

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.

Second Sunday after Epiphany

January 16, 2022

10:45 A.M.

THE PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP Welcome to worship, fellowship, and Christian education at First Presbyterian Church. We are honored to be with you in the Lord's presence. 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

“This Little Light of Mine”

Jason Krug

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE INTROIT

“Fairest Lord Jesus”

Douglas Wagner

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Isaiah 40:28-29, Psalm 147:4-6

Have you not known? Have you not heard?

The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth.

He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable.

He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless.

Great is our God and abundant in power, with wisdom beyond our understanding.

It is God who numbers all the stars and gives each of them a name,
yet bends and heals the broken-hearted and binds up all their wounds.

To God be the glory, great things he has done.

THE PRAYER OF APPROACH

Compassionate Savior, at whose touch people are healed and by whose word lives are transformed, show yourself to us now. Touch our lives; speak to us. We do not seek these gifts for ourselves alone, but for the sake of the gospel. May your message be proclaimed among all people, drawing us into the community you intend, where God reigns and love prevails. Amen.

***THE OPENING HYMN #276**

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

***THE CALL TO CONFESSION**

***THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

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

Lord Jesus Christ, we confess that we have sinned against you, in our thoughts, words, and deeds. We have had anxieties about the future, even though we proclaim you as Lord. We have failed to love our neighbors, and we have disobeyed your commands. Have mercy upon us, forgive our sins, and cleanse us of all unrighteousness. Show us how to walk in your ways and serve you in grace and love. This we ask in your holy name. Amen.

Time for silent, personal confession

***THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

The One who alone is Holy became wholly human so we might see the face of grace.
The One who is seated in the heavens endured the cross so we might see the face of salvation.

By God's grace, and with God's grace, we are who we are meant to be: forgiven, restored, and called people.

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

Psalm 36:5-10

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

John 2:1-11

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.

God, our Father, along with these monetary gifts we also offer you our lives to do your work in the world. Take our bodies and our minds, our work and our leisure, our relationships with other people, our friendships and our family life, our dreams and our doubts, our faith and our plans for the future. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, we bring it all to you for your glory. 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 #525

“Here I Am, Lord”

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 Constitutional Questions

The Prayer of Ordination

The Declaration of Ordination and Installation

The Charge

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*THE CLOSING HYMN #485

“To God Be the Glory”

*THE CHARGE AND BENEDECTION

*THE POSTLUDE

“Glorious Procession”

Carolyn Hamlin

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.

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

TODAY	12:00 PM	LUNCH and TALENT SHOW
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

PRAYER FAMILIES OF THE WEEK: Buynack, Clark, Morales

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.

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.

THANK YOU to Joyce Gerlach for serving as liturgist today.

THE FLOWERS today are dedicated to the glory of God and placed by Pat Betts in honor of her grandson, Dan, whose birthday is January 7th, and daughter-in-law, Mary, whose birthday is January 21st.

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 sign-up chart for 2022 is in the hallway by the flower charts. There is no cost.

BIBLE STUDY has resumed at 10:30 AM on Tuesday mornings. The subject is Book of Luke. All are welcome.

THE SESSION HAS CALLED A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING for Sunday, January 30th immediately following worship. The purpose is to receive 2021 reports and the 2022 budget, as well as to vote on members of the 2022 Nominating Committee.

ATTENTION COMMITTEE and GROUP CHAIRS: if you haven't yet turned in your annual reports, please try to get them to the office this week.

ENRICHMENT DAY returns Saturday, February 12th from 12:15-4:15 pm at Westmont Presbyterian Church. Call Caroline in the church office or tell Alice which sessions you would like to attend by Friday, February 4th. Forms are available at the entrances.

REV. ALICE TONDORA WILL BE OUT OF THE OFFICE from tomorrow, January 17th, through Sunday, January 23rd. If you are in need of emergency pastoral care, contact Pat Betts, Charnet Koch, or Caroline Goller in the church office for the pastor on call. Thank you to Rev. Cynthia Cadenhead for preaching in Alice's absence.

GIVING STATEMENTS for 2021 are available at the rear of the sanctuary.

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!

“YOUR LIFE MAY BE THE ONLY BIBLE SOME FOLKS READ”

“ROTO REVIEW” (Reach Out To Others)

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