

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.

7th Sunday after Pentecost

July 12, 2026 Rev. Danielle Kendig, *Minister* • Joyce Gerlach, *Liturgist* 10:00 A.M.

THE PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP We welcome all who have come to glorify God in worship. May our hearts reach out to God and to one another in love. We are glad you are here. 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 “A Mighty Fortress is Our God w/ Awesome God” arr. C. Tournquist
Melissa Douglas, guest musician

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 24:1-6

Leader: The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,

People: The world and those who live in it.

Leader: For God has founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers.

People: We come to worship the One from whom every blessing flows. Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord?

Leader: Those who seek God's face with humble and grateful hearts.

ALL: Let us worship God!

***THE OPENING PRAYER** Psalm 24:1-6 and 2 Corinthians 9:6-12

Generous God, You are the giver of every good and perfect gift. All that we have and all that we are come from Your gracious hand. As we gather in worship, teach us to see our blessings not as possessions to hold tightly, but as gifts to be shared. Open our hearts to Your abundance, deepen our trust in Your provision, and inspire us to participate joyfully in the work of Your Kingdom. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***THE OPENING HYMN #177** “Lift Up the Gates Eternal”

***THE CALL TO CONFESSION**

***THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION** 2 Corinthians 9:6-12

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

Merciful God, You have blessed us beyond measure, yet we confess that we often focus on what we lack rather than what we have received. We hold tightly to our time, our talents, and our resources, fearful that there may not be enough. Forgive us when gratitude gives way to anxiety, and generosity gives way to self-interest. Remind us that all we have comes from You and that Your blessings are meant to flow through us for the good of others. Create in us generous hearts, willing spirits, and joyful trust in Your abundant grace. Through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.

***THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON** 2 Corinthians 9:8

Leader: Hear the good news: God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, renewed, and called into lives of gratitude and generosity.

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** 2 Corinthians 9:11

Leader: Through Christ, God has richly blessed us so that we might be a blessing to others. One of the gifts we share is the gift of peace. As those who have received God's grace, let us now extend Christ's peace to 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

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 24:1-6 Pg. #484

THE GOSPEL READING 2 Corinthians 9:6-12 Pg. #173

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

THE MESSAGE “What We’ve Been Given” *Rev. Danielle Kendig*

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

***THE HYMN OF RESPONSE #176** “The Earth and All That Dwell Therein”

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

THE OFFERTORY “He is Exalted” *arr. M. Hayes*

Melissa Douglas, guest musician

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

2 Corinthians 9:10-12

Generous God, receive these gifts and use them for Your purposes. Multiply them as seeds planted for the growth of Your Kingdom. Through these offerings, strengthen ministries that bring hope, healing, compassion, and justice to our community and beyond. May all that we have and all that we are bring glory to You. 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 #276 "Great is Thy Faithfulness"**

***THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***THE POSTLUDE**

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: Cramer, Foster

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 Joyce Gerlach for serving as liturgist today.

THANK YOU to Melissa Douglas for providing the special music 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.

THE CHRIST CANDLE lighting is dedicated by Gary Mapes in loving memory of his wife, Donna Mapes.

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

“FIND REST WHEN YOU PUT YOUR TRUST IN GOD”
“ROTO REVIEW” (Reach Out To Others)

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