

# 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 8, 2026 Rev. Danielle Kendig, *Pastor* • Charnet Koch, *Liturgist* 10:45 A.M.

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**THE PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP** We're thankful you've joined us in worship. As the psalmist says, "How good it is to sing praises to our God" (Psalm 147:1, NRSV). Let's open our hearts and minds to the One who loves us, sustains us and blesses us beyond measure. 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

"All the Ends of the Earth"

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CENTERING HYMN "Surely the Presence of the Lord is in This Place"

(Refrain x2) *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 CALL TO WORSHIP Isaiah 58; Matthew 5

Leader: Come, all who hunger for a faith that matters.

**People: We come to worship the God who calls us to live with purpose.**

Leader: God says, "Is not this the fast I choose, to loose the bonds of injustice?"

**People: We seek a faith that frees, feeds, and restores.**

Leader: Jesus says, "You are the salt of the earth; you are the light of the world.

**People: Let us worship God and live the faith we proclaim.**

### \*THE OPENING PRAYER Isaiah 58; Matthew 5

**God of light and justice, you call us not only to worship with our lips but to live our faith with our lives. As we gather in your presence, open our eyes to see where your light is needed and strengthen us to become salt and light in the world. May our worship shape how we live, through Jesus Christ, our teacher and guide. Amen.**

### \*THE OPENING HYMN #171 "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

### \*THE CALL TO CONFESSION

**\*THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION** Isaiah 58; Matthew 5

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

**God of mercy, we confess that we sometimes practice faith without compassion and worship without justice. We turn inward when you call us outward, and we hide our light when you call us to shine. Forgive us when our lives fail to reflect your love. Renew us by your Spirit, and teach us to live a faith that is visible, life-giving, and true. In Christ we pray, Amen.**

**\*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON** Isaiah 58; Matthew 5

**Leader:** Hear the good news: God's light is not extinguished by our failures. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, restored, and called again to live as children of the light.

**People:** Thanks be to God! Amen.

**\*THE RESPONSE #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.*

**\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

**Leader:** The peace of Christ be with you always.

**People:** And also with you.

**A TIME WITH CHILDREN**

**PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

**THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON** Isaiah 58:1-12 Pg. 652

**THE GOSPEL LESSON** Matthew 5:13-20 Pg. 4

**Leader:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**All:** Thanks be to God!

**THE MESSAGE** "What Faith Becomes Visible" **Rev. Danielle Kendig**

**RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

**\*THE HYMN OF RESPONSE #172** "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"

**\*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

*The Apostles Creed*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**\*PRESENTATION OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS**

**THE OFFERTORY**

**"Flow River Flow"**

*Bob Hurd*

**\*THE DOXOLOGY #592 and PRAYER OF DEDICATION** Isaiah 58; Matthew 5  
God of justice and light, receive these gifts and our lives. Use what we offer to bring healing where there is brokenness and hope where there is need. May all we give reflect the faith we seek to live. In the name of our savior, Jesus Christ, Amen.

**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 #466 “O, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”**

**\*THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\*THE POSTLUDE “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”**

*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>193<sup>rd</sup> CONGREGATIONAL MEETING</b>
	<b>after the meeting</b>	<b>GENEVENS</b>
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>6:30 PM</b>	<b>NAR-ANON</b>
<b>NEXT SUNDAY</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>	<b>SUNDAY SCHOOL</b>
	<b>10:45 AM</b>	<b>WORSHIP</b>
	<b>NOON</b>	<b>TALENT SHOW/3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Program</b>

**PRAYER FAMILY OF THE WEEK: Ripple**

**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 Rev. Danielle, 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.

**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. **There are now 3 donation baskets, one at each of the church entrances.**

**THE FLOWER CHARTS** are up in the hallway to the parlor for your dedications in 2026. Silk flowers are \$15 (which goes to Saturday’s Kitchen) and the cost for real flowers is \$40.

**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.

**FOCUS ON PRAYERS** Lord, teach me to walk in kindness this month and beyond. May my actions reflect your love, and may others see your heart through mine. “Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you” (Ephesians 4:32, ESV).

**PLEASE SAVE YOUR PLASTIC SHOPPING BAGS** from the grocery store or Walmart for the Deacons. They are donated to the Backpack Project to pack lunches for area children.

**THE PASSING OF THE PEACE** Due to being in the midst of cold and flu season, we would like folks to limit their greetings to vocal only and avoid the hugging and handshakes, for the safety of the congregation.

**IF YOU HAVE A PRAYER REQUEST:** Please fill out the blue "Joys and Concerns" prayer cards. You may place them in the NEW prayer request boxes that are available at each of the church entrances.

**THANK YOU** to Charnet Koch for serving as liturgist today.

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL** has resumed. Please join us at 9:30 AM Sunday mornings.

**2026 PER CAPITA / PRESBYTERY APPORTIONMENT** Our Per Capita offering, which supports the work of the Presbytery, Synod and General Assembly, has been set at \$55.00 for 2026.

**"FIRST PRESBY HAS TALENT"/3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY LUNCH** Our annual talent show has been rescheduled for **next Sunday, February 15<sup>th</sup>**. Contact Pat Betts if you'd like to participate.

**THE SESSION** has rescheduled the **Annual Congregational Meeting** for **today, February 8<sup>th</sup>**, after worship, for the purpose of receiving the 2025 reports and electing the nominating committee. Please plan on attending in person.

**THE CHANCEL FLOWERS** 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, 1985.

**OUR SOUPER BOWL** of Caring Offering will be received **today**. 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. Donations benefit a local food pantry. Thank you for your generosity!

**A NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY** is being prepared for 2026. Please let the office know of any updates in your address, phone number or email, or if you have information on someone who has moved. Thank you!

**LIBRARY CALENDAR** - a new calendar for 2026 is posted in the library. Please be sure to add your group meeting dates and times. Thank you.

**THE CHURCH building** received water damage in the library, Pastor's office, and equipment room from frozen pipes and radiator leak upstairs. We are respectfully asking you to avoid those areas and the back hallway from the library to the parlor while the cleanup effort takes place. Thank you.

**"I WILL GIVE THANKS FOR GOD'S BLESSINGS, EVEN IN DIFFICULT TIMES"**  
**"ROTO REVIEW" (Reach Out To Others)**

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