

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.

22nd Sunday after Pentecost

November 6, 2022 Robert Sheehan, Certified Ruling Elder for District IV 10:45 A.M.

THE PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP Welcome to worship this All Saints' Sunday. As we remember the faithful who have gone before us, we also rejoice to be called saints of God through baptism. 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 PRELUDE

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE CALL TO WORSHIP *(Based on Psalm 14)*

Fools say in their heart, "There is no God."

We proclaim that God's presence is real and alive and thriving!

Evildoers declare through their actions, "We go through life alone."

**But we see God's grace, faithfulness, and steadfast love
in our lives and in the world around us.**

THE PRAYER OF APPROACH

Almighty God, be present with us now as we offer praise and thanksgiving for the abundance we have received through your grace. Help us to heed your call that we might find deliverance through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*THE OPENING HYMN #420 "God of Grace and God of Glory"

*THE CALL TO CONFESSION

*THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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

Gracious and forgiving God, we praise you from morning until night, yet we build walls that separate us from you. We place stumbling blocks in the way of goodness and truth. Teach us to pray and praise without pause, confessing our sins. Guide us in our efforts to work together for the good in the world and to prepare us for the coming of our Lord. Amen.

Time for silent, personal confession

***THE ASSURANCE OF GRACE**

In faith, we call out to a loving and forgiving God,
seeking to put aside our old life and put on Christ.

**Through the gift of Jesus Christ, God assures us that we are
pardoned, forgiven, absolved, and released from our sin.**

***THE RESPONSE #579 “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.*

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Exodus 34:1-10

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Luke 20:9-19

THE MESSAGE “God’s Mercy and Grace”

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(The Apostles Creed)

**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;
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.**

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

***THE HYMN OF RESPONSE #288 “I Sing the Mighty Power of God”**

THE OFFERING of our Tithes, Time and Talents

THE OFFERTORY

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

**Almighty God, we offer you our sacrifice of time, energy, and love knowing they are
mere tokens of the awesome faith you inspire within us. Accept these gifts that they
may continue to do the work of Christ in our church, in our community, and in the
world. Amen.**

A MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP

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.*

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*THE CLOSING HYMN #142 “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

*THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

THE POSTLUDE

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THIS WEEK’S EVENTS

TODAY	after worship	MISSION/STEWARDSHIP
	after worship	SOCIAL HOUR/BPs
MONDAY	5:00 PM	FESTIVAL of THE NATIVITY MEETING
	6:30 PM	NAR-ANON
TUESDAY	10:30 AM	BIBLE STUDY
THURSDAY	7:00 PM	CHOIR
SATURDAY	3:30 PM	MEET & GREET with Candidate Hyiwot Teshome & Family
NEXT SUNDAY	(no Sunday School)	DEDICATION SUNDAY
	10:45 AM	WORSHIP with Candidate Hyiwot Teshome
	after worship	CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
	5:15 PM	GENEVENS

PRAYER FAMILIES OF THE WEEK: Haughie, McCleary

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 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.

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.

WE ARE LOOKING for a partner to help with the video recording and editing of our Sunday service each week.

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.

THE FLOWER CHARTS are up in the hallway to the Parlor and are ready to fill in. Silk flowers are \$15 (which goes to Saturday’s Kitchen) and **the cost for real flowers has increased to \$35.**

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

PRAYER CHAIN: Do you have a need you’d like us to pray about? Contact either the church office, Pat Betts, Audrey Carbaugh, or Charnet Koch to have your prayer request added to our prayer chain. Would you like to join your voice in prayer for others? There are three ways we contact our “chain” when we receive requests: by telephone, by email or by text message. Let one of the contacts know if you’d like to join your voice in prayer.

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS are dedicated to the glory of God and are presented by Janet Braude as a birthday remembrance in honor of her husband, Buzz Braude.

FOCUS ON PRAYERS: “Great is the Lord. ... One generation shall praise Your works to another” (Psalm 145:3-4, NKJV). With all the saints, O God, I praise your name.

THE BOARD OF DEACONS will once again coordinate the casserole ministry. If you would like to be a person to make a casserole, please contact the church office or a deacon to be put on the list.

THANKSGIVING DINNER: We will once again host a family-style dinner at noon on Thanksgiving, Nov. 24th. We would like reservations so we can plan accordingly, but they are not a must. Please call the church office by November 17th at 814-536-8141. Please invite anyone you think may be spending Thanksgiving alone.

THE FESTIVAL OF THE NATIVITY: We will hold a planning meeting **tomorrow, November 7th**, at 5 PM. Please consider how you can help with this year’s Festival.

THERE WILL BE NO SUNDAY SCHOOL next Sunday, November 13th.

WE WILL HOLD A MEET & GREET this Saturday, November 12th, at 3:30 PM in the Social Hall to give everyone the opportunity to meet pastoral candidate Hyiwot Teshome and his family. We are so happy to have join us on November 13th for his candidating sermon, to be followed immediately by a congregational meeting to approve the call.

THE SESSION HAS CALLED A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING for **next Sunday, November 13th**, immediately following worship, for the purpose of approving the call of Candidate Hyiwot Teshome for the position of Solo Pastor/Head of Staff at First Presbyterian Church, Johnstown.

WESTMONT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH invites Veterans of our church and their spouse or guest to a dinner to honor their military service. The dinner will take place on Saturday, November 12th at 6:00 pm at Westmont Church’s Fellowship Hall, 601 Luzerne Street. A social time will start at 5:30 pm. To make a reservation, please call their church office at 814-536-0796 by Wednesday, November 9th. Their office hours are 10 am -3pm.

THANK YOU to Joyce Gerlach for serving as liturgist today.

THANK YOU to Eric Tedjeske for sharing his musical talents with us today.

THANK YOU to the Bob Sheehan, CRE, for bringing the message today.

“WALK WITH THE LORD - YOU’LL NEVER BE OUT OF STEP”

“ROTO REVIEW” (Reach Out To Others)

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Choir Director: Mr. William A. Williams

Organist: Mr. Richard Kimmel

Ministers: All members of First Presbyterian Church

Administrative Assistant: Caroline Goller

THE SESSION

Class of 2022

Duffy Compton
Roy Gindlesperger
Charnet Koch
Roy Shaffer

Class of 2023

Joyce Gerlach
Gary Menett
Bill Williams

Class of 2024

Pat Betts
Chuck Benson

THE BOARD OF DEACONS

Class of 2022

Sue Porsch
John Reitz

Class of 2023

Michelle Bragg
Barry Compton
Brenda Noon
Lynne Williams

Class of 2024

Carla Davis
Sheila Farrer
Agnes Gindlesperger
Steve Tondora