

OPENING PRAYER: Jim Mould
Ever-present God, you never leave us. Help us to stay with you when we are tempted to flee, and keep us seeking after that which is true, that all may know that you are the Lord, our God, a tenacious presence in whatever our reality. Through Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

PRELUDE: The Solid Rock Mason
Adele Harrison, organ

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: Jim Mould

INTROIT: In Christ There Is No East or West
Chancel Choir

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** Jim Mould
Leader: Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised! One generation shall extol your works to another,
People: We shall declare your mighty acts.
Leader: They will recount the glorious splendor of your majesty,
People: On your wondrous works we will meditate.
Leader: They will proclaim the might of your awesome deeds,
People: We will declare your greatness.
Leader: They shall celebrate the fame of your abundant goodness,
People: We shall sing aloud of your righteousness.

***HYMN #12:** “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: Jim Mould
Holy God, you are the Lord our God, who brought us out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. And yet our trust in you is fragile, easily crushed by our bent toward indifference, the dismissal of your faithfulness as a result of our forgetfulness. Our trust is fragile, easily broken by the slightest pause, and answer to prayer not instantly given, a request for peace not immediately felt. Our trust is fragile, easily displaced by gods of our own making, the god of self-sufficiency, chased at any cost, the god of illusion, pursued in any form. Lord, have mercy on us, through Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

KYRIE: Hear, our prayer, O Lord,
Hear, our prayer, O Lord,
Incline Thine ear to us and grant us Thy peace.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS: Jim Mould
Beloved, hear the good news: Jesus Christ came to stand in the breach to reconcile us to God. We are forgiven and freed. **Alleluia! Amen.**

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.

WE WELCOME the Rev. Dr. Joanne Weiss to the pulpit this morning.

STUDY LEAVE & SYNOD LEAVE – Pastor Mark will be on Study Leave from **October 5th – 13th** and Synod Leave from **October 25th – October 27th.**

COLUMBUS DAY – Please note that the office will be closed on **Monday, October 12th** in observance of Columbus Day **but will be opened on Friday, October 16th.**

FPCH RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE – We will be sponsoring the Red Cross Blood Drive on **Wednesday, October 14th from 1pm-6pm.** Register to give blood at <https://www.redcross.org/>. To sign up for an appointment call 1-800-Red-Cross or Red Cross Blood.org or Download the Blood Donor App. If you have any questions, please see *Melanie Tek-Visgilio*

TRICKY TRAY – **Saturday, October 17th.** Doors will open at **4:30pm** and calling will begin at **6:00pm.** If you would like to make a donation, a Sign-Up Sheet has been placed on the table in the Narthex. For more additional information, please see *Pat Bartleson.*

NOMINATING COMMITTEE – Begins its work in October. Please see insert, complete and return the form to *Chris Caruso* by **October 18th.**

MISSON MEETING – The October Mission Meeting has been **rescheduled to October 25th,** during Coffee Hour. For any additional information, please see *Jim Mould.*

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – **Sunday, October 18th** for election of officers following worship service.

JOANNE WEISS AND WOMEN’S RETREAT – “*Gratitude As A Spiritual Path*” - **Saturday, October 24th from 9:00am to 4:00pm** in Blough Hall. See Sign-up Sheet at the table in the Narthex. Please bring your own bagged lunch, beverages will be provided. For more information, please see *Jill Juengel.*

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS – **November 1st.** *Turn clocks **Back.***

FIRST RESPONDERS’ RECOGNITION – **Sunday, November 1st.**

MEN’S BREAKFAST – **Wednesday, November 4th at 8am** at *Lori’s Corner Kitchen*, 630 Hamlin Hwy., Lake Ariel, PA. Sign-up Sheet is located at the table in the Narthex. For more information, please see *Pastor Mark.*

NOVEMBER COMMUNION – has been rescheduled to **Sunday, November 8th.**

STEWARSHIP SUNDAY – NOVEMBER 8th - You will be receiving a special letter in the mail along with an Estimate of Giving Page. Please return that page by either bringing it to worship or mailing it to the office. Thank you for your support of the mission and ministry of our church.

