

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.

6th Sunday after Pentecost

July 5, 2026 Rev. Danielle Kendig, *Minister* • Gary Mapes, *Liturgist* 10:00 A.M.

THE PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP On this Sunday following our nation's celebration of independence, we are grateful you have come to worship Almighty God, who continues to bless our land in countless ways. Welcome! 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

“America the Beautiful”

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING HYMN

“The Kingdom of God”

(See insert)

The kingdom of God is justice and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. Come, Lord, and open in us the gates of your kingdom.

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 121:1-8

Leader: I lift up my eyes to the hills, from where will my help come?

People: Our help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Leader: The One who watches over us neither slumbers nor sleeps.

People: The Lord is our keeper and our shade at our right hand. God watches over our coming and our going.

Leader: From this time on and forevermore, we will worship the Lord with grateful hearts.

ALL: Let us worship God!

*THE OPENING PRAYER Psalm 121:1-8 and Luke 10:1-12

Faithful God, we gather this day, giving thanks for Your steadfast care and protection. As we celebrate the blessings of freedom, remind us that our deepest identity is found in Christ and our highest calling is found in Your Kingdom. Open our eyes to see our neighbors as You see them. Open our hearts to recognize the opportunities for love and service that surround us each day. Send us into the places where we live, work, and gather as bearers of Your peace and grace. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***THE OPENING HYMN #564 “O Beautiful for Spacious Skies” (vs. 1, 2 & 4)**

***THE CALL TO CONFESSION**

***THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION Luke 10:1-12**

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

Merciful God, You call us to be Your people in the world, yet we often fail to notice those around us. We become consumed by our own concerns and overlook the needs of our neighbors. We speak of loving others but hesitate when love requires action. We pray for peace but sometimes fail to be peacemakers. Forgive us when we miss the opportunities You place before us. Open our eyes to see our community with compassion. Open our ears to hear the stories of those who are hurting. Open our hands to serve and our hearts to love. Renew us through Your grace, and send us out once again as ambassadors of Christ's peace. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

***THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON Psalm 121:1-8**

Leader: Friends, hear the good news: The Lord who watches over your life is faithful and merciful. God's grace is greater than our failures, and God's love is stronger than our fears. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, restored, and sent forth anew.

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 Luke 10:1-2**

Leader: Before Jesus sent the seventy into the towns and villages, He instructed them to carry a message of peace. The peace of Christ is not something we keep for ourselves; it is something we share with others. As those who have received God's grace and peace, we now extend that same peace to one another. May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: **And also with you.**

A TIME WITH CHILDREN

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 121: 1-8 Pg. #547

THE GOSPEL READING Luke 10: 1-12 Pg. #67

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

THE MESSAGE “Seeing the Streets with New Eyes” Rev. Danielle Kendig

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*THE HYMN OF RESPONSE #429 “Lord, You Give the Great Commission” (vs. 1,3,4)

*PRESENTATION OF GOD’S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY

*THE DOXOLOGY #592 and PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Psalm 121:1-8

Generous God, every good gift comes from You. Receive these offerings and use them for Your purposes. Bless the ministries of this church, strengthen our witness in the community, and help us become instruments of Your peace and compassion. Send us forth to serve in the places You have planted us, trusting always in Your care. Through Christ our Lord. 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 #324 “Open My Eyes That I May See”

*THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*THE POSTLUDE “Battle Hymn of the Republic”

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 FAMILY OF THE WEEK: Cherry

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 Ignite our hearts with the fire of your Holy Spirit so that we may know we have had fellowship with you, Lord of all.

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 Gary Mapes for serving as liturgist today.

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

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

"TODAY, LOOK FOR OPPORTUNITIES TO SHOW KINDNESS"

"ROTO REVIEW" (Reach Out To Others)

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