possessions, trusting them more than we trust you. Forgive  
us, merciful God. Help us to truly believe in your just and peaceful realm  
and to work to make it so. Amen.**

† ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, hear this good news: Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the  
cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds we  
have been healed.

**For we were going astray like sheep, but now we have returned to the  
shepherd and guardian of our souls. Thanks be to God!**

† ACT OF PRAISE 589 "Alleluia"

† PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

As God's forgiven people, let us pass the peace to one another.

*Proclamation*

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM Graye Middleton Lester

BAPTISM HYMN 486 "Child of Blessing, Child of Promise" (v.1&4)

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES Alice Smith

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Living God, with joy we celebrate the presence of your risen Word. Enliven  
our hearts by your Holy Spirit so that we may proclaim the good news of  
eternal and abundant life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON 1 Peter 2:19-25

ANTHEM "Saviour, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" Calvin Hampton  
(Text found at Hymn 187)

GOSPEL LESSON John 10:1-10

MESSAGE "Someone to Watch Over You" Rev. Nick Setzer

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH "Apostle's Creed" pg. 35

† HYMN 187 "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" (v.1-4) Bradbury

*Dedication*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "Fanfare and Alleluia" Douglas E. Wagner Handbells

† DOXOLOGY 606 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

† PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Great God, to you we give our thanks; your steadfast love endures forever.  
With gratitude we bring our gifts to you. Bless us and our gifts, that our lives  
and our resources may be a source of healing and hope,  
of joy and justice in our world. Amen.

† HYMN 741 "Guide My Feet" (v.1-4) Guide My Feet

† BENEDICTION

† CHORAL BENEDICTION Jesus, We Just Want to Thank You"  
(Sung by all) William J. Gaither

Jesus we just want to tell You. Jesus, we just want to tell You. Jesus, we just  
want to tell You. Thank you for eternal life.

† POSTLUDE "Erschienen ist der herrliche Tag (BWV 629) J. S. Bach  
(On Earth Has Dawned This Day of Days)

† Stand as you are able

Today we baptize Graye Middleton Lester. Graye was born on October 2<sup>nd</sup>,  
2025. She is the daughter of Charlie and Henley Lester.

**NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER**

Join the Western York County Christian Ministerial Association's  
observance of the National Day of Prayer. It will be held at City Hall at  
noon on Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Preschool Art Show and Silent Auction**

Please join us THIS THURSDAY, April 30th from 5-7 in McNeel for a  
special fundraiser hosted by the Preschool. Come see the children's  
art, as well as bid on special art pieces and other items. Proceeds go  
towards the church and preschool needs. Thank you for your support!



**SUMMER OF 2026 DATES FOR MONTREAT CONFERENCES ARE SET!**

Youth Conference at Montreat July 11-18 (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>)

Middle School Conference at Maryville College July 15<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>)

Please put these dates on your calendars for next summer now! We  
have lots of youth who are eligible to go!

The children's bulletins will have a secret code to unlock games related  
to the subject matter they heard about at church. Just another way to  
help our children learn about Jesus.

Concert & reception at the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd.  
Keenan Harmon, a well-known voice on WDAV-89.9 classical radio, and  
his group (Musikheim) will be performing on Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 3pm. It  
will be a varied program of voice, trumpet and violin. Tickets are \$10,  
\$5 for students and seniors.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS & TELL YOUR FRIENDS!**

SNOWBALL MOUNTAIN CHALLENGE IS OUR THEME FOR 2026 VACATION BIBLE  
SCHOOL, JUNE 22-25. FIND YOUR STRENGTH IN GOD. "I CAN DO ALL THINGS  
THROUGH HIM WHO STRENGTHENS ME" (PHILIPPIANS 4:13) **NEXT PLANNING  
MEETING IS ON MONDAY, MAY 4, 2026 @ 7pm.**

**A SPECIAL WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS** Thank you for joining us today. We're glad you're here and hope that you'll experience God's love as we worship together. If you would like to know more about us, please call our church office (684-2356) and ask to speak with our pastor. May God's peace be with you.

