

OPENING PRAYER: Jennifer Kiesendahl

Loving God, all that we have, all that we are, all that we might become, is a gift from you. On this day we praise you and give thanks for the faith, hope, and love we have in you through Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

PRELUDE: Easter Fanfares arr. Lau
Adele Harrison, organ

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Mark Juengel

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

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** Jennifer Kiesendahl

Leader: God has created the world in all its splendor and created us in God's image. God has called us good.

People: From everlasting to everlasting, the Lord is God!

Leader: God calls us into community to the body of Christ in our corner of the world.

People: From everlasting to everlasting, the Lord is God!

Leader: As we gather to worship the Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer, the Spirit moves through us, elevating our worship, helping us to listen and sending us out renewed for the work ahead.

People: Let us worship God together!!

***HYMN #39:** "Great is Thy Faithfulness"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: Jennifer Kiesendahl

Gracious God, we confess that too often our actions and inactions do not reveal your love. Too often our ways do not align with your ways. Forgive us when we think we are too insignificant to make a difference in your world. Remind us of your faithfulness from everlasting to everlasting. Restore us and help us to claim and use the gifts you have given us. Reorient our lives so that we might be attentive to a new vision for ministry. Renew our imagination to see the work that might be carried out by those who come after us. In Jesus' name we pray. 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: Jennifer Kiesendahl

Leader: Christ comes into every shadowed corner of our lives with the light of Easter. Christ comes into the locked rooms of our faults, and gifts us with grace and hope. Christ comes to fill us with peace, that we may proclaim the good news of mercy and forgiveness.

People: Thanks be to God. Christ has come to us. Amen.

***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.

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.

LEGACY SUNDAY – Today. We welcome Rev. Ellie Johns-Kelly from the Presbytery Foundation. The Rev. Ellie Johns-Kelley serves as the Ministry Relations Officer for the Presbyterian Foundation covering the Allegheny and Chesapeake Region. She works with congregations to create a culture of generosity, offers seminars and workshops, develops gifts and fundraising plans for ministries, and provides coaching to finance, stewardship and endowment committees. Prior to joining the Foundation in 2013, Ellie served nearly four years as Pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Warren, Pennsylvania. Previously, she served as Director of the Summer Youth Institute and Assistant Director of Admissions at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. A member of the Presbytery of Lake Erie, Ellie serves on the Administrative Committee and is President of the Trustees. Over the last twenty-four years, Ellie has served the larger church in a number of capacities including the General Assembly Permanent Judicial Commission, Regional Resource Person for the Theological Education Fund in the Synod of the Trinity, the synod's Campus Ministry Task Force and as a synod commissioner. Ellie received a Bachelor of Science in biology at Muskingum College and a Master of Divinity from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. She resides south of Pittsburgh in the town of Carmichaels with husband Dr. Eric Kelley and two young daughters.

From Everlasting to Everlasting - Join us for a seminar to consider what it means to have a legacy? Consider what yours might be and how you can communicate your values with your family and the church you love. This conversation will be led by the Rev. Ellie Johns-Kelley, Ministry Relations Officer from the Presbyterian Foundation.

VOLUNTEER MINISTRY DAY – Sunday, April 19th.

TAGS & TREASURES - Plans are underway for our annual Tags and Treasures event and while the date is still to be determined please start earmarking all those items you would like to donate and we will let you know when to bring them to the church as we get closer to the May time frame. We will also be seeking volunteers to help us pre-sort and organize the donated items. If you have any questions please reach out to *Bill Rockafellow, Karen Lutz or Kika Dyson.*

FPCH RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE – We will be sponsoring the Red Cross Blood Drive on Thursday, **April 23rd 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.*

ATTENTION COMMUNITY - If you know someone who is hearing challenged and would like to enjoy worshipping with First Presbyterian Church, please have them contact the church office. We are able to make arrangements with a Sunday Interpreter. All they need is to let us know the date they will be here for 10:00am worship.

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, April 13th

11:00am: Small Group Monday

12:00pm: AA Meeting

5:30pm: Missions Committee Mtg.

Tuesday, April 14th

10am: Handbell Choir

11am: Chancel Choir

12:15pm: Worship & Music Mtg.

Wednesday, April 15th

12:00pm: AA Meeting

5pm-8pm: Cub Scouts

6:30pm: Prayer Group

Thursday, April 16th

11:00am: Bible Study

5:30pm: Lion's Club

Friday, April 17th

1:00pm: Book Club

Sunday, April 19th

10:00am: Worship

11:00am: Volunteer Ministry Sunday

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS - MARCH 2026

| <u>April Liturgist</u> | <u>April Ushers</u> | <u>April – Communion Servers</u> <u>(April 12th)</u> |
|---------------------------|---------------------------------|--|
| 4/12: Jennifer Kiesendahl | 4/12: Sue Goldbach & Dave Smith | Set Up & Clean Up: Robert Pinkney |
| 4/19: Sherry Milliken | 4/19: Grace & Herb Laird | Servers: Robert Pinkney Pat Bartleson Sherry Milliken Bill Chicoski Kathleen Roberts |
| 4/26: Kathy Smith | 4/26: TBD | |

JOYS and CONCERNS FOR WEEK OF 4/12/2026

*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 who is having surgery.

*Prayers for Ray R., Bill C.'s uncle.

*Prayers for Jill J. who is recovering from surgery.

*Prayers for John E.'s mother who is scheduled for back surgery.

*Prayers for Al M., friend of Jim M., who lost his dad.

*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 Bryan, Kathy & Dave S.'s son.

*Prayers for Phyllis N.

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SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST: Rev. Mark Juengel

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION: Jennifer Kiesendahl

Guiding God, send your Holy Spirit upon the reading of your Word that it may serve to show us the path of life and lead us into your presence where there is fullness of joy. Amen.

FIRST LESSON: Psalm 78:1-8 Jennifer Kiesendahl

SECOND LESSON: Mark 12:28-31 Rev. Ellie Johns-Kelley

MUSIC MEDITATION: United in Christ Price and Besig
Chancel Choir

TIME WITH YOUNG CHRISTIANS

SERMON: "Sharing Our Core Values: for Generations to Come"
Rev. Ellie Johns-Kelley

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: Rev. Ellie Johns-Kelley

In life and in death we belong to God...In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

(From A Brief Statement of Faith, PCUSA Book of Confessions)

INVITATION TO OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY: Fairest Lord Jesus arr. Lee
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 # 504: "We Come as Guests Invited"

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: "In Christ Alone" (Insert)

THE BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: Christ Arose! arr. Wilson
Adele Harrison, organ

*Please stand if you are able to.

First Presbyterian Church of Hawley

"Come to Grow in Love, Spirit, and Faith"



April 12, 2026

10 AM

*Communion &
Legacy Sunday
Rev. Ellie Johns-Kelley*

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*The second is this, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these
Mark 12:31*

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.