

First Presbyterian Church of Hawley

“Come to Grow in Love, Spirit, and Faith”



November 3, 2024

10 AM

Communion Sunday

First Presbyterian Church
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*“I will praise the Lord as long as I live, I will sing praises to my God all my life long.”
Psalm 146:2*

Please take time to prepare for worship through meditation and prayer during the prelude. As the prelude begins, quiet your voice and soul. With music and prayer let us move from “getting to church” to “being the church” as we worship together.

OPENING PRAYER:

Holy and gracious God, you come to us with words of wisdom and of promise. Teach us to know the gifts of our great high priest, and lead us to love what is nourishing for all life, in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

PRELUDE:

Voluntary on "Ellacombe"
Adele Harrison, organ

Broughton

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Rev. Mark Juengel

INTROIT:

Open My Eyes That I May See
Chancel Choir

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Kathy Smith

Leader: Trust in the Lord with your whole heart!

People: We trust in the Lord, for he is our help and salvation.

Leader: Trust in the Lord, for God is good, faithful and just.

People: The Lord is merciful, kind and compassionate.

Leader: God is patient and long-suffering, eager to forgive so we can have a second chance.

People: The Lord's infinite wisdom guides us.

Leader: God's plan for us was conceived before the beginning of time.

People: God's mighty hand protects and shelters us.

Leader: Trust in the Lord with your whole heart!

People: We trust in the Lord who is our help and salvation!

***HYMN #32:**

"I Sing The Mighty Power of God"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Holy God, giver of all good things, we have failed to live in thanksgiving for Earth, for our families, for neighbors, and for strangers, for the air we breathe, the water we drink, and the soil that grows our food. **Forgive us for sins against you, your creation, and our neighbors, through disobedience to your will in word and deed. Teach us to love the way of blamelessness and to be happy in your steadfast love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

KYRIE:

**Lord have mercy upon us. Christ have mercy upon us.
Lord have mercy upon us.**

MOMENT OF SILENCE:

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS:

Kathy Smith

For the sake of Jesus Christ who died and rose for us, God forgives you all your sin. Through the power of the Holy Trinity alive in our midst, God's mercy turns you toward what is good and just so that you may love God and love your neighbor. **Praise the Lord, Amen.**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE, HYMN #649:**

“Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”

**Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me! I once was lost,
but now am found, was blind, but now I see.**

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST:

Rev. Mark Juengel

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION:

Kathy Smith

Through your Word, O God, let your Holy Spirit open our insight, remove our ignorance, kindle our zeal, and bind us to you, in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON:

Ruth 1:1-18

Kathy Smith

SECOND LESSON:

Psalm 146:1-10

Rev. Mark Juengel

MUSIC MEDITATION:

***In This Place, At This Time*
Chancel Choir**

Dengler

TIME WITH YOUNG CHRISTIANS

SERMON:

“Mission Possible”

Rev. Mark Juengel

INVITATION TO OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY:

***Come ,Christians, Join to Sing*
Handbell Choir**

arr. Kevin McChesney

***DOXOLOGY:**

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ, all people here below; praise Holy Spirit evermore;
praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen**

OFFERTORY PRAYER

***HYMN #504:**

“We Come as Guests Invited”

THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

COMMUNION LITANY

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Leader: Therefore, with all creation we sing your praise...

SANCTUS (Hymn #1)

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!,
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in Three persons, blessed Trinity.

Pastor: Great is the mystery of faith

People: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND SHARE THE ELEMENTS

COMMUNION RESPONSE

Minister: The grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Bless the Lord, O my soul;

People: And all that is within me, bless God's holy name!

Minister: Bless the Lord, O my soul;

People: And forget not all his benefits. Gracious God, you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. You have fed us with the bread of life, and renewed us for your service. We give ourselves to you, and ask that our daily living may be part of the life of your kingdom. May our love be your love reaching out into the life of the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***HYMN #756: "O God of Every Nation"**

THE BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION: "Irish Blessing" Traditional

**May the road rise to meet you.
May the wind be always at your back.
May the sunshine warm upon your face.
May the rain fall soft upon your fields,
And until we meet again, until we meet again.
May God hold you in the palm of his hand.**

**POSTLUDE: Give Thanks unto God Ashford (arr. Ryan)
Adele Harrison, organ**

*Please stand if you are able.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please sign the **Friendship Attendance Pad** at the end of the pews. This allows the church to be in touch with you and for you to greet your neighbor by name during the passing of peace during the service.

To our guests and visitors. Welcome! This is Communion Sunday, the day we share in the Lord's Supper. This is Christ's table and he welcomes all who seek him to partake in it with the rest of the church.

STEWARDSHIP MONTH – We will be collecting your Estimate of Giving Card **Today**. Please place your card in the offering plates.

