

OPENING PRAYER: Joe Jauss

Loving God, we come to you in gratitude for your love, which is always present to us. In the stillness of these moments, we remember with thanksgiving the times in our lives when your love has enabled us to rise to our better selves. We thank you for the gift of your Son, who came that we might know what perfect love looks like.Breathe in us new life, instilling us with enthusiasm for the opportunities we have to begin again. Amen.

PRELUDE: All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name arr. Benjamin Adele Harrison, organ

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Mark Juengel

INTROIT: Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers Chancel Choir

*CALL TO WORSHIP: Joe Jauss

Leader: Praise the Lord!
People: Sing to the Lord a new song,
Leader: His praise in the assembly of the faithful.
People: Let them praise His name with dancing,
Leader: making melody to Him with tambourine and lyre.
ALL: For the Lord takes pleasure in His people. God adorns the humble with victory.

*HYMN #263: “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: Joe Jauss

Lord God, while we were still slaves to sin, you died for our salvation. Yet we still worship the false gods of the world, forgetting that you are Lord. Loving worldly wealth, we have not loved you with our whole heart nor loved our neighbors as ourselves. Trusting worldly strength, we have not trusted your word nor followed the Word made flesh. Forgiving by worldly norms, we have not shown mercy to others as you have shown mercy to us. Forgive us yet again, we pray in Christ’s name. 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: Joe Jauss

Leader: Friends, hear the good news of the gospel: Who is in a position to condemn?
People: Only Christ. And Christ died for us; Christ rose for us; Christ reigns in power for us; Christ prays for us.
Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:
People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. 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.

OFFICE CLOSED - Please note that the office will be closed on Monday, September 7th in observance of Labor Day.

FALL BIBLE STUDY - Come and join us on this journey through the Psalms beginning September 10th at 11:00am. We are meeting in the Conference Room of the Samford House.

9/11 COMMUNITY SERVICE - On Friday, September 11, 2026 the Hawley Borough is hosting a community ceremony to honor the victims of this terrible day. The ceremony will be held at Bingham Park beginning at 10 AM. Reverend Mark will deliver the Invocation for the day.

FREE BOOK SHARE/BOOK SWAP at the Wayne County Fairgrounds. The drop-off dates to donate books are September 17th and 18th and the morning of the 19th (no limit to the number of books that can be donated). The days that people can come and take books (as many as they like - and for free) are Saturday, September 19th and Sunday, Sept 20th. For more information, please see Karen Lutz.

HAWLEY HARVEST HOEDOWN - The church would like to participate in the annual Hawley Harvest Hoedown on Saturday, October 3rd and we need volunteers. We will have morning and afternoon shifts available. If you are able to volunteer, please sign up using the Sign-up sheet in the entryway or contact Jim Mould.

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY & OFFERING – October 4th

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.

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.

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.

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, September 7th Labor Day (Office Closed) 11:00am: M&M Group 12:00pm: AA Meeting	Thursday, September 10th 9:00am: Finance Mtg. 11:00am: Bible Study
Tuesday, September 8th 10am: Handbell Choir 11am: Chancel Choir 12:15pm: W&M Mtg.	Friday, September 11th Rosh Hashanah 10:00am: 9/11 Community Service (Bingham Park)
Wednesday, September 9th 12:00pm: AA Meeting 5pm-8pm: Cub Scouts 6:30pm: Prayer Group	Saturday, September 12th 11:30am: Good News Café
	Sunday, September 13th 10:00am: Worship Deacon's Mtg.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS - SEPTEMBER 2026

<u>September Liturgist</u>	<u>September Ushers</u>	<u>September – Communion Servers</u> <u>(Sept. 6th)</u>
9/6 Joe Jauss	9/6: Bill Chicoski & Robert Pinkney	Set Up & Clean Up: Jill Juengel
9/13 Sherry Milliken	9/13: Pat Buck & Jody Koch	Servers: Jill Juengel
9/20 John Ehlers	9/20: Jane Jauss & Jill Juengel	Becky Lee
9/27 Tom Visgilio	9/27: Beth & Cliff Crowley	Pat Gemeinhardt
		Heather Caruso
		Clara Kelly

JOYS and CONCERNS FOR WEEK OF 9/6/2026

*Prayers for Julie.
*Prayers for Kevin M.
*Prayers for Don 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 Tina, friend of Bill R.
*Prayers for Karen, friend of Kathy R.
*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. Mark Juengel

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION: Joe Jauss
Thoughts. Ideas. Tasks we have to do. People we need to see. Things we meant to say. All this and more swirls around in our minds as we sit in this place. As we sit quietly, so quiet our minds, O God. Help us to let go of all that floats around in our heads, and let us, instead, grab hold of what your word has to say to us this day. Amen.

FIRST LESSON: Matthew 18:15-20 Joe Jauss

SECOND LESSON: Romans 13:8-14 Rev. Mark Juengel

MUSIC MEDITATION: A Loving Heart Bushong
Chancel Choir

TIME WITH YOUNG CHRISTIANS

SERMON: “Hanging in the Balance” Rev. Mark Juengel

INVITATION TO OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY: Love Divine, All Loves Excelling 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

*HYMN #366: “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

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 #725: “O Jesus, I Have Promised”

THE BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION: “Irish Blessing” Traditional
May the road rise to meet you.
May the wind be always at your back.
May the sun shine 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: O Jesus, I Have Promised Scott
Adele Harrison, organ

*Please stand if you are able.

First Presbyterian Church of Hawley

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



September 6, 2026
10 AM
Communion Sunday

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Web: fpchawley.org

*“Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law.”
Romans 13:8*

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.