

OPENING PRAYER: Sherry Milliken
O God of this and every morning - As we begin this day, call us by name, As we step into this day, guide our feet, As we live this day, care for those we love; As we learn this day, teach us your ways. In Jesus’ name. **Amen.**

PRELUDE: Celebration on "Lasst uns erfreuen" Kendall
Adele Harrison, organ

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: Rev. Mark Juengel

INTROIT: Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers
Chancel Choir

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** Sherry Milliken
Leader: Listen! The Lord calls out to us, offering life!
People: Teach, lead, turn us to your ways, O God.
Leader: Walk in the paths of God’s commandments with delight.
People: Teach, lead, turn us to your ways, O God.
ALL: With our whole heart, we will turn to you and live!

***HYMN #15:** “All Creatures of our God and King” (verses 1-4)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: Sherry Milliken
God of us all, we come before you with hearts that are heavy-laden. We regret that we often give lip service to what we believe, speaking of our beliefs only when it is convenient and non-threatening. We admit that though we profess tolerance, we do nothing to enhance the lives of those whom others simply do not tolerate. We profess to being open-minded and fair, yet how quickly we interrupt and take sides before we have even heard both sides of an argument or issue. We pride ourselves on church attendance and yet refuse to be the church in our daily lives. We say we are willing to try new ways of worship and yet how quickly we complain that things are not like they used to be. We quickly volunteer to help with a church project but withdraw our commitment when something better comes along. We stand for tolerance and then sit down when we are asked to help at a homeless shelter. We gladly welcome those who are different to our worship and then visit with friends during fellowship hour. We come before you and confess those things that weigh heavily on our hearts and minds, gracious God; and wonder how you can tolerate us. Forgive us, O 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: Sherry Milliken
Hear this good news: Christ came that we might have new life in him. When we honestly confess our sins, they are a burden to us no longer. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. **Thanks be to God! 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.

SUNDAY FLOWERS – were donated by Jody Koch.

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 14th 11:00am: M&M Group 12:00pm: AA Meeting 2:00pm-6:00pm: WH Quilters	Thursday, September 17th 11:00am: Bible Study 5:30pm-8:00pm: Lion's Club
Tuesday, September 15th 10:00am: Handbell Choir 11:00am: Chancel Choir	Friday, September 18th 1:00pm: Book Club
Wednesday, September 16th 12:00pm: AA Meeting 5pm-8pm: Cub Scouts 6:30pm Prayer Group	Sunday, September 20th <i>Yom Kippur</i> 10:00am: Worship Mission Mtg.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS – SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER		
<u>September Liturgist</u>	<u>September Ushers</u>	<u>September – Communion Servers</u>
9/13: Sherry Milliken	9/13: Jane Jauss & Jill Juengel	<u>(Oct. 4th)</u> Set Up & Clean Up: Pat Bartleson
9/20: TBD	9/20: Beth & Cliff Crowley	Servers: Pat Bartleson
9/27: Tom Visgilio	9/27: Grace & Herb Laird	Katy Smith
		Robert Pinkney
		Kathleen Roberts
		Jane Jauss

JOYS and CONCERNS FOR WEEK OF 9/13/2026

*Prayers for the Kinzinger family.
*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 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: Sherry Milliken
Holy God, your Word is strong and leads our feet to your holy dwelling place.
Strengthen and guide us with your Word through the power of your Holy Spirit, in
Jesus’s name. Amen.

FIRST LESSON: Matthew 18:21-35 Sherry Milliken

SECOND LESSON: Romans 14:1-12 Rev. Mark Juengel

MUSIC MEDITATION: Make Me Humble, Lord Besig and Price
Chancel Choir

TIME WITH YOUNG CHRISTIANS: Rev. Mark Juengel

SERMON: “Be an Influencer” Rev. Mark Juengel

*HYMN #306: “Blest Be the Tie that Binds”

INVITATION TO OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY: This is My Father’s World arr. