

First Presbyterian Church



309 Lincoln Street, Johnstown, Pennsylvania 15901

Vision Statement ~ We seek to become a Christian people of Spiritual Vitality and Faithfulness embraced by the love of God in Jesus Christ, through the Holy Spirit, as we love God and our neighbors, near and far.

Baptism of the Lord Sunday

January 9, 2022

10:45 A.M.

THE PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP Welcome to worship — each and every one of you, a chosen and beloved child of God. May we follow Jesus into the work of ministry. As you listen to the prelude, please read over the service in the bulletin and meditate on the words, so that they may be an inspiration to you as you worship.

*Signifies to please stand if you are able.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

THE ORGAN PRELUDE “Fanfare on *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*” *Dick Sanderman*

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE INTROIT

“In The Bleak Midwinter”

William Haller

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 100

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.

Worship the LORD with gladness; come into his presence with singing.

Know that the LORD is God. It is he that made us, and we are his;

we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise.

Give thanks to him, bless his name.

For the LORD is good;

his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

THE PRAYER OF APPROACH

Loving God, we seek after you, for you are a refuge and a shelter for us. Among us, you are at work for good in ways we do not even realize, and we want to respond as faithful disciples of your Son. Grant us trusting hearts and willing spirits. Use us to accomplish in and through this church more than we can ask or imagine. To you be all glory, honor and thanksgiving, now and forevermore. Amen.

***THE OPENING HYMN #492**

“Baptized in Water”

***THE CALL TO CONFESSION**

***THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Begin in silence, reading over the Prayer of Confession and preparing to pray it together.

God of compassion and justice, hear our prayer. Christ calls us to repent, and we protest we are virtuous people. Christ calls us to costly discipleship, and we focus on our own security and well-being. Christ calls us to love you and one another, and we find excuses to put off faithfulness until tomorrow. Forgive us, O God of love. By your grace, cleanse and renew us, we pray. Amen.

Time for silent, personal confession

***THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen.**

***THE RESPONSE #341 “Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine” (vs. 3)**

*Perfect submission, all is at rest, I in my Savior am happy and blest,
Watching and waiting, looking above, Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.
This is my story, this is my song, Praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song, Praising my Savior all the day long;*

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE FIRST LESSON

Matthew 3:1-12

THE ANTHEM

“We Are One”

Joseph Martin

By the gift of grace given from above, God has made each one of us a servant of His love. We must tell the world love has made us one, show them everlasting life through Jesus Christ the Son. We are one, we are one, Lord, our hearts are undivided, together we are strong. We are one, we are one, Lord, our voices are united. Your love will be our song, Your love will be our song, surrounded by Your grace, we lift our hearts in praise, in Your Spirit, in Your love, we are one. Help us, Lord, be grateful for all Your love imparts; let us then be faithful and dedicate our hearts. All in one accord, we declare Your praise. Together we will build a church united by Your grace. ---Give us, O Lord, a vision, show us the everlasting way. Give us, O Lord, a mission, Lord, in this hour, fill us with power, we dedicate our all today--.

THE SECOND LESSON

Matthew 3:13-17

THE MESSAGE

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

***THE CALL for OUR OFFERINGS, DOXOLOGY, and PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Your tithes and offerings may be placed in any plate at the sanctuary entrances.

Holy God, by the power of your Spirit, bless and multiply these gifts we bring. Use them to raise up the fallen, comfort the distressed, guide the confused, and strengthen the weak. Through our gifts, and the work and service we offer through them, may all who are in need experience the presence and power of your Spirit, active on their behalf and in their lives. Amen.

THE ANTHEM

“If God Be For Us”

Clifford McCormick

If God be for us who can be against us, who can be against us? Who can separate us from the love of Christ? --- In all things, we are more than conquerors. Through Him that loved us, we are more than conquerors. He that gave His own Son for us all, shall He not through Him, give us all things?---

THE PRAYERS AND PRAISES OF THE PEOPLE AND 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

THE ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

***The Hymn of Preparation #426 “Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak” (vs. 1-5)**

The Sentences of Scripture

There are varieties of gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord who is served.

God works through each person in a unique way,

but it is God’s purpose that is accomplished.

To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good.

Together we are the body of Christ, and individually members of it.

