

OPENING PRAYER:

Eternal God, we give thanks to you, we call upon your name. We sing to you, we sing praise to you, telling of all your wonderful acts. We give glory to your holy name. Our hearts rejoice as we seek you. We look to you as our strength. We remember all the wonder you have done for us. In your presence we worship you and seek your face. Amen

PRELUDE Just a Closer Walk with Thee Denton  
Adele Harrison, organ

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Mark Juengel

INTROIT God Welcomes All  
Chancel Choir

\*CALL TO WORSHIP: Brad Kiesendahl  
Leader: Give praise to the Lord, proclaim his name;  
People: Make known among the nations what God has done.  
Leader: Sing to our Creator, sing praise to the Maker of all;  
People: Tell of all the Redeemer’s wonderful acts.  
Leader: Glory in that holiest of names;  
People: Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.  
Leader: Look to the Lord for strength; and seek the glorious face always.

\*Hymn #267: “Come, Christians Join to Sing”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Brad Kiesendahl  
God of all creation, we come to you ever ready with petitions for what we want and things we think we need. Free us in these moments of prayer from our litany of desires ... and open our hearts to receive your gifts of grace and love as we consider what it means to follow your Son.  
We confess we say that we are Christians and yet there are many times when we are anything but loving. We acknowledge that there are too many occasions when we are disciples in word only.  
Help us, O God, to do better: to remember that where two or three of us are gathered, you are there also; to remember that we are messengers of your love and grace which calls us to extend the hand of fellowship not only within these walls, but beyond; to remember above all that the cross is a radical commitment to a way of life, and we carry it in the name of Christ, our Lord. Amen

Kyrie  
Lord have mercy upon us. Christ have mercy upon us.  
Lord have mercy upon us.

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.

HAWLEY HUNGER WALK – TODAY at 12:30 PM. We will Meet and End in the parking lot of St. Paul’s Lutheran Church.

MISSION SPEAKER - TODAY - Jim and Suzanne Bates, Camp Lackawanna.

PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING - We extend Christ’s peace throughout our community and world even in these uncertain times. On Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup> will be collecting this special offering of Peace.

TRICKY TRAY – Will be on Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup>. Doors will open at 4:30pm and calling will begin at 6:00pm.

MONDAY SMALL GROUP STUDY – At 11am at the home of Betsy Yergey, 27 Lake Drive, Hawley.

WEDNESDAY EVENING & THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY GROUPS – We will be meeting every Wednesday, at 6:30pm and every Thursday Morning Bible at 11am. We will explore the book of Exodus.

NEWSLETTER - Our next monthly Newsletter will be in November. Newsletter articles need to be turned into the office by Wednesday, October 25<sup>th</sup>.

THE CHANCEL CHOIR AND HANDBELL CHOIR are accepting new members at this time. We are a welcoming and fun group of singers and bell ringers that enjoy playing and singing music together for the glory of God. There are no wrong notes. See Matthew Rupcich, Music Director, for more information.

Please sign up in the vestibule to be an usher and to host coffee hour.  
Liturgists see Adele Harrison  
Help with Communion – See Ann Marie

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.

<b>Monday, September 25<sup>th</sup></b> 11:00am: Staff Meeting 12:00pm: AA		<b>Thursday, September 28<sup>th</sup></b> 12:15pm: Worship & Music Meeting	
<b>Tuesday, September 26<sup>th</sup></b> 10:00am: Handbell Choir 11:00am: Chancel Choir 8:00pm: NA		<b>Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup></b> 10:00am: Worship Service 11:am: Coffee Hour	
<b>Wednesday, September 27<sup>th</sup></b> 12:00pm: AA Meeting 6:30pm: Bible Study			
<b>Liturgist Schedule:</b> 9/24 – Brad Kiesendahl	<b>Usher Schedule:</b> 9/24 – Kika D. & Pat G.	<b>October Communion (Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>):</b> Set Up: Beth C. Servers: Jim M., Pat S., Beth C., Cliff C., Kathleen R. & Jill J. Clean Up: Beth C.	
10/01 Patrick Field 10/08 Jill Juengel 10/15 Beth Crowley 10/22 Melanie Tek-Visgilio 10/29 Sherry Milliken	10/1 – Dave S. & Pat G. 10/8 – Jill J. & Don G. 10/15 – Pat S, Becky & Brenda N. 10/22 – Janet S.& Michelle W. 10.29 - Oressa & Maddie M.	<b>November Communion (Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>):</b> Set Up: Beth C. Servers: Ann Marie G., Pat B., Chris C., Karen R., John S. Clean Up: Beth C.	