CLEAN UP BUCKETS Drop-Off – Are due **TODAY**.

Presbytery Meeting - The **November 9th** Presbytery Meeting will held at **Chestnut Retreat Center at 7554 Mount Eaton Road, Saylorsburg at 10am**.

VACATION LEAVE - Pastor Mark will be on vacation from **November 9th – 15th**.

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION - Those of you who are interested in becoming members of First Presbyterian Church are invited to meet with Reverend Mark after worship on **Sunday, November 17th**. This is a good opportunity to learn more about the ministry of First Presbyterian Church and get to know one another at a deeper level. If you are interested please see **Reverend Mark**.

FRIENDSGIVING – The Christian Education Committee will be hosting a special Friendsgiving Meal during Coffee Hour on **Sunday, November 24th**. All are invited. If you would like to contribute to the meal, please see the Sign-Up sheet located at the Narthex. For additional information, please see **Oressa Campbell or Jill Juengel**.

HANGING OF THE GREENS – **Sunday November 24th**. The Worship & Music Committee invites you to come help after Coffee Hour to prepare the Sanctuary for Advent as we all prepare for and await the birth of Christ! No need to sign up for Hanging of the Greens as all are welcome to share in this special time together. If you have any questions, please see **Ann Marie Grilk**.

POINSETTIAS FLOWER - We will be taking orders starting **Sunday, November 17th through December 15th**.

FPCH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER – SAVE THE DATE – This year's Christmas Dinner will be **Tuesday, December 10th at 6pm**, Pot-Luck style. If you would like to contribute a dish to our Christmas dinner please see the Sign-Up sheet located at the Narthex. For additional information, please contact **Pat Bartleson**.

THE ANGEL TREE will be available beginning **November 17th**. We will have Ornament tags from the Hawley Head Start & Pike Country Children and Youth Services. We will have Ornament tags from the Hawley Head Start & Pike Country Children and Youth Services. All gifts must be returned on or before **December 15th**. Any cash donations received will be used to purchase gift cards for older children/teens. If there any questions, please see **Michelle Westbrook**

NEWSLETTER - Our next monthly Newsletter will be in **December**. Newsletter articles need to be turned into the office by **Wednesday, November 13th**.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - Please sign up in the vestibule to be an **Usher** and to host **Coffee Hour** and **Good News Café**. For **Liturgists** see **Adele Harrison** and to help with **Communion** see **Ann Marie Grilk**.

CALENDAR OF THE WEEK

Monday, November 4th

11:00am: Small Group Monday
12:00pm: AA Meeting
5:30pm: Mission's Meeting

Tuesday, November 5th

10:00am: Handbell Choir
11:00am: Chancel Choir
8:00pm: NA

Wednesday, November 6th

12:00pm: AA Meeting
5pm-8pm: Cub Scouts
6:30: Bible Study

Thursday, November 7th

9:00am: Buildings & Ground Mtg.
11:00am: Bible Study

Saturday, November 9th

11:30-1pm: Good News Café
10:00am - **Presbytery Meeting at
Chestnut Retreat Center**

Sunday, November 10th

Veterans Day
10:00am: Worship Service
Deacon's Meeting

Liturgist Schedule:

11/3: Kathy Smith
11/10: Melanie Tek-Visgilio
11/17: Sherry Milliken
11/24: Jill Juengel

Usher Schedule:

11/3: Becky Lee & Pat Gemeinhardt
11/10: Janet Stiefel & Pat Schmidt
11/17: Pat Bartleson & Jill Juengel
11/24: Jane Jauss & Jill Juengel

November Communion

(November 3rd)

Set Up & Clean Up: Pat B.
Servers: Pat B., Beth C.,
Michelle W., Kika D.
& Ann Marie G.

December Communion

(December 1st)

Set Up & Clean Up: Jill J.
Servers: Jill J., Carol C., Pat B.
Beth C. & Kathy S.

JOYS and CONCERNS FOR WEEK OF 11/3/24

- *Prayers for Pat Broughton who's recovering from surgery.
- *Prayers for April, daughter of Laura, friend of Virginia Romaine.
- *Fran, Jill J.'s Mom.
- *Tom, Father-in-Law of Mark's son.
- *AJ (4 years old) mauled by a dog. He is a family friend of Kathy and Dave Smith.
- *Prayers for Roxanne.
- *Prayers for Chris Leady.
- *Prayers for Jerry.
- *Prayers for Virginia R.
- *Prayers for Cathy C.
- *Prayers for Christine C.
- *Prayers for Jennifer T., daughter of Ron Dutton who lives in Philly and is battling breast cancer.
- *Prayers for Henry R. who is having lung and breathing issues.
- *Prayers for Susan, Pat G.'s sister.
- *Prayers for John E.'s sister-in-law Stacy, who is having cognitive issues with a frontal lobe disease.