

# First Presbyterian Church



309 Lincoln Street, Johnstown, Pennsylvania 15901

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*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.*

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## 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

February 5, 2023

Rev. Hyiwot Teshome, *Pastor* • Sheila Farrer, *Liturgist*

10:45 A.M.

**THE PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP** We are delighted you've joined us. May God's word today strengthen your faith, inspire curiosity and learning, and motivate your service of others. 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** "Excerpt from Mozart Piano Sonata Number 12 in F Major"

**THE INTROIT** "Surely the Presence of the Lord is in This Place"

(Refrain x1) *Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place. I can feel God's mighty power and God's grace. I can hear the brush of angel's wings; I see glory on each face. Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.*

**THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Sheila Farrer*

**\*THE CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: We are called to be the light of the earth.

**People: We are called to shine God's love into this world.**

Leader: We are called to be the salt of the earth.

**People: We are called to bring out the best in people**

Leader: We love the Lord our God and our neighbors as ourselves.

**People: By God's grace, we are salt. We are light. God transforms us and uses us.**

**ALL: Let us worship our God, our transformative Leader**

**\*THE PRAYER OF APPROACH**

**God of Light, you shine your face into the darkness of our isolation and encourage us to live in community with others. You challenge us to leave our fears behind and join your people. You redeem us and our broken places by your Grace. Inspire our worship here with your fearsome and victorious Word. And that we may share our redemption with others with reconciling love and care. We pray in the name of your holy son, Jesus the Christ. Amen!**

**\*THE OPENING HYMN #411 "Arise, Your Light Is Come"**

**\*THE CALL TO CONFESSION**

**\*THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

*Pastor Hyiwot*

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

**Lord, though you should guide us, we inform ourselves; though you should rule us, we control ourselves; though you should fulfil us, we console ourselves. We think your truth too high, your will too hard, your power too remote, your love too free. Now heal our confused minds with your Word, heal our divided wills with your Law, heal our troubled hearts with your love, and heal our anxiety with your presence. All for the sake of your son, Jesus the Christ. Amen.**

**\*THE ASSURANCE OF GRACE**

*Pastor Hyiwot*

Leader: Friends, hear the Good News of the Gospel

**People : In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!**

**\*THE RESPONSE HYMN #579 “The Gloria Patri”**

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.*

**\*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

**PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

**THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

**THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**                      **Isaiah 58:1-9a**

**THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON**                **Matthew 5:13-20**

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

**THE MESSAGE**                                      **“Shine It Out”**

*Pastor Hyiwot*

**RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

**\*THE HYMN OF RESPONSE #367 “Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love”**

**\*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**    **The Apostles Creed**                                      *Pastor Hyiwot*

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**\*THE OFFERING of our Tithes, Time and Talents**

**THE OFFERTORY #559**                                      **“We Gather Together”**

*Choir*

**\*THE DOXOLOGY #592 AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Giving God, we are thankful for the wondrous gift of life. Your generous outpouring of grace reminds us of the fruitful life we are called to bear. May these gifts of time and labor, therefore, embody our desire to share and contribute to your coming reign among us. AMEN.

**THE PRAYERS AND PRAISES OF THE PEOPLE**

**THE SEALING OF THE WORD**

**THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER**

- The Invitation
- The Words of Institution and Prayer
- The Distribution of the Elements
- The Deacons Offering
- The Prayer after Communion

**COMMUNION SONG #521**            “You Satisfy the Hungry Heart”            *(Choir)*

**FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD**

**\*THE CLOSING HYMN**            “This Little Light of Mine”            *(Insert)*

**\*THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\*THE POSTLUDE**            “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”

*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**

<b>TODAY</b>	<b>After worship</b>	<b>SOCIAL HOUR</b>
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>BIBLE STUDY</b>
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>12:15 PM</b>	<b>ENRICHMENT DAY AT WESTMONT PRESBYTERIAN</b>
<b>NEXT SUNDAY</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>	<b>SUNDAY SCHOOL</b>
	<b>10:45 AM</b>	<b>WORSHIP</b>
	<b>After worship</b>	<b>190<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING</b>
	<b>12:00 NOON</b>	<b>MISSION/STEWARDSHIP MEETING</b>
	<b>1:00 PM</b>	<b>GENEVEN’S MEETING at HOSS’S</b>

**PRAYER FAMILIES OF THE WEEK: Bash, Mostoller**

**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 & 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 Pastor Hyiwot, Pat Betts or the office 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 or the office.

