

# 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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## 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 30, 2026      Rev. Danielle Kendig, *Minister* • Pat Betts, *Liturgist*      10:00 A.M.

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**THE PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP** God says: “Give ear, O my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words of my mouth” (Psalm 78:1). Let us listen for God’s voice as we worship. 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**      “Ave Verum Corpus”

**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 78 and Deuteronomy 6

**Leader:** Come, people of God, and remember the mighty works of the Lord.

**People:** We will tell the next generation of God's faithfulness and love.

**Leader:** The stories of faith entrusted to us are gifts to be shared.

**People:** We gather to worship the God who has been faithful through every generation.

**Leader:** Let us lift our hearts in praise to the One whose steadfast love never ends.

**ALL:** Let us worship God!

**\*THE OPENING PRAYER** Psalm 78 and 2 Timothy 1

Faithful God, from generation to generation, You have revealed Your love through Your people. We give You thanks for parents and grandparents, teachers and mentors, friends and neighbors, pastors and saints whose faith has encouraged our own. As we gather to worship, remind us that we are part of a story much bigger than ourselves: a story of grace, hope, and redemption that continues through every generation. Strengthen us by Your Holy Spirit. Give us courage to live faithfully, wisdom to teach with humility, and compassion to love as Christ has loved us. May our worship today inspire us to leave behind a legacy of faith that points others to You. Through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.

**\*THE OPENING HYMN** pg. #66 in *The Hymns We Sing* “Softly and Tenderly”

**\*THE CALL TO CONFESSION**

**\*THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION** Psalm 78 and 2 Timothy 1

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

**Gracious God, You have blessed us with the witness of faithful people who have gone before us, yet we confess that we do not always honor that gift. Too often we become distracted by the demands of daily life and neglect opportunities to share our faith, encourage another person, or speak of Your goodness. Forgive us when fear keeps us silent, when doubt weakens our witness, or when we fail to live as examples of Christ's love. Renew us by Your Spirit. Rekindle within us the gift of faith You have given us, and help us to live with courage, compassion, and hope. May our lives tell the story of Your grace to all who come after us. Through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.**

**\*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON** 2 Timothy 1, Romans 8 and Lamentations 3

Leader: Hear the Good News! God has not given us a spirit of fear, but a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline. Through Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven, our hearts are renewed, and we are empowered to live faithfully each day. Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**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**

Leader: ‘Where two or three are gathered together in my name,’ says the Lord, ‘there am I in the midst of them.’ The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**People: And also with you.**

**A TIME WITH CHILDREN**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

*Angie & Josh Brumbaugh*

*“It is Well with my Soul” Arr. Josh Brumbaugh, 2024*

## **PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

**THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**THE OLD TESTAMENT READING** Psalm 78:1-7 Pg. #517

**THE NEW TESTAMENT READING** 2 Timothy 1:3-7 Pg. #198

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

**“THE MESSAGE** “Passing It On” **Rev. Danielle Kendig, Minister**

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

**\*THE HYMN OF RESPONSE #302 “I Danced in the Morning”**

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

**THE OFFERTORY**

*Angie & Josh Brumbaugh*

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

James 1, Matthew 5 and 2 Corinthians 9

**Generous and everlasting God, every good gift comes from You. We return these offerings with thankful hearts, grateful for the many ways You have provided for us through the faithfulness of those who came before us. Bless these gifts and use them to strengthen Your Church, proclaim the Gospel, nurture future generations, and share the hope of Christ with our community and throughout the world. May our giving become one more way we pass on the story of Your love. And may our lives, as much as our gifts, bear witness to Your faithfulness for generations yet to come. Through Jesus Christ our Lord 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 #356 “Come thou Font of Every Blessing”**

**\*THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\*THE POSTLUDE “La Rejouissance”**

*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**

**WEDNESDAY 6:00 PM SESSION**

**NEXT SUNDAY 10:00 AM WORSHIP with Communion**

**PRAYER FAMILY OF THE WEEK: Oyler**

**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.

**THE CHANCEL FLOWERS** are dedicated to the Glory of God and have been placed by Rev. Danielle Kendig in honor of her daughter, Lillian, who turns 10 years old today.

**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.

**THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE** is seeking nominations for Elders and Deacons for the Class of 2029. Please consider who has the gifts for each of these ministries. Ballots and ballot boxes are located by the Lincoln Street entrance and in the Narthex.

**FOCUS ON PRAYERS** Give us a willing spirit, dear Lord, a spirit willing to worship and serve you wholeheartedly.

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

**THANK YOU** to Angie & Josh Brumbaugh for sharing their musical talent with us today.

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

**FALL HOURS RETURN** on September 13, 2026, with Sunday School at 9:30 and worship at 10:45 AM.

**SESSION MEMBERS:** Session returns this Tuesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 PM. If you haven't done so already, please turn in your reports to the office.

**BACKPACK PROJECT:** We are looking for volunteers to pack lunches at the Garfield School location. Dates will be published soon; they just sent out the fall list. Call or text Wendi Sokira at 814.254.9469 to volunteer.

**UPPER ROOM MAGAZINE:** The September/October issue is available in the office to those who subscribe.

**THE SEPTEMBER "VISION"** is available at the church entrances for those who chose to forgo mailing. It is also available online.

**"GOD CAN DO GREAT THINGS WITH SIMPLE GIFTS"**

**"ROTO REVIEW" (Reach Out To Others)**

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