

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.

3rd Sunday after Pentecost

June 14, 2026 Rev. Danielle Kendig, *Minister* • Wendi Sokira, *Liturgist* 10:00 A.M.

THE PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP The psalmist urges us to sing the Lord's praises and proclaim his deeds to all (see Psalm 9:11). Let us do so! Welcome to worship. 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 “Rejoice, Rejoice, The Lord is King” *Darwall*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING HYMN #322 “Spirit of the Living God”

Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me; Spirit of the Living God, Fall afresh on me. Melt me, mold me, Fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP** Psalm 121:1-2 and John 10:11,14

Leader: We lift our eyes to the hills, from where does our help come?

People: **Our help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.**

Leader: Jesus says, “I am the Good Shepherd.” He knows his sheep and calls them by name.

People: **We are held in the Shepherd's care.**

Leader: The Lord watches over our going out and our coming in, from this time on and forevermore. This is the God who guides, protects, and walks beside us.

ALL: **Let us worship God!**

***THE OPENING PRAYER** Psalm 121 and John 10:11-18

Good Shepherd, in a world that often feels uncertain and overwhelming, we come seeking your presence and peace. You are the One who watches over us, guides our steps, and holds us securely in your care. Gather us now as your people. Quiet our anxious hearts and remind us that we do not walk through life alone. When the road ahead feels unclear, teach us to trust your leading. When fear and worry surround us, draw us close beside you. Open our hearts in worship today so that we may hear your voice, rest in your love, and follow where you lead. In the name of Christ, our Good Shepherd, we pray. Amen.

***THE OPENING HYMN** “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light” *(see insert)*

***THE CALL TO CONFESSION**

***THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION** Psalm 121 and John 10:11-18

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

Gracious Shepherd, we confess that we do not always trust your care for us. Too often, we try to guide ourselves, relying on our own strength and understanding. When fear rises within us, we lose sight of your presence. When uncertainty surrounds us, we forget that you walk beside us. Like sheep who wander from the shepherd, we stray from your ways and struggle to listen for your voice. Forgive us, O God. Lead us back to you. Renew our trust in your guidance and love. Remind us that we are never beyond your care. Through Christ our Shepherd we pray. Amen.

***THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON** John 10:11

Leader: Friends, hear the good news: Jesus Christ is the Good Shepherd who lays down his life for the sheep. Nothing can separate us from the love of God. The Lord watches over us and keeps us in grace and mercy. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, loved, and held securely in God's care.

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 14:27

Leader: Christ our Shepherd gathers us together in peace and love. As people who are known and cared for by Christ, let us share signs of God's peace with one another. The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

A TIME WITH CHILDREN

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Amazing Grace"

Judy Carl -Saxophone

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 121 Pg. #547

THE GOSPEL READING John 10:11-18 Pg. #98

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

THE MESSAGE

"Held in the Shepherd's Care"

Rev. Danielle Kendig

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

***THE HYMN OF RESPONSE #234** "I to the Hills will Lift my Eyes"

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

THE OFFERTORY

“O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee”

Smith

***THE DOXOLOGY #592 and PRAYER OF DEDICATION** 1 Peter 4:10 & Matthew 25:35-40
Faithful God, receive these gifts and use them for your work in the world. May they bring hope to the weary, comfort to the hurting, and reminders of your loving care to those in need. Guide this church as we seek to follow the voice of Christ and serve as instruments of your compassion and grace. In Jesus’ 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 #313 “Come Down, O Love Divine”**

***THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***THE POSTLUDE “Andantino in G Major”**

Hesse

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
NEXT SUNDAY 10:00 AM WORSHIP

PRAYER FAMILIES OF THE WEEK: Bash, Hanley

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 Lord, rest your Spirit upon us, we pray, so we may go from this worship to share your goodness and love with others. 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.

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.

THANK YOU to Wendi Sokira for serving as liturgist today.

THANK YOU to Gary McClelland for serving as guest organist today.

THANK YOU to Judy Carl for providing the special music on saxophone today.

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS this morning are dedicated to the Glory of God and have been placed by Rev. Danielle Kendig, in honor of her husband, Jon, who celebrated his 40th birthday on June 12th.

THE CHRIST CANDLE lighting this morning is dedicated by Wendi Sokira in honor of her son Robby Sokira, who celebrates his 28th birthday on June 17.

SUMMER HOURS we are now following summer hours with worship at 10:00 am.

There will be NO SUNDAY SCHOOL or BIBLE STUDY 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

THE 5-CENTS-A-MEAL OFFERING will be received in two weeks on Sunday, June 28th.

UPPER ROOM: The July/August version of The Upper Room magazine is available in the office for those who subscribe.

THE WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION will hold their annual Tea Party on **Monday, June 29th at 12:00 noon** in the church parlor. All ladies of the church are warmly invited to attend. Gloves and hats are optional. Please RSVP to the church office by Monday, June 22nd. There is a sign-up sheet in the office.

BIRTHDAY CARD SHOWER (Sent by Adair) Our Mom, Doris Seth, will be celebrating her 97th birthday on June 22nd. Let's make sure she knows how special she is by mailing her a card. Share any memory you have of her that has stuck with you over the years. Mail to the address below:

Doris Seth
Concordia @ Arbutus Park
207 Ottawa St., Room 125
Johnstown, PA 15904

Given by daughters: Candy, Adair, Kim and Mindy.

“WHEN DOUBTS ARISE, REMEMBER THAT GOD LOVES YOU”

“ROTO REVIEW” (Reach Out To Others)

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CHURCH:

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