

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.

5th Sunday of Easter

May 3, 2026 Rev. Danielle Kendig, *Minister* • Joyce Gerlach, *Liturgist* 10:45 A.M.

THE PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP Welcome, one and all. Let us join in the prayer of the psalmist: “May all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you. May those who love your salvation say evermore, ‘God is great!’” (Psalm 70:4). It is good that we are here. Let us praise God together. 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

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 Psalm 31 and John 14

Leader: In you, O Lord, we take refuge.

People: Let us never be put to shame.

Leader: Be a rock of refuge for us, a strong fortress to save us.

People: Into your hands, O God, we commit our spirits.

Leader: Do not let your hearts be troubled.

People: We believe in God; we trust also in Christ.

Leader: In this place, in this moment, we are not alone.

People: We come to worship the God who holds us, leads us, and gives us peace.

ALL: Let us worship God!

*THE OPENING PRAYER Psalm 31 and John 14

Gracious God, in you we take refuge, trusting our lives into your hands. When our hearts are troubled, remind us of Christ's peace and presence. Quiet our fears, steady our spirits, and draw us into your love. We come to worship you; our refuge, our guide, and our peace. In Christ we pray, Amen.

***THE OPENING HYMN #276 “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”**

***THE CALL TO CONFESSION**

***THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION** Psalms 31 and John 14

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

Merciful God, we confess that our hearts are often troubled, and we place our trust in many things instead of you. Forgive us, steady our spirits, and teach us to rest in your presence. Through Christ, our peace, Amen.

***THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON** Acts 2:38, Psalm 116:8

Leader: Hear the good news: “In you, O Lord, I take refuge... you have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God” (Psalm 31:1, 5). In Jesus Christ, our troubled hearts are met with peace, and through God’s steadfast love, we are forgiven and made whole.

ALL: 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.*

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST** John 14:1, 27

Leader: The peace of Christ is with us; steady, present, and alive. May the peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

A TIME WITH CHILDREN

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 31:1–5, 15-16 Pg. #487

THE GOSPEL LESSON John 14:1-14 Pg. #103

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

THE MESSAGE “Do Not Let Your Hearts Be Troubled” Rev. Danielle Kendig

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

***THE HYMN OF RESPONSE #172 “My Shepherd Will Supply My Need”**

***PRESENTATION OF GOD’S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS**

THE OFFERTORY

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

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16; John 14:1-14

God, take what we give and use it to bring hope and care to others. Let these gifts reach those who need encouragement, support, and a reminder that they are not alone. And continue shaping us; that our lives would reflect your love in real ways, not just in what we give, but in how we live each day. In the Name of 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** (*Glory to God Hymnal #182*) **“I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say”**

***THE CHARGE AND BLESSING**

***THE POSTLUDE** **“How Firm a Foundation”**

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

TODAY	after worship	DEACONS’ MEETING
	after worship	CARING COMMITTEE
MONDAY	1:00 PM	WOMEN’S ASSOCIATION
	6:30 PM	NAR-ANON
TUESDAY	10:30 AM	BIBLE STUDY
WEDNESDAY	6:00 PM	SESSION
NEXT SUNDAY	9:30 AM	SUNDAY SCHOOL
	10:45 AM	WORSHIP
	after worship	GENEVENS

PRAYER FAMILIES OF THE WEEK: Compton, Risbon

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.

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.

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.

FOCUS ON PRAYERS Dear Lord: Enable me to prepare myself for communing with You. Quiet my spirit, direct my thoughts and enable me to grasp the Truth you have for me and my fellow worshipers today.

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.

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.

BIBLE STUDY continues this Tuesday at 10:30 AM. Everyone is welcome to join us as we study the book of Acts. Bring your Bible and a notebook. We hope to see you there!

LUNCH BUNCH: The Lunch Bunch is back! Join us as we gather on the 2nd Friday of each month for a relaxed time of fellowship. Everyone is welcome! For more information, call Jackie at 814.619.8946. We hope to see you there!

THE MAY ISSUE of THE VISION has been mailed to those who requested to be kept on the mailing list. (I'm hoping you got them Friday or Saturday!) If you haven't received yours yet, or for those who opted out of the mailing, copies are available at the three church entrances. Additionally, the issue can be viewed online or downloaded directly from our website under the "Media" tab at the top of the webpage.

THE JOHNSTOWN CONCERT SERIES will present an extra concert here at FPC on Monday, May 11, at 7:00 p.m. featuring the Slippery Rock University Jazz Ensemble (Dr. Jason Kush, director) and the Slippery Rock Chamber Singers (Dr. Timothy Little Tràn, director). Admission is free, but a goodwill offering will be taken if you wish to donate.

PENTECOST GERANIUMS: Pentecost Sunday is May 24th. If you would like to order one or more geraniums to place in memory or in honor of someone special, please place your order by **May 11th**. Order forms are available at the church entrances and are included in the May Vision. Please make your check out to First Presbyterian Church. You may also order by calling the church office. The cost is \$7.95 per flower (6 inch pot).

SESSION MEMBERS: The Session will meet this Wednesday at 6:00 PM. If you haven't already done so, please turn in your reports to the office as soon as you can. Thank you!

THANK YOU to Joyce Gerlach for serving as liturgist today.

"YOU ARE GOD'S LIGHT BEARER TO OTHERS"
"ROTO REVIEW" (Reach Out To Others)

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