

# 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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## Father's Day – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

June 21, 2026      Sonya Dunlap Horner, *Guest Minister* • Pat Betts, *Liturgist*      10:00 A.M.

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**THE PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP** Welcome to worship, and a special greeting to those who follow in God's footsteps by sharing fatherly love. Happy Father's Day! 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**

“Jesus, Lover of My Soul”

*Marsh*

**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 103:13 and Matthew 11:28-30

Leader: Come and worship the Lord with gladness.

**People: We come before God with joy and thanksgiving.**

Leader: As a father has compassion for his children, so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him.

**People: God welcomes us with mercy, love, and grace.**

Leader: Come, all who are weary and burdened.

**ALL: Let us worship God!**

**\*THE OPENING PRAYER** Psalm 103:13 and Matthew 7:11

**Loving and gracious God, we thank you for gathering us together in worship this day. You are the giver of every good and perfect gift, the One who strengthens us when we are weary and surrounds us with steadfast love. As we worship today, open our hearts to your presence and our minds to your truth. Encourage those who are struggling, comfort those who are grieving, and renew all of us in your grace. On this Father's Day, we give thanks for those who have guided, nurtured, protected, and cared for others with love and compassion. May your Spirit continue shaping us into people who reflect your kindness and mercy in the world. Through Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.**

**\*THE OPENING HYMN #321 “Holy Spirit, Truth Divine”**

## **\*THE CALL TO CONFESSION**

### **\*THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION** Psalm 51 and Ephesians 4:1-3

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

**Merciful God, we confess that we do not always live as your people. Too often, we allow worry, pride, impatience, and fear to shape our thoughts and actions. We fail to love one another fully. We overlook the needs of our neighbors. We hold onto anger and resist your call to compassion and grace. Forgive us, O God. Renew our hearts and guide us in your ways. Help us become people who reflect your love, mercy, and peace in the world around us. Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.**

### **\*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON** Romans 8:1 and Psalm 103:8-12

Leader: Friends, hear the good news: God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, renewed, and made new.

**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 and Romans 12:18

Leader: Christ calls us to live in peace with one another. As people forgiven and loved by God, let us share signs of Christ’s peace with our neighbors. The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

## **A TIME WITH CHILDREN**

### **SPECIAL MUSIC**

*Rod & Sonya Horner*

## **PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

### **THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**THE OLD TESTAMENT READING** Psalm 103:1-5, 17-22

Pg. #531, 532

**THE NEW TESTAMENT READING** Ephesians 3:14-21

Pg. #182

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

### **THE MESSAGE**

**“Wow God!”**

*Sonya Dunlap-Horner, Guest Minister*

## **RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

**\*THE HYMN OF RESPONSE #293** “This is My Father’s World”

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

### **THE OFFERTORY**

**“More Love to Thee”**

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**\*THE DOXOLOGY #592 and PRAYER OF DEDICATION** 1 Peter 4:10 & Matthew 25:35-40  
Generous God, receive these gifts and use them for your work of hope, healing, and compassion in the world. May they serve those in need and help this church reflect your love within our community and beyond. Through 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 #413 "All Who Love and Serve Your City"**

**\*THE CHARGE AND BLESSING**

**\*THE POSTLUDE "Andantino in G Major" Zollner**

*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: Porsch, Vickroy**

**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** For fathers and father-figures, I pray and give thanks. And, God, for all the ways you guide, direct, teach and protect us in love, I praise you. 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 Sonya Dunlap-Horner for filling in as guest minister today.

**THANK YOU** to Pat Betts for serving as liturgist today.

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

**THANK YOU** to Rod Horner for the special music today.

**THE CHRIST CANDLE** lighting this morning is dedicated to the memory of John Cardone Sr. - father, grandfather, and great-grandfather - by his loving wife, Julia, and children.

**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 next Sunday, June 28th.

**THE WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION** will hold their annual Tea Party on **Monday, June 29<sup>th</sup> 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 tomorrow. There is also a sign-up sheet in the office.

**VISION ARTICLES** if you haven't yet turned in your articles for the July/August Vision, turn them in ASAP. Trying to mail them at the end of this week

**PINE SPRINGS CAMP COUNSELOR:** As in past summers, we have "adopted" a camp counselor for the season. His name is José Guerrero, an international counselor from Mexico, and he is one of the dedicated young people who will work with campers through August. We have committed to pray for José and the ministry of Pine Springs Camp on a consistent basis, to send notes of encouragement, and to send a shoe box filled with suggested items, including gift cards for area gas station (i.e., Sheetz) and an area restaurant (he likes Chili's and Ray Azteca), snack items (he likes Doritos and chips, Red Bull drinks, Kinder Bueno chocolate bars), and devotional material. PLEASE remember to include **your name** and the name of **our congregation** in your cards/notes. Members and friends of the congregation can support José by sending correspondence to:

José Guerrero  
Pine Springs Camp  
c/o Maddy Duffield  
PO Box 186  
Jennerstown, PA 15547

**“THE MYSTERY OF GOD IS OFTEN REVEALED IN THE ORDINARY”**  
**“ROTO REVIEW” (Reach Out To Others)**

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