

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.

Pentecost Sunday

May 24, 2026 Rev. Danielle Kendig, *Minister* • Charnet Koch, *Liturgist* 10:45 A.M.

THE PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP - Welcome to Pentecost worship! Today we celebrate God forming the church and pouring out the Holy Spirit upon us. May we sense the Spirit's fire and breath directing us always. 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 "Holy, Holy, Holy"

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 104 and Acts 2

Leader: O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all.

People: When you send forth your Spirit, they are created.

Leader: The breath of God brings life, renewing the face of the earth.

People: The Spirit moves among us, filling us with power and purpose.

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit, come.

People: Breathe new life into us as we worship

All: Let us worship God!

***THE OPENING PRAYER** Psalm 104:30

Holy Spirit, breath of the living God, you bring life where there is weariness and hope where there is fear. Move among us and fill us with your presence. Awaken our hearts and unite us in your love. We come ready to receive your life-giving power, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***THE OPENING HYMN** #321 "Holy Spirit, Truth Divine"

***THE CALL TO CONFESSION**

***THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION** Acts 2 and Psalm 104:29-30

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

Holy God, you breathe life into us, yet we turn away. We resist your Spirit, cling to what divides us, and hesitate to live with courage and faith. Forgive us, O Lord. Fill us anew with your Spirit, and lead us into the life you desire for us. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

***THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON** Acts 2

Leader: Hear the good news: God's Spirit is poured out on all people. In Christ, we are forgiven, renewed, and made alive. The breath of God restores us and calls us into new life.

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**

Leader: As God has poured out the grace of forgiveness and love and peace through Christ, let us also share that grace with among ourselves. Peace 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 104:24-34 Pg. #533

THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Acts 2:1-21 Pg. #112

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

THE MESSAGE "When the Spirit Breathes" *Rev. Danielle Kendig*

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

***THE HYMN OF RESPONSE #422 "Spirit of the Living God"**

***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 “Our Blessing Cup”

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

Psalm 104:24-34 & Acts 2:1-21

Generous God, your Spirit gives life to all that exists. Receive these gifts and use them to bring renewal, to strengthen your Church, and to share your love with the world. May our lives reflect your Spirit at work within us. We pray this in Christ’s name, Amen.

THE DEACON’S OFFERING

THE PRAYERS AND PRAISES OF THE PEOPLE

THE SEALING OF THE WORD

***THE HYMN OF PREPARATION #521 “You Satisfy the Hungry Heart”**

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER Rev. Danielle Kendig

The Invitation to the Lord’s Table

The Words of Institution

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Distribution of the Elements

You are invited to eat the bread when it comes to you.

Please hold the cup, and we will partake together.

The Prayer After Communion

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***THE CLOSING HYMN #464 “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”**

***THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***THE POSTLUDE “Let us Break Bread Together on our Knees”**

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

MONDAY 6:30 PM NAR-ANON
TUESDAY 10:30 AM BIBLE STUDY
NEXT SUNDAY 10:00 AM WORSHIP

PRAYER FAMILIES OF THE WEEK: Belz, Shaffer

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.

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 As we celebrate how the Holy Spirit called Christ's church into being, let us keep eyes and hearts open to how the Spirit is working today. Amen.

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.

REPAIRS TO CHURCH are now underway in the library, Pastor's office, and equipment room from the frozen pipes/radiator leak upstairs. We are respectfully asking you to avoid those areas and the back hallway from the library to the parlor while these repairs take 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!

THANK YOU to Charnet Koch for serving as liturgist today.

MEMORIAL DAY The office will be closed tomorrow.

SUMMER HOURS BEGIN NEXT SUNDAY on MAY 31st, with worship at 10:00 am. **There will be no Sunday School** until regular hours return in the fall.

OUR SUMMER MISSION PROJECT this year will be coordinated with Professional Family Care Services located on Menoher Boulevard. They serve pregnant moms, and infants through adolescents up to age 18. They are asking for donations of diapers, wipes, new clothing and hygiene products for children of these ages. Donation baskets will be at the 3 main entrances from June 7 through August 2. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

“GOD IS PRESENT IN EVERY SEASON”
“ROTO REVIEW” (Reach Out To Others)

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