- JOYS and CONCERNS FOR WEEK OF 09/24/23
- \*Prayers for Vicky, friend of Virginia R.

\*Prayers for Lynn, Nancy H’s sister.

\*Prayers for Chris, Adele’s family friend, who is in hospice.

\*Prayers for Roger, friend of Kathy & Dave S.

\*Prayers for Irban, Linda K.’s cousin, who’s in the hospital.

\*Prayers for Kathleen R.’s brother, Patrick, who’s in the hospital.

\*Prayers for Adele H.’s friend Lara D. who has cancer.

\*Prayers for Sue P. who is having heart issues.

\*Prayers for Sherry M.’s friend Dave, who has prostate cancer.

\*Prayers for James, grandson of Cathy B.

\*Prayers for Patrick F.’s Father.

\*Prayers for Rebecca W. and her family.

\*Prayers for Ellen, sister of Beth C., who is in the hospital.

\*Prayers for Timothy, nephew of Sherry M.

\*Prayers for Brandon, grandson of Pat G.’s friend.

\*Prayers for Jessica C.’s 3-year-old nephew.

\*Prayers for Kathy B.’s granddaughter, Kinsley

\*Prayers for Megan, Joan’s D.’s daughter-in-law.

\*Prayers for Brenda, who is suffering from substance abuse.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS Brad Kiesendahl

Father, to you I release the cares and concerns of this world, knowing you loved me enough to give your only Son on my behalf. I'm a sinner in need of a Savior and, once again, I accept what you have done for me as sufficient. In Jesus' name. Alleluia, Amen.

\*Congregational Response, Hymn #441

“Hear the Good News of Salvation”

Hear the good news of salvation:  
Jesus died to show God's love.  
Such great kindness!  
Such great mercy!  
Come to us from heaven above.

Jesus Christ, how much I love you!  
Jesus Christ, you save from sin!  
How I love you! Look upon me.  
Love me still and cleanse within

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST Rev. Mark Juengel

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION Brad Kiesendahl

O God of a Thousand Faces, who sees through all our pretenses to that silent, secret space where our true spirit sojourns, prune away the duplicities that mask our best intentions and all those quick defenses that disguise who we really are. Open us up to you and to all who would touch the truth of our being, so all may see the integrity of lives given over to you, now and forever. Amen.

First Lesson: Mattew 7:1-5 Brad Kiesendahl

Second Lesson: Romans 14:1-12 Rev. Mark Juengel

Musical Meditation Jesus Is the Answer/Seek Ye First arr. Harlan Chancel Choir

TIME WITH YOUNG CHRISTIANS

SERMON “Nothing Like a Little Compromise” Rev. Mark Juengel

Brief Statement of Faith, 1983

\*Hymn #300: “They Will Know We Are Christians by Our Love”

MINUTE FOR MISSION - Jim and Suzanne Bates, Camp Lackawanna

INVITATION TO OFFERTORY

Offertory Improvisation #2 on “We Are One in the Spirit” 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 #835: “Just a Closer Walk with Thee”

THE BENEDICTION

Choral Benediction with Congregation Traditional “Irish Blessing” 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 Come, Christians, Join to Sing arr. Hustad Adele Harrison, organ

\*Please stand if you are able.

First Presbyterian Church of Hawley

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



September 24, 2023 10 AM

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“For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain.” Philippians 1:21

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.