

## ADULT

**This Tuesday for all men** - join us for the Golf Simulator Men's Night, 7 p.m., at Smash Factory Golf in Aliquippa. It will be a great evening of food (pulled pork sliders), friends and golf! Details and registration at [fpcbeaver.com/events](http://fpcbeaver.com/events).

**Parents of Graduates:** We want to recognize all students who are graduating this spring (high school, college, graduate school). Give info you'd like presented in the church bulletin & compass, to Lucinda (lpeika@fpcbeaver.com), by Sunday, May 13. Please include the following: graduate's full name, parent's names, school, major (if college), and interests.

**College & Young Adults:** Any college students, college-age folks, and young adults are invited to join us on Sunday, May 19, 12:30 p.m. in the Commons. Come enjoy lunch with us and hear what's going on this summer!

**The After Party** 6-part course on faith & politics at FPC. Mark Wednesdays on your calendar beginning May 29 (ending July 3) from 6:30-8 p.m. More at [fpcbeaver.com/events](http://fpcbeaver.com/events).

**Plan ahead for a Women's Weekly Summer Bible Study**, on Tuesdays, June 18-July 30, with a morning & evening time offered. (Morning will have childcare for babies-5th grade.) More at [fpcbeaver.com/events](http://fpcbeaver.com/events).

## CHILDREN Ages Pre-K-Grade 5

(Nursery for infants to age 4 during all services.)

**SPARKS (K-2nd)** Mondays, 4:30-5:30 p.m. Meet us in Fellowship Hall for play, Music time and our last Bible study series for the year ANGRY WORDS. Words are powerful, they can heal or destroy. This week we will learn from the story of David & Goliath that God has given us a defense against angry words and attitudes: His Word

**QUEST (3rd-5th)** Thursdays, 6:30-8 p.m. Join us for games, snack, Bible lesson & small group time. This week we will discover through the story of Daniel that God is PROTECTOR. When thrown into a lions' den, God protected him from death by closing the lions' mouths. Through His death & resurrection, Jesus protects us from the death we deserve because of sin.

**VBS registration is open!** Sign up to join us June 10-13, 9:15-11:30 a.m. Incoming preK-5th grade (must be 4 by Aug. 31, grade as of fall 2024) \$10/child, \$25 family max.

**Our Nursery** is looking for caregivers to build our wonderful nursery team. If you feel led to love on our little ones and are able to serve our families that way on a monthly rotation, contact Marion Butler (mbutler@fpcbeaver.com).

## STUDENTS MIDDLE & Sr. HIGH SCHOOL: Grades 6-12

**High School Youth Group** (grades 9-12), tonight, 6:45-8:30 p.m. Come for an evening of fellowship, games and spending time in God's word. And it's Move Up Night - 8th graders please come come and join us!

**Middle School Youth Group** (grades 6-8), this Wednesday, 6:45-8:30 p.m. Come for an evening of fellowship, games and spending time in God's word.



### CHILDREN

PreK-5th grade on Lower Level  
3 yrs old, Train Room 104  
2 yrs old, Tree Room 102  
Under 2 yrs old, Balloon Room 100

### STUDENTS

Grades 9-12 on 3rd floor  
Grades 6-8 girls, Room 202  
Grades 6-8 boys, Room 204

### ADULTS Term IV classes

**Spirit of Our Politics: Cultivating a Christian Political Ethic**  
Ben Lichius, Commons  
**Worship Essentials: Exploring the Foundations of Worship**  
Andrew Frey & Griffin Telljohann, Room 210

**Navigating Technology in Everyday Life**  
Brian O'Leary & Dan Reed, Room 206

**Men's Bible Class**  
Rotating Teachers, Lower Level

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### First Presbyterian Church SERVICES

9 a.m Fellowship Hall  
11:15 a.m Sanctuary



GIVING

## First Presbyterian Church Beaver

# Worship Service

FOR THE LORD'S DAY

April 28, 2024  
Sanctuary, 11:15 a.m.

Prelude

"New Day Fanfare"

S. Eithun

Welcome

\*Call to Worship  
(from Psalm 138)

One: I will praise You, Lord, with all my heart;  
before the "gods" I will sing Your praise.

**All: I will bow down toward Your holy temple  
and will praise Your name.**

One: May all the kings of the earth praise You, Lord,  
when they hear what you have decreed.

**All: May they sing of the ways of the Lord,  
for the glory of the Lord is great.**

\*Hymn of Praise No. 660

*O God Beyond All Praising*

THAXTED

\*Prayer of Adoration

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

*Loving and eternal God, Your Son Jesus came as King to rescue and redeem us. By grace through faith, You adopt us into Your family. Yet often we ignore Your call to serve. We make light of Your invitation to us. Our attention to You is scattered. Our affection for You is fickle. Forgive us for our stubbornness, disobedience, and pride. Renew us so we may love You faithfully. May we hear Your call and respond with joy to the glory and honor of Your holy name. Through Jesus Christ we pray.*

**Please take a moment to confess silently.**

Assurance of God's Grace  
(Colossians 2:13-14)

One: At one time you were dead in your sins, but God gave you new life together with Christ.

