

OPENING PRAYER: Tom Visgilio

Almighty God, in Christ you have shown us the way, revealed to us your truth, and offered to us everlasting life. Keep our eyes upon Jesus, that we may see your path more clearly, know your truth more fully, and receive your life more abundantly; through Christ who dwells with you and the Holy Spirit in eternal glory. Amen.

PRELUDE: Prelude on "Ebenezer" arr. Smith
Adele Harrison, organ

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Mark Juengel

INTROIT: Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!
Chancel Choir

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** Tom Visgilio

Leader: In you, Lord, I have taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; deliver me in your righteousness.

People: Turn your ear to me, come quickly to my rescue; be my rock of refuge, a strong fortress to save me.

Leader: Since you are my rock and my fortress, for the sake of your name lead and guide me.

People: Keep me free from the trap that is set for me, for you are my refuge.

Leader: Into your hands I commit my spirit; deliver me, Lord, my faithful God.

People: Let us worship the God of our strength.

***HYMN #394:** "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: Tom Visgilio

Merciful God, as your children, we long to grow to spiritual maturity, and to be weaned from the elementary teachings of our faith. We desire to live as disciples who can be entrusted with the full measure of the gospel. We confess that we often avoid such growth. We prefer the simplicity of childhood rather than the complex tensions of adulthood. We would rather remain comfortable than embrace the pain of change. We pretend that complacency and maintaining the status quo is something other than slow death. Forgive us, Lord. Renew within us the desire and commitment to be fully alive to you, to ourselves and to one another as faithful and mature followers of Christ. 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: Tom Visgilio

It is a sure and trustworthy word that Jesus Christ came to forgive us, to redeem us, and to restore us to right relationship. Hear this good news: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Hallelujah! 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.

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.

BIBLE STUDY – PHILIPPIANS -. In April, we will begin a new walk through Paul's letter to the church in Philippi. This was one of the Apostle's most joyous letters that affirms his faith in Christ Jesus even while under house arrest. Come and join us at **11:00am** for the next six weeks.

PENTECOST FLOWERS - We will be taking orders through **Sunday, May 17th**. Come help plant on **Tuesday, May 26th at 12:15pm**.

TAGS & TREASURES - Plans are in place for our annual Tags and Treasures event that will be held on **Saturday, May 30th from 9:00am to 4:00pm**. We welcome all donations from members, friends and family EXCEPT clothing and electronics. Books are also discouraged. We will begin accepting donations of items today, **Sunday, April 26th**. The full schedule of drop-off dates in May will be listed on the Bulletin's Calendar, and a poster has been placed on the bulletin board in the Narthex. To make an appointment for larger items to be picked up please reach out to Bill Rockafellow by contacting the church office at 570-226-4835. For more information please reach out to **Bill Rockafellow, Karen Lutz or Kika Dyson**.

VACATION LEAVE - Pastor Mark will be on vacation from **May 12th – May 17th**.

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**.

Mission Statement

We believe that God is alive and active. As faithful disciples we spread the good news of Christ's love, forgiveness, and grace. Our mission is to be God's presence within our community. Our ministry is people to people, nurturing spiritual growth, promoting peace, caring for others and providing fellowship. We believe in diversity, equality, and that God's Love is fully inclusive.

CALENDAR OF THE WEEK

Monday, May 4th
9:00: Staff Meeting
11:00am: Small Group Monday
12:00pm: AA Meeting

Tuesday, May 5th
10am: Handbell Choir
11am: Chancel Choir

Wednesday, May 6th
12:00pm: AA Meeting
5pm-8pm: Cub Scouts
6:30pm: Prayer Group

Thursday, May 7th
National Day of Prayer
11:00am: Bible Study

Saturday, May 9th
11:30am: Good News Café

Sunday, May 10th
Mother's Day
10:00am: Worship
11:30am-1pm: Tags & Treasures Drop-off

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS - MAY 2026

May Liturgist	May Ushers	May – Communion Servers (May 3 rd)
5/3: Tom Visgilio	5/3: Cathy Lee & Jane Jauss	Set Up & Clean Up: Chris Caruso
5/10: TBD	5/10: TBD	Servers: Chris Caruso
5/17: Joe Jauss	5/17: Don Granza & Robert Pinkney	Bill Chicoski
5/24: Patrick Field	5/24: Pat Buck & Jody Koch	Pat Gemeinhardt
5/31: Nancy Vignau	5/31: TBD	Patrick Field
		Alesia Burton

JOYS and CONCERNS FOR WEEK OF 5/3/2026

- *Prayers for Chris & Bianca, friends of Bill R. Bianca is having pregnancy issues.
- *Prayers for the Miller Family for the loss of Kevin's uncle.
- *Prayers for Don & Chris on the loss of their son.
- *Prayers for Don M.
- *Prayers for Patrick's cousin's son.
- *Prayers for Don & Jean, friends of Linda K.
- *Prayers for Stephen.
- *Prayers for Brian G., Ann Marie's son.
- *Prayers for Virginia R.'s son.
- *Prayers for Ray R., Bill C.'s uncle.
- *Prayers for John E.'s mother.
- *Prayers for Rev. Carl W.
- *Prayers for Lynne Stack's daughter, Donna.
- *Prayers for John, Virginia R.'s grandson.
- *Prayers for Nancy B.
- *Prayers for Nick, Patrick F.'s nephew.
- *Prayers for Daniel.
- *Prayers for Jeremy, friend of Pat S.
- *Prayers for Missy, Pat B.'s daughter.
- *Prayers for Steve, Joe J's brother-in-law.
- *Prayers for Bryan, Kathy & Dave S.'s son.
- *Prayers for Phyllis N.
- *Prayers for Joe J.'s great-nephew, Jackson.
- *Prayers for Steve, Joe J's brother-in-law.
- *Prayers for Phyllis N.

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE - HYMN #248:** (verse 1)

“Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!”

**Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna! Celebrate this day of days!
Christ is risen! Hush in wonder: all creation is amazed.**

**In the desert all-surrounding, see, a spreading tree has grown.
Healing leaves of grace abounding bring a taste of love unknown.**

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST: Rev. Mark Juengel

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION: Tom Visgilio

Lord, as we listen to your holy Word, open our hearts to the power of your Spirit, call us out of darkness, and lead us into your marvelous light. **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON: John 14:1-14 Tom Visgilio

SECOND LESSON: I Peter 2:2-10 Rev. Mark Juengel

MUSIC MEDITATION: Come and Feast Dengler
Chancel Choir

TIME WITH YOUNG CHRISTIANS

SERMON: “Got Milk?” Rev. Mark Juengel

INVITATION TO OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY: Built on a Rock! arr. Martin
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

***HYMN # 280: “Come, O Spirit, Dwell among Us”**

**THE LORD’S SUPPER
INVITATION TO THE TABLE**

COMMUNION LITANY

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also, with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: 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...

Hymn #1: “Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!”

**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.**

Leader: 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

Leader: 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!

Leader: 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 #305: “Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!”**

THE BENEDICTION

**POSTLUDE: Come Sing, O Church, in Joy arr. Mansfield
Adele Harrison, organ**

*Please stand if you are able.

First Presbyterian Church of Hawley

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



May 3, 2026

10 AM

Communion Sunday

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“Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that you may grow into salvation, if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.”

I Peter 2:2

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.