2026 COOKIE WALK - This year's Cookie Walk will be held on **Saturday; December 12th** and we are starting to organize around this special fundraiser. A Sign-Up sheet is available in the vestibule. If you have any questions please see *Karen Lutz or Kika Dyson.*

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 Grillk.*

CALENDAR OF THE WEEK

Monday, October 12th <i>Columbus Day (Office Closed)</i> 11:00am: M&M Group 12:00pm: AA Meeting	Thursday, October 15th 11:00am: Bible Study 5:30-8:00pm: Lion’s Club
Tuesday, October 13th 10:00am: Handbell Choir 11:00am: Chancel Choir 12:15pm: Worship & Music Mtg.	Friday, October 16th 1:00pm: Book Club
Wednesday, October 14th 12:00pm: AA Meeting 5pm-8pm: Cub Scouts 1pm-6pm: Red Cross Blood Drive 6:30pm Prayer Group	Saturday, October 17th 6:00pm: Tricky Tray
	Sunday, October 18th 10:00am: Worship <i>Congregational Mtg.</i> <i>Missions Mtg. (Cancelled)</i>

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS – OCTOBER & NOVEMBER

<u>October Liturgist</u>	<u>October Ushers</u>	<u>November – Communion Servers</u> <u>(Nov. 8th)</u>
10/11: Jim Mould	10/11: Don Granza & Janet Steifel	Set Up & Clean Up: Jill Juengel
10/18: Sue Goldbach	10/18: TBD	Servers: Jill Juengel
10/25: Jill Juengel	10/25: TBD	Becky Lee
		Pat Gemeinhardt
		Heather Caruso
		Clara Kelly

JOYS and CONCERNS FOR WEEK OF 10/11/2026

*Prayers for Pat S.
*Prayers for Ray.
* Prayers for Jo and Shellis.
*Prayers for Paula, her husband, mother and father.
*Prayers for the Kinzinger family.
*Prayers for Kevin M.
*Prayers for Lauren P.
*Prayers for Jim C., friend of Linda K.
*Prayers for improved health for Lynne, daughter-in-law of Sherry M.
*Prayers for Connie, Neighbor of Adele H.
*Prayers for Glenn W.
*Prayers for Trudy B.
*Prayers for Henry & Leslie.
*Prayers for Carolyn, friend of Linda K. who is battling liver cancer.
*Prayers for a friend of Linda K., who had a cancerous brain tumor removed and will continue chemo and radiation treatments for lung cancer
*Prayers for Theresa.
*Prayers for Stephen.
*Prayers for Ray R., Bill C.’s uncle.
*Prayers for Rev. Carl W.
*Prayers for Lynne Stack’s daughter, Donna.
*Prayers for Nancy B.
*Prayers for Nick, Patrick F.’s nephew.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE, HYMN #301: (Verse 2 & Refrain)

“Let Us Build A House”

Let us build a house where prophets speak,
and words are strong and true,
where all God’s children dare to seek
to dream God’s reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness
and as symbol of God’s grace;
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:

Refrain:

all are welcome; all are welcome; all are welcome in this place.

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST: Rev. Dr. Joanne Weiss

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION: Jim Mould

Holy Spirit of God, shine your light upon this Word and into our hearts that
we may be enlightened with fresh understanding. Amen.

FIRST LESSON: Psalm 23 Jim Mould

SECOND LESSON: Philippians 4: 4-9 Rev. Dr. Joanne Weiss

MUSIC MEDITATION: Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart Althouse
Chancel Choir

TIME WITH YOUNG CHRISTIANS: Rev. Dr. Joanne Weiss

SERMON: “Paul’s Roadmap” Rev. Dr. Joanne Weiss

*HYMN #353: “My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less”

INVITATION TO OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY: Great Is Thy Faithfulness arr. Larson
Matthew Rupcich, piano

*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

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER
(using debts and debtors)

*HYMN #39: “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

THE BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: Immortal, Invisible Wilson
Adele Harrison, organ

*Please stand if you are able.

First Presbyterian Church of Hawley

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



October 11, 2026
10 AM

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“Therefore he said he would destroy them, had not Moses, his chosen
one, stood in the breach before him, to turn away his wrath from
destroying them.”
Psalm 106:23

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.