

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.

19th Sunday After Pentecost

October 3, 2021

10:45 A.M.

THE PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP We gather as one body, with Christ as the head. Each of you brings unique abilities and contributions to our worship and ministry. Thank you for being here, and welcome. 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 “I Sing the Mighty Power of God” *Mark Hayes*

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE INTROIT “Grace” *Marianne Kim*

THE CALL TO WORSHIP *adapted from Revelation 7:9-10; Acts 10:34-35; & Mark 9:37*

From every nation, from all tribes and people and languages,
they cry out in a loud voice:

Salvation belongs to our God and to the Lamb!

We truly understand that God shows no partiality,

**In every nation anyone who is in awe of God
and does what is right is accepted by the Lord.**

Whoever welcomes one such child in Christ’s name welcomes Christ;

And whoever welcomes others welcomes our Father who sent us Jesus.

Come, let us gather in worship, in prayer, meditation and song;

Come, let us celebrate our God who created all and welcomes all!

THE PRAYER OF APPROACH

Gracious Lord, you have placed within the hearts of all your children a longing for your Word and a hunger for your truth. Grant that we may know your Son to be the true bread of heaven and share this bread with all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

***THE OPENING HYMN #464**

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

***THE CALL TO CONFESSION**

***THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

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

Gracious God, you are the one who leads us from darkness into light, from captivity into freedom, from worry into peace, and from despair into joy. Yet too often we choose to break free from you, convinced of our own wisdom, and forgetting your love and grace. Forgive us, draw close to us, and enable us to follow you in worship, gratitude, and grateful service.

A 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 #466 “O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing” (vs. 3 & 4)**

*Christ breaks the power of reigning sin And sets the prisoner free;
Christ’s blood can make the sinful clean, Christ’s blood availed for me.*

*My gracious Master and my God, Assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad The honors of Thy name.*

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE FIRST LESSON

Psalm 8

THE ANTHEM

“He’s Got the Whole World”

arr. Douglas E. Wagner

“He’s got the whole world in his hands. He’s got the whole wide world in his hands. He’s got the whole world in his hands. He’s got the whole world in his hands. He’s got the sun and the moon in his hands.(x3) He’s got the whole world in his hands. He’s got the little baby in his hands. (x3) He’s got the whole world in his hands. He’s got everybody in his hands. (x3) He’s got the whole world in his hands.”

THE SECOND LESSON

Mark 9:33-37, 10:13-16

THE MESSAGE

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

THE CALL FOR OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

***THE DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

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

Generous God, accept these gifts as a means of bringing you glory and praise and as a way to draw others to you and your church. In the name of Christ Jesus we pray. Amen.

THE ANTHEM

“In Remembrance”

arr. Lloyd Larson

In remembrance of me, eat this bread. In remembrance of me, drink this wine. In remembrance of me, pray for the time when God’s own will is done. In remembrance of me, heal the sick. In remembrance of me, feed the poor. In remembrance of me, open the door and let your brother in, let him in. Take, eat, and be comforted; drink, and remember too, that this is my body and precious blood shed for you, shed for you. In remembrance of me, search for truth. In remembrance of me, always love. In remembrance of me, don’t look above, but in your heart, look in your heart, look in your heart, look in your heart for God. Do this in remembrance of me. (x4)

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.

SEALING OF THE WORD

***THE HYMN OF PREPARATION #442 “The Church’s One Foundation”** (vs. 1,2,3,5)

***THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

from the Belgic Confession, art. 27

What do you believe about the church of Christ?

We believe and confess one single catholic or universal church—a holy congregation and gathering of true Christian believers.

What binds them all together?

They await their entire salvation in Jesus Christ, are washed by his blood, and sanctified and sealed by the Holy Spirit.

How big is this church?

This holy church is not confined, bound, or limited to a certain place or certain persons. But it is spread and dispersed throughout the entire world, though still joined and united in heart and will, in one and the same Spirit, by the power of faith.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

THE INVITATION

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND PRAYER

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

When you receive the bread, you are invited to partake at that time.

Please hold the cup, and we will partake together.

THE DEACONS OFFERING

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***THE CLOSING HYMN #423 “Jesus Shall Reign Where’er the Sun”** (vs. 1,3,5)

***THE CHARGE AND BLESSING**

***THE POSTLUDE**

“Festive Trumpet Tune”

David German

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	MISSION/STEWARDSHIP
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: Cramer, Muncert, Wagner

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. Please note that there has been a change to the program: they do not accept laser/toner cartridges, they'll accept INKJET cartridges only.

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.

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 is in the hallway above the flower charts. There is no cost.

THE CHRIST CANDLE has been lit today by Bill & Lynne William as a birthday remembrance for Lynne's father, Jack Barnhart, whose birthday was October 3rd.

THANK YOU TO Richard Feller for serving as liturgist today.

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS are dedicated to the glory of God and placed by Isabel Cruse in honor of her husband Ken, in celebration of his 90th birthday on October 2nd.

LUNCH-TO-GO If you made a reservation, be sure to pick up your lunches today after worship.

REV. ALICE TONDORA will be out of the office from tomorrow through next Sunday, October 10th. 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. Norma Prina Murphy for offering the Message next Sunday.

"IN GOD WE TRUST. RIGHT ON THE MONEY."

"ROTO REVIEW" (Reach Out To Others)

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