

# 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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## Transfiguration of the Lord Sunday

February 15, 2026    Rev. Danielle Kendig, *Pastor* • Gary Mapes, *Liturgist*    10:45 A.M.

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**THE PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP** This Transfiguration Sunday, we remember that Jesus is with us in both the mountaintops and valleys of life. Welcome, as we do what the voice from heaven commanded: “Listen to him” (Matthew 17:5). 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**                    “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

**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**    Exodus 24; Matthew 17

Leader: Come, all who long to see the glory of God.

**People: We come to worship the Holy One revealed among us.**

Leader: God calls us into the cloud of holy presence.

**People: We come to listen for God's voice.**

Leader: This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him.

**People: Let us worship Christ in reverence and awe.**

\***THE OPENING PRAYER**    Exodus 24; Matthew 17

**Holy God, you are clothed in glory and mystery, revealing yourself in cloud and light. As we gather in your presence, draw us near to your holiness. Open our eyes to behold your glory in Christ, and prepare our hearts to carry your light into the world you love. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

\***THE OPENING HYMN**    #376    “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

\***THE CALL TO CONFESSION**

**\*THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION** Exodus 24; Matthew 17

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

**Merciful God, we confess that we prefer the mountaintop to the hard paths of obedience. We cling to moments of clarity instead of trusting you in the valley. Forgive us when we resist the way of the cross and fail to listen to your Son. Transform us by your grace, that we may follow Christ faithfully, bearing your light into the world. In His name we pray, Amen.**

**\*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON** Exodus 24; Matthew 17

**Leader:** Hear the good news: God does not abandon us when the path grows difficult. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, renewed, and strengthened to follow where he leads. The light of God's grace goes with us always.

**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** Exodus 24:12–18 Pg. 69

**THE GOSPEL LESSON** Matthew 17:1–9 Pg. 17

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

**All:** Thanks be to God!

**THE MESSAGE** "Carrying the Light Forward"

**Rev. Danielle Kendig**

**RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

**\*THE HYMN OF RESPONSE #339** "Be Thou My Vision"

**\*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**

**"Transfigure Us, Our Lord"**

**\*THE DOXOLOGY #592 and PRAYER OF DEDICATION** Exodus 24; Matthew 17

**Glorious God, receive these gifts and our lives. Use what we offer to reflect your light in places of shadow, to speak hope in times of fear, and to follow Christ wherever he leads. May all that we give carry your glory into the world. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray, 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 #462 “Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies”**

**\*THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\*THE POSTLUDE “The Transfiguration”**

*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>TALENT SHOW/3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Program</b>
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>6:30 PM</b>	<b>NAR-ANON</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE</b>
<b>NEXT SUNDAY</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>	<b>SUNDAY SCHOOL</b>
	<b>10:45 AM</b>	<b>WORSHIP</b>

**PRAYER FAMILY OF THE WEEK: Benya, Kearns**

**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 signup chart is in the hallway by the flower charts. There is no cost.

**FOCUS ON PRAYERS** God, you said to your disciples, “This is my Son, the Beloved; ... listen to him!” (Matthew 17:5, NRSV). Help us always listen to Jesus too.

**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 Gary Mapes 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 **today at noon.**

**THANK YOU** to Pat Betts and the Caring Committee for arranging the Talent Show and Lunch today. We hope you'll join us!

**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!

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE** Please, if you have articles for the March Vision, get them turned into the office this week. It is a short month, and we have to have time to compose, print and mail. 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.

**OFFICE PHONE ISSUES:** We are having an ongoing issue with our phone line. If you call, stay on the line for longer than you would think is necessary and even if you don't hear ringing on your end. It will eventually ring through to the office. Our provider is trying to find a solution to the delay in the calls.

**THANK YOU** to everyone who attended the Genevens meeting last Sunday. We hope you will join us next month. We will keep you updated on the location.

**PASTOR DANIELLE will be away** from February 15 - 27. If you are in need of pastoral care during that time, contact Pat Betts, Charnet Koch, or Caroline Goller in the church office for the Pastor on call.

**ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE:** As we begin the Lenten Season, please plan to attend our Ash Wednesday service on February 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. Denise Toderò, ALP, will be our guest minister.

**UPPER ROOM** The March/April issue of "The Upper Room" is available in the office to those who subscribe.

**BIBLE STUDY** Beginning on **WEDNESDAY, March 4<sup>th</sup>**, at 10:30 AM, Pastor Danielle will lead a Lenten Bible Study using "An Unlikely Lent" by Rachel Billups. Copies are available in the church office. Everyone is welcome!

## **"GOD OFFERS A LIFE OF SECOND CHANCES"**

**"ROTO REVIEW" (Reach Out To Others)**

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