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.

All Saints' Sunday

November 1, 2026 Rev. Danielle Kendig, *Minister* • Wendi Sokira, *Liturgist* 10:45 A.M.

THE PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP On this wonderful day that is designated All Saints' Sunday, we have come to invoke the presence of God. We welcome with joy all worshipers. Remember with gratitude all who have been faithful to God throughout the centuries. 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 "Sing with All the Saints in Glory"

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING HYMN "Worthy and Wonderful"

(x2) You are worthy, my Father, Creator. You are worthy, Savior, Sustainer.
You are worthy, worthy and wonderful, worthy of worship and praise.

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP** Psalm 34:1–3 and Revelation 7:9–12

Leader: From generation to generation, God's faithfulness endures. Through joy and sorrow, through life and death, God's love remains.

People: We come to worship the God who has been faithful to those before us and who walks faithfully with us today.

Leader: We gather with the great communion of saints, those whose names we remember and those whose stories are known only to God.

People: We give thanks for their witness, their love, and the faith they have passed on.

Leader: Today, we also rejoice as new members join our church family, reminding us that God's story is still unfolding.

People: We are one body in Christ, called together in love and sent out in service.

Leader: Come, let us worship the Lord, whose goodness never fails!

All: Together, let us praise God's holy name!

***THE OPENING PRAYER** Psalm 34:1–10; Revelation 7:9–17; Hebrews 12:1

Faithful and everlasting God, we thank You for the saints who have gone before us, whose love and faithfulness continue to shape our lives. We rejoice in the new beginnings You bring and the people You welcome into our church family. As we gather in worship, remind us that we do not walk alone, but are united in Christ and strengthened by Your Spirit. Renew our faith, open our hearts, and guide us to share Your love with the world. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

***THE OPENING HYMN #526 "For All the Saints"**

***THE CALL TO CONFESSION**

***THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION** Psalm 34:1–10; Ephesians 4:1–6; 1 John 4:7–12

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

Merciful and loving God, You have called us to be Your people, united in faith and strengthened by love. Yet we confess that we do not always live as the community You have called us to be. We have allowed our differences to divide us, our fears to silence us, and our busyness to distract us from the needs of others. We have sometimes forgotten the faithfulness of those who came before us, and we have hesitated to embrace the new things You are doing among us. Forgive us when we fail to extend the grace we have so freely received. Renew in us a spirit of humility, compassion, and welcome. Help us to honor the legacy of faith entrusted to us, not simply by remembering the past, but by living faithfully in the present. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, we pray. Amen.

***THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON** Psalm 34:22; Revelation 7:14–17

Leader: Hear the good news! The Psalmist reminds us that the Lord redeems the lives of those who take refuge in God. And Revelation offers us the beautiful promise of a Savior who shepherds His people and wipes away every tear. In Jesus Christ, God's mercy is greater than our failures, and God's grace makes all things new. 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** Ephesians 2:19–22; John 14:27

Leader: Through Christ, we are no longer strangers, but members of God's household, joined together in faith and love. As one family in Christ, let us share the peace that God has so graciously given us. The peace of Christ be with each one of you.

People: And also with you.

REMEMBRANCE OF THE SAINTS

Janet "Peep" Clark • Francis "Ike" Eisenhuth • Richard Feller
Bobbi Jean Klimek • Margaret "Peg" Lambert

PRAYER OF REMEMBRANCE: Revelation 7:9–17; Hebrews 12:1; Romans 8:38–39

Eternal God, we thank You for the lives of those we remember today. For their laughter and kindness, for their wisdom and faithfulness, for the ways they served You and loved others, we give You thanks. We acknowledge the sadness that comes with their absence, and we ask You to comfort all who continue to grieve. Remind us that while our earthly lives are brief, Your love is everlasting, and nothing in all creation can separate us from the love You have shown us in Jesus Christ. May the witness of those who have gone before us encourage us to live with greater faith, deeper compassion, and renewed hope. Until that day when all Your people are gathered together in Your presence, keep us faithful in our own journey. In the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Lord, we pray. Amen.

A TIME WITH CHILDREN

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 34:1–10, 22 Pg. #490

THE NEW TESTAMENT READING Revelation 7:9–17 Pg. #231

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God!