**PLEASE BE SURE** to fill out the **Caring Cards**, located in each pew, and place them in the offering plate. Also, "joys and concerns" prayer cards are in the pews for you fill out and give to a deacon during the offering.

**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.

**THE FLOWER CHARTS** are up in the hallway to the Parlor and are ready to fill in for 2023. 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 \$35. 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 2023 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.

**THANK YOU** to Sheila Farrer for serving as liturgist today.

**THANK YOU** to Jennifer Kist for sharing his musical talent as organist today.

**THE FLOWERS THIS MORNING** are dedicated to the Glory of God and presented by Pat Betts in honor of her grandson, Tyler, whose birthday is February 7<sup>th</sup>; and in loving memory of her husband, Harvey, whose birthday was February 7<sup>th</sup> and date of death was February 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**ENRICHMENT DAY** returns Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup> at Westmont Presbyterian Church. Sign-up forms are located at the church entrances. Return your reservations to the office or call them in by tomorrow.

**OUR SOUPER BOWL** of Caring Offering will be received next Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup>. This mission/outreach was organized in 1990 by the Rev. Dr. Brad Smith, then the pastor of Spring Valley Presbyterian Church in Columbia, South Carolina. Thank you for your generosity!

**CHILI SALE:** The Board of Deacons will be having a Chili Sale this Wednesday, Feb. 8 from 5:00 till 6:30. The chili will be prepared by Pastor Hyiwot. The cost is \$10.00 for a quart and it will be pick up only. To be sure you get a quart, placing an order with the church office is advised. In March we will have another soup sale and we will begin our chicken and biscuit dinners again in April. Please spread the word. Thank you.

**SESSION has CALLED THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** for next Sunday, February 12, 2023 after worship for the purpose of receiving the 2022 reports and electing the 2023 nominating committee.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS** – the Ash Wednesday Luncheon will be held at noon on Feb 22<sup>nd</sup>. The guest speaker will be our pastor, Rev. Hyiwot Teshome. All are invited to attend. There is no cost for the luncheon, but please make a reservation by February 15<sup>th</sup> by calling the church office.

**ALPHA:** Our neighbors at Our Mother of Sorrows and Mt Calvary Lutheran in Richland are offering courses on Alpha and have graciously invited us to join them. The sessions are held on Tuesday evenings 6:00-8:30

Alpha is a series of sessions exploring the Christian faith, typically run over eleven weeks. Each talk looks at a different question around faith and is designed to create conversation. Alpha is run all around the globe, and everyone is welcome. No two Alphas look the same, but they generally have three key things in common: food, a talk and good conversation, and, in that sense, very Presbyterian.

In-person Alpha at Our Mother of Sorrows begins with dinner at OMOS Hall at 6:00 PM. Registration is required, and we encourage you to do so at your earliest convenience.

If you have any questions or need help with registering, please reach out to Pastor Hyiwot, who will be participating in the sessions.

**LENTEN BIBLE STUDY:** At the request of Richard Feller, Pastor Hyiwot will be taking over the Tuesday Bible study sessions for the Lenten season. We will study Jesus' parables over seven sessions starting on Tuesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>. We will end our studies the Tuesday before Easter. Sessions run 10:30-11:30. All are invited and strongly encouraged to join these sessions. Please let Caroline know at the office if you're joining us so Roy knows how many donuts to bring ☺

**“GOD GIVE ME PATIENCE, BUT PLEASE HURRY!”**  
**“ROTO REVIEW” (Reach Out To Others)**

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