

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.

Trinity Sunday

May 31, 2026 Rev. Danielle Kendig, *Minister* • Gary Mapes, *Liturgist* 10:00 A.M.

THE PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP – Welcome! We worship in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit — on this Trinity Sunday and always. Amen. 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 Creatures of Our God and King”

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 8 and Genesis 1

Leader: O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

People: Your glory is set above the heavens.

Leader: From the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.

People: And God said, “Let us make humankind in our image.”

Leader: We are created by a God who exists in relationship,

People: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

ALL: Let us worship the Triune God!

***THE OPENING PRAYER** Genesis 1:1-2

Triune God, you have been present from the beginning: Creator, Christ, and Spirit. You formed us in your image and called us into relationship. Draw us deeper into your love and unity. We come to worship you, one God in three persons. In Your name we pray, Amen.

***THE OPENING HYMN** #293 “This Is My Father's World”

***THE CALL TO CONFESSION**

***THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION** Genesis 1

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

Holy and relational God, you created us for connection, yet we choose isolation. You call us to love, yet we act in ways that divide and harm. Forgive us, O Lord. Restore us in your image, and draw us back into right relationship with you and one another. We pray this in the name of the Triune God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Amen.

***THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON** Genesis 1

Leader: Hear the good news: The God who created us in love does not abandon us in our brokenness. Through Christ, we are forgiven, and by the Spirit, we are made new. We are restored to live in relationship with God and one another.

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** Acts 2:24

Leader: We are created in the image of a relational God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. In that same love, we share Christ’s peace with one another. The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

A TIME WITH CHILDREN

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE PASSAGE Psalm 8 Pg. #475

SECOND SCRIPTURE PASSAGE Genesis 1:1–2:4 Pg. #1

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

THE MESSAGE

“Let Us...”

Rev. Danielle Kendig

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

***THE HYMN OF RESPONSE #467 “How Great Thou Art”**

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

THE OFFERTORY “Our God is Here”

***THE DOXOLOGY #592 and PRAYER OF DEDICATION** Psalm 8 and Genesis 1:1-24
Generous God, you created all things and called them good. Receive these gifts and use them to reflect your love in the world, to build community, and to share your grace with all. Shape our lives to mirror your image. In Your name 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 #473 "For the Beauty of the Earth"**

***THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***THE POSTLUDE "I Sing the Almighty Power of God"**

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
WEDNESDAY	6:00 PM	SESSION
NEXT SUNDAY	10:00 AM	WORSHIP

PRAYER FAMILIES OF THE WEEK: Roach, Wilson

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 Grant, O Lord, that in the beauty of your house, we may sense again your profound love.

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 Gary Mapes for serving as liturgist today.

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS this morning are dedicated to the Glory of God and have been placed by Pat Betts in honor of her great-grandson, Conor, in celebration of his 6th birthday on June 1st.

THE JUNE ISSUE of THE VISION: Copies are available at the three church entrances for those who opted out of the mailing. Additionally, the issue can be viewed online or downloaded directly from our website under the “Media” tab at the top of the webpage.

SUMMER HOURS BEGIN TODAY, 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! There is an immediate need for 2 boys:

KASON (Boy Age 2): size 4 diapers, 18-24 month clothing, and hygiene products

ETHAN (Boy Age 9 months): size 3 diapers, Similac Advance, 9-12 month clothing, and hygiene products

“GOD’S LOVE IS A GIFT FREELY GIVEN”
“ROTO REVIEW” (Reach Out To Others)

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THE SESSION

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John Foster
Joyce Gerlach
Roy Gindlesperger

Class of 2027
-- no new members--

Class of 2028
Patricia Betts
Charnet Koch

THE BOARD OF DEACONS

Class of 2026
--no new members--

Class of 2027
Bonnie Bash

Class of 2028
Heith Bragg
Wendi Sokira