"THE MESSAGE "A Faith That Lives On" Rev. Danielle Kendig, *Minister*

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

***THE HYMN OF RESPONSE #364 "I Sing a Song of the Saints of God"**

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

THE OFFERTORY "Lead Me, Lord"

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

1 Corinthians 12:4–7; 2 Corinthians 9:7–12

Generous God, all that we have and all that we are come from You. Receive these gifts as an expression of our gratitude and commitment. Bless them and use them to strengthen Your Church, serve our neighbors, and share the good news of Jesus Christ. May the legacy of faith we have inherited continue through the love we offer, the service we provide, and the generosity we share. In Christ's 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.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Congregational Commitment:

Pastor: Members of First Presbyterian Church, as we welcome these individuals into our congregation, will you receive them with love, encourage them in faith, support them in times of joy and difficulty, and walk alongside them as together we seek to follow Jesus Christ?

Congregation: We will, with God's help.

PRAYER FOR NEW MEMBERS

All: Gracious and loving God, we give You thanks for these new members and for the journeys that have brought them into the life of this congregation. Bless them with a deep sense of belonging, surround them with friendship and encouragement, and help them discover the many ways their gifts can enrich our shared ministry. Bless us, too, as their church family. May we welcome them not simply with words, but with genuine love, faithful companionship, and a willingness to grow together. Continue to shape us into a community where faith is nurtured, grace is freely given, and Your love is made known to all. Through Jesus Christ, the head of the Church, we pray. Amen.

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***THE CLOSING HYMN Pg. #21** in *The Hymns We Sing* **"Faith of Our Fathers"**

***THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***THE POSTLUDE "Abide with Me"**

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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"ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE FOR THOSE WHO BELIEVE"

"ROTO REVIEW" (Reach Out To Others)

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THE SESSION

Class of 2026	**Class of 2027**	**Class of 2028**
Michelle Bragg	-- no new members--	Patricia Betts
John Foster		Charnet Koch
Joyce Gerlach		
Roy Gindlesperger		

THE BOARD OF DEACONS

Class of 2026	**Class of 2027**	**Class of 2028**
--no new members-	*member resigned	Heith Bragg
		Wendi Sokira

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS **Fall Behind – Daylight Saving Time Ends!**

MONDAY	**6:30 PM**	**NAR-ANON**	**NEXT SUNDAY**		
	10 AM - 12 PM	**THE OPEN DOOR**	**9:30 AM**	**SUNDAY SCHOOL**	
TUESDAY	**10:30 AM**	**BIBLE STUDY**	**10:45 AM**	**WORSHIP – DEDICATION SUNDAY**	
WEDS.	**10 AM - 12 PM**	**THE OPEN DOOR**	**3:00 PM**	**JOHNSTOWN CONCERT SERIES**	
	6:00 PM	**SESSION**		**– IUP Chorale**	

PRAYER FAMILY OF THE WEEK: Younkin

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.**

FOCUS ON PRAYERS Today, we remember the faithful believers who have gone before us. May their witness encourage us as we worship the God who remains faithful through every generation.

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.

COMMUNION: Our next celebration of the Lord's Supper will be November 29th, the First Sunday of Advent.

PLEDGE SUNDAY: Pledge Sunday is next Sunday, November 8th. Prayerfully consider how God is calling you to invest in his work through our church. Your pledge is not just a financial commitment – it's an act of faith, love, and support for the growth of God's kingdom.

JOHNSTOWN CONCERT SERIES will present the IUP Chorale at 3:00 PM in the sanctuary next Sunday, November 8th at 3:00 PM. Hope to see you there! Tickets available at the door.

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS are dedicated to the glory of God and are presented by Pat Betts in honor of her grandson, Caleb, in celebration of his birthday on October 29th.

THE CHRIST CANDLE LIGHTING this morning is dedicated by Roy & Agnes Gindlesperger, in loving memory of son Mark Kresak, to commemorate his birthday on November 4th.

WESTMONT PRESBYTERIAN has invited all veterans and their guests from our congregation to their Veterans Dinner on Saturday, November 7th. 4:00 PM is social hour followed by dinner at 5:00 PM. Call the WPC church office by tomorrow @ 814-536-0796 to make reservations.

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.

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.

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.

THE OPEN DOOR IS OFFICIALLY OPEN! We are so excited to welcome our neighbors to The Open Door: Johnstown Community Free Store, located inside FPC. The Open Door provides clothing, hygiene products, and everyday essentials completely free of charge, while creating a place where everyone who walks through our doors is treated with dignity, kindness, and hospitality. Shopping and donation hours are Mondays & Wednesdays 10:00 AM–12:00 PM.