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.

Dedication Sunday

November 8, 2026 Rev. Danielle Kendig, *Minister* • Pat Betts, *Liturgist* 10:45 A.M.

THE PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP A friendly welcome to each worshiper! We are pleased to have each of you here to glorify God and sing praises to the Almighty. 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 "God We Praise You"

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 78:1–7; Joshua 24:14–15

Leader: Come, people of God! Gather to remember the wonderful things the Lord has done.
People: From generation to generation, God's faithfulness remains.
Leader: We have been blessed with gifts, opportunities, and a calling to serve.
People: We come with grateful hearts, ready to offer our lives in service to God.
Leader: Joshua challenged the people to choose whom they would serve. Today, that invitation is ours as well.
People: As for us and our households, we will serve the Lord!
Leader: Let us worship the God who has been faithful in the past and who leads us into the future!
All: Let us worship God!

***THE OPENING PRAYER** Psalm 78:1–7; Joshua 24:14–15

Faithful and generous God, we gather today with thankful hearts, remembering the countless ways You have provided for us and guided us through the years. You have blessed us with opportunities to serve, gifts to share, and a community in which to grow together in faith. As we worship today, open our hearts to Your leading. Remind us that everything we have is a gift from You, and help us respond with gratitude, generosity, and a willingness to serve. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

***THE OPENING HYMN #559 "We Gather Together"**

***THE CALL TO CONFESSION**

***THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION** Joshua 24:14–24; Matthew 6:19–21; Psalm 78:7

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

Gracious God, You have blessed us beyond measure and called us to lives of faithfulness and service. Yet we confess that we sometimes forget the source of our blessings. We hold tightly to what we have, hesitate to share what we have been given, and allow our worries to overshadow our trust in You. Forgive us when our commitments are shaped more by convenience than by faith. Help us remember Your goodness, trust in Your provision, and recognize the many ways we can serve You through our time, talents, and resources. Renew our hearts so that our lives may reflect the love and generosity of Jesus Christ. Amen.

***THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON** Psalm 103:8–12; 2 Corinthians 5:17–19

Leader: Hear the good news! Our God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Even when we fall short, God does not turn away from us. Through Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, renewed, and invited to begin again. 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"**

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST** Ephesians 4:1–6; Romans 15:5–7

Leader: We are called to serve one Lord, share one faith, and work together as one body in Christ. As we seek to live out that calling, let us begin by sharing Christ's peace with one another. The peace of Christ be with each one of you.

People: And also with you.

A TIME WITH CHILDREN

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING	Psalm 78:1–7	Pg. #517
SECOND SCRIPTURE READING	Joshua 24:1–3, 14–25	Pg. #211

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

"THE MESSAGE "As for Me and My House" Rev. Danielle Kendig, *Minister*

PRESENTATION OF PLEDGES

PRAYER of DEDICATION for the PLEDGES 1 Chronicles 29:10–14; 2 Corinthians 9:8–12

Generous and faithful God, we bring these commitments before You with grateful hearts. We recognize that everything we have comes from Your goodness, and we thank You for the opportunity to share in Your work. Bless these pledges and the hands and hearts that offer them. Give us wisdom in how we use these gifts, courage to follow where You lead, and faith to trust in Your provision. May these commitments strengthen our congregation, serve our community, and help us continue sharing the love of Jesus Christ. Amen.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

***THE HYMN OF RESPONSE #391 "Take My Life"**

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

THE OFFERTORY "Worthy is The Lamb"

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

Psalm 78:4–7; 2 Corinthians 9:10–12

Generous and loving God, we thank You for the countless blessings You have placed in our lives. As we present these gifts and offerings, we do so with grateful hearts, recognizing that all we have comes from You. Bless these gifts and use them to strengthen our church, care for our neighbors, and share Your love throughout our community. May our generosity reflect our faith, and may all that we offer bring glory to Your name. 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 #339 "Be Thou My Vision"**

***THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***THE POSTLUDE "Great is Thy Faithfulness"**

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

TODAY	**3:00 PM**	**Johnstown Concert Series - IUP Chorale**
MONDAY	**6:30 PM**	**NAR-ANON**
	10 AM - 12 PM	**THE OPEN DOOR**
TUESDAY	**10:30 AM**	**BIBLE STUDY**
WEDNESDAY	**10 AM - 12 PM**	**THE OPEN DOOR**
NEXT SUNDAY	**9:30 AM**	**SUNDAY SCHOOL**
	10:45 AM	**WORSHIP**

PRAYER FAMILIES OF THE WEEK: Layton, Cardone

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.

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

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 and CHRIST CANDLE 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. If you would like to dedicate the lighting of the Christ Candle in memory or in honor of a loved one, there is no cost.

PLEDGE SUNDAY: Today is Pledge/Dedication Sunday. If you need a card, they are available at the three entrances of the church.

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 Gary Mapes in honor of Cathie Clark in celebration of her birthday today, November 8th.

THE CHRIST CANDLE lighting this morning is dedicated by Heith & Michelle Bragg in loving memory of Heith's mother, Trena Madden.

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 Pat Betts 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.

THANKSGIVING DINNER: Our Thanksgiving Dinner will be held at noon on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 26th. Please call or use the sign-up sheet in the office to make a reservation by November 19th. Reservations are a MUST since the meal is catered and we need an accurate count.

THE FESTIVAL OF THE NATIVITY is fast approaching – less than 4 weeks away, beginning December 4th! Won't you please consider how you can help with this year's Festival? We are looking for volunteers!

LUMINARIES: We invite you to sponsor a luminary in memory or honor of a loved one to be displayed during the Festival of the Nativity. Cost is $7 per luminary or 3 for $20. All funds raised go toward Festival expenses. Each luminary will be labeled with your name and the name of your loved one. Forms are available in the November Vision, at the church entrances, or contact Caroline in the office. Please order by November 22nd.

FESTIVAL YARD SIGNS – Signs are available at the Lincoln Street entrance for the Festival of the Nativity. Please feel free to take one and display it in your yard. Bring them back to the church after the Festival – we can use them again next year.

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. Shopping and donation hours are Mondays & Wednesdays 10:00 AM–12:00 PM.

"SPIRITUAL TREASURES HAVE ETERNAL VALUE"
"ROTO REVIEW" (Reach Out To Others)

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