The Statement on Ordination and Installation

The Recognition of Outgoing Officers

The Constitutional Questions

The Prayer of Ordination

The Declaration of Ordination and Installation

The Charge

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***THE CLOSING HYMN pg. 68 in *The Hymns We Sing* “Standing on the Promises” (vs. 1-4)**

***THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

THE POSTLUDE “Trumpet Tune on *March of the Kings*” *Gordon Young

During the Postlude, you are welcome to stay and pray, simply enjoy the music, or head out into the world to meet the rest of your day, whichever is preferable to you.

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THIS WEEK’S EVENTS

TODAY	after worship	MISSION/STEWARDSHIP
	1:00 PM	GENEVENS MEETING at HOSS’S
MONDAY	6:30 PM	NAR-ANON
TUESDAY	10:30 AM	BIBLE STUDY
THURSDAY	7:00 PM	CHOIR
NEXT SUNDAY	9:30 AM	SUNDAY SCHOOL
	10:45 AM	WORSHIP
	12:00 PM	LUNCH and TALENT SHOW

PRAYER FAMILIES OF THE WEEK: Benson, Carbaugh, Johnson

WE EXTEND a friendly welcome to all who are visiting with us today. If you would like to learn more about First Presbyterian Church, please let the pastor know after the service.

PARISH NURSE Pat Betts will be in the office Tuesday and Thursday from 9:00 am to noon. Please feel free to stop by or give her a call!

VISION & HEARING ASSISTANCE Large print hymnals and wireless hearing devices are available from the Deacons.

IF YOU ARE AWARE of anyone who has any health concerns and would appreciate a phone call or visit and prayer, please let Pat Betts, the office or Rev. Alice know. Also, if you are admitted to the hospital and would like a visit, be sure to let the hospital staff know or contact Pat, the office or Rev. Alice.

PINE SPRINGS CAMP is collecting empty printer ink cartridges, which are recycled for funds which help enhance the camping programs. Place your "empties" in the box under the bulletin board at the top of the Lincoln Street steps. Last year, they raised \$1,500. Let's help them reach their goal of \$2,000 in 2020!

NON-PERISHABLE food items are collected each week and taken to the Food Pantry at Franklin Street U. M. Church. It's easy to pick up an extra box of macaroni and cheese, jar of peanut butter, or can of vegetables while you're doing your grocery shopping. The donation basket is by the Lincoln Street entrance.

FOCUS ON PRAYERS May everyone gathered for worship today know that, as siblings of Jesus, they too are God's beloved.

THANK YOU to Joyce Gerlach for serving as liturgist today.

THE FLOWERS today are dedicated to the glory of God and placed in honor of our angelic and dedicated choir and our choir director, Bill Williams.

THE MISSION/STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE will meet today after worship.

THE FLOWER CHARTS are up in the hallway to the Parlor and are ready to fill in for 2022. Please fill in your name and the dedication for the person or persons the flowers are for, as you wish it to appear in the bulletin. Silk flowers are \$15 (which goes to Saturday's Kitchen) and the cost for real flowers is \$33. Thanks!

FROM THE DEACONS: If you would like to dedicate the lighting of the Christ Candle in memory or in honor of a loved one, the signup chart for 2022 is in the hallway by the flower charts. Please fill in your name and name the person/s to whom the lighting is dedicated as you wish it to appear in the bulletin. There is no cost.

THE ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS has resumed in the parlor at 9:30 AM. Invite a friend and come to explore our new study program: "Jesus Christ: Who Do You Say That I Am?"

THE TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY will resume this Tuesday at 10:30 AM. The subject will be the Book of Luke. All are welcome.

2022 OFFERING ENVELOPES are ready to be picked up on the table at the rear of the Sanctuary. Please pick yours up and if you can deliver someone else's envelopes, please pick up theirs, too. Thank you!

OUR ANNUAL TALENT SHOW, "First Presby Has Talent" is coming up **next Sunday, January 16th!** Please let Pat Betts know if you plan to participate.

ATTENTION COMMITTEE and GROUP CHAIRS: Annual reports are due to the office no later than Friday, January 14th.

A NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY is being prepared for 2022. Please let Caroline in the office know of any updates in your address, phone number or email. Thank you!

"GOD GIVES NEW BEGINNINGS"
"ROTO REVIEW" (Reach Out To Others)

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