**All: He forgave us all our sins. He wiped out what the law said that we owed.**

One: The law stood against us. It judged us.

**All: But he has taken it away and nailed it to the cross.  
Thanks be to God!**

\*Hymn No. 693

*Blessed Assurance*

ASSURANCE

SCRIPTURE  
SERMON

II Samuel 9:1-13  
Ron Cepek

First Presbyterian Church



If you are a guest with us this morning, Welcome! Visit the Connections Spot, by the elevator, to receive a gift and information about FPC.

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.*

Minute for Mission –  
SAFE Families

Giving of Tithes/Offerings  
Offertory

“Mercy Tree” arr. Martin  
On a hill called Calvary stands an endless mercy tree.  
Every broken weary soul, find your rest and be made whole.  
Stripes of blood that stain its frame shed to wash away our shame.  
From the scars, pure love released: salvation by the mercy tree.

In the sky between two thieves hung the blameless Prince of Peace,  
Bruised and battered, scarred and scorned, sacred head pierced  
by our thorns.

“It is finished,” was His cry, the perfect Lamb was crucified.  
His sacrifice, our victory; our Savior chose the mercy tree.

Hope went dark that violent day. The whole earth quaked at  
Love’s display.

Three days silent in the ground, this body born for heaven’s crown.  
On that bright and glorious day when Heaven opened up the grave:  
He’s alive and risen indeed! O, praise Him for the mercy tree!

Death has died, love has won; hallelujah, hallelujah!  
Jesus Christ has overcome; He has risen from the dead.

One day soon we’ll see His face; every tear, He’ll wipe away.  
No more pain or suffering; praise Him for the mercy tree.

Death has died, love has won; hallelujah, hallelujah!  
Jesus Christ has overcome; He has risen from the dead.

\*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.*

\*Closing Hymn No. 530

**Lord, I Want to be a Christian** Spiritual

\*Benediction

Special Thanks...

Musicians who are helping lead worship today:

Piano – Henry Wiens  
Trumpet – Brian and Samantha Croach  
Horn – Emily Dingfelder  
Trombone – Mike Dingfelder  
Tuba – John Caughman  
FPC Adult Handbell choir  
FPC Chancel Choir

\* Please stand as you are able.

Join Us!



UPCOMING EVENTS



**HYMN SING IN THE SANCTUARY**

All ages, join us on Sunday, May 12, at 6 p.m., for a wonderful time of worshipping the Lord through singing hymns of faith. Let us come together and sing praises to His name. Followed up with light refreshments in the Commons.



Safe Families  
for Children

**BLESSINGS THROUGH ADOPTION AND SAFE FAMILIES FOR CHILDREN**

Sunday, May 19, they’re hosting an informational meeting for those interested in the Safe Families mission. We’ll be discussing what Safe Families does in the community and how you can be involved. If you are interested, join us at 10:15 a.m. in the Commons. Snacks and coffee provided.



**ROMANIA MISSION TRIP DEADLINE EXTENDED**

Dates are July 3-12. Applications are available at the lobby Connections Spot or you can get from [fpcbeaver.com/events](http://fpcbeaver.com/events). These are due back May 3 to the church office, or to Joye Hagen at [japatter@hotmail.com](mailto:japatter@hotmail.com).



**HODGE BAND RUMMAGE SALE**

Plan ahead... Wednesday, May 15, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., and Thursday, May 16, 9 a.m.-noon. Keep us in mind when spring cleaning! Donation drop offs begin Sunday, May 12 at noon. Church office will take purses, handbags, and jewelry donations anytime for the June Garrison Sale.



**MEN'S RETREAT**

All men are invited on May 18, 7:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., at Prayer Mountain Retreat Center. Join us for a time together in study and discussion of “Sonship” (Chosen-Son-Brother-Head). As well as fellowship and relationship-building with other men in our church community. Details and registration at [fpcbeaver.com/events](http://fpcbeaver.com/events).

Prayer lists can be found at worship entrances or [fpcbeaver.com/prayerweekly](http://fpcbeaver.com/prayerweekly).

If you or a loved one are in need of the Pastoral Staff, email us at [hospital@fpcbeaver.com](mailto:hospital@fpcbeaver.com) or contact the church office.

Visit [FPCBEAVER.COM/EVENTS](http://FPCBEAVER.COM/EVENTS) for more information and registration.