**OUR PRAYER CONCERNS:**

All caregivers, Justin Snipes (son of Melissa & Patrick Young & grandson of Micky & Joe Howe), Matt Bozarth (Friend of Leigh Dayton) that is suffering from a rare cancer), Wayne McCormick, Jr., Mark Good (Friend of Jody Templeton has cancer), Gloria Ludwig (Stacey Walden's grandmother), Leigh Dayton, Joe & Mickey Howe, Archie Buchanan, Jim Ballard (Brother in law of Ann Lee), Robert Clewis (Shelia Herron's son), Danny Allman (19 yr. old nephew of Mike Allman), Jackson (friend of the Waldens), Bill Herron (Leukemia), Donna Jo McKinney Ferrell and Jane McKinney Bolin (have cancer, they are nieces of Brenda Brandon), Chip Lee (father of Bethany James), Patti Whiteside (Joanna Setzler's step mom) recovering from broken hip, Jim Bolduc (Surgery), Lorraine Stewart, Mike Allman, Sr. (brain cancer), Linda Lee (sister in law of Eddie & Ann Lee injured in auto accident), Bruce Richardson & Julian Chinavare (friends of Jake Walden), Julie Setzer (Jane Ratliff's daughter) has bone cancer & Denise Zamora (Mya Clewis's aunt) has breast cancer

**RETIREMENT/NURSING HOMES-HOMEBOUND**


Bob Falls, Jane Spratt & Lorraine Stewart

**FLOWERS:** The sanctuary flowers are given by Stuart and Ree Dillon in celebration of our risen Lord, support for our military deployed all around the world, and a continued uplifting of the Allman family.

<b>LITTLE DISCIPLES</b> 26 <sup>TH</sup> Maralee Hall 3 <sup>RD</sup> Jenny Hill	<b>NURSERY</b> Angie Pratt Susan Hill
<b>ACOLYTES</b> 26 <sup>th</sup> Elizabeth Hiott/James Caveny 3 <sup>rd</sup> Mackenna Zesiger/Maggie Hill	<b>CROSS BEARER</b> Ryleigh Walden Eliana Setzer

First Pres book club meets again on May 26th! Our current read is "Culpability" by Bruce Holsinger. All are welcome!

**SET UP FOR HEARING AIDS TO CONNECT TO SANCTUARY AUDIO**  
**Scan:** the QR code above to download the ListenWiFi app  
**Connect:** your phone to the Wi-Fi Network  
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**Open:** the ListenWiFi app  
**Click:** "Venue Scan" on the app and the audio will connect to your device  
**Listen:** Make sure your phone is paired to your bluetooth headphones or hearing aid.



**CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK**

- Sun. 4-26** 7:30am Session Meeting  
10:00am Adult Sunday School  
11:00am Worship
- Mon. 4-27** 8:00pm AA
- Tues. 4-28** 12:15pm Staff Meeting  
4:00pm Theology
- Wed. 4-29** 10:00am Acts Study  
6:00pm Choir Rehearsal  
6:00pm Grief Share  
8:00pm AA
- Thur. 4-30** 5:00-7:00pm Preschool Art Show
- Sun. 5-3** 10:00am Adult Sunday School  
11:00am Worship  
5:00pm Confirmation  
6:00pm Youth

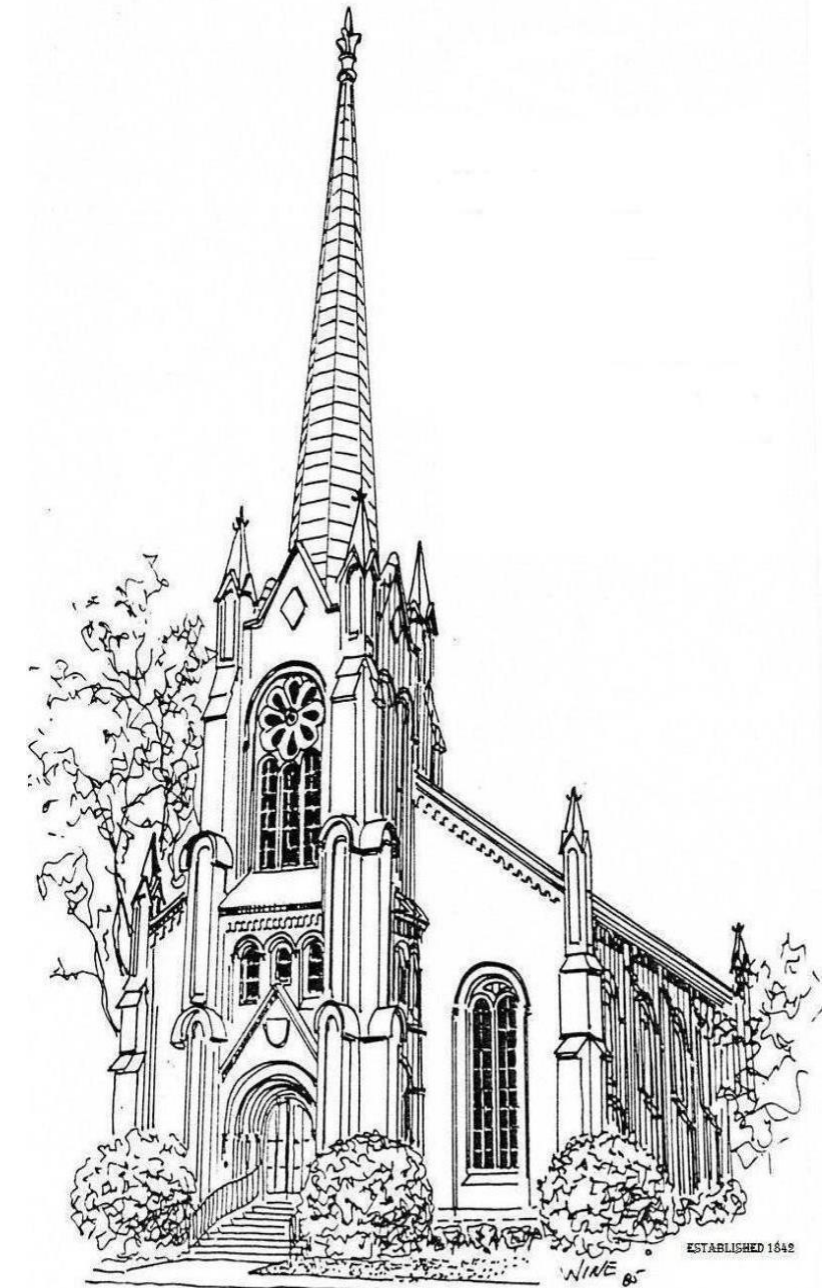
**Session Members & Their Committees**

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| Liz Ann Hill...Clerk & Personnel & IT     | Rick Beard.....Property            |
| Jenny Hill.....Asst. Clerk & Family Life  | Pete Carroll....Property           |
| Eddie Lee....Worship & Personnel          | Donna Langford..Cong. Care & PW    |
| Ronnie Bailes..Finance & Personnel        | Sonya Kent....Congregational Care  |
| Melissa Allman....Family Life & Personnel | Jamie Caveny..Family Life          |
| Lynn Leake...Worship                      | Jay Leake.....Property             |
| Christopher Black..Personnel & Finance    | Shawn Jarrett...IT                 |
| Debbie Lowe...Congregational Care         | Jake Walden...Mission/Evangelism   |
| David Dickson..Mission/Evangelism         | Neil McWhorter...Finance           |
| Angie Pratt....Mission/Evangelism         | Tom Setzler....Congregational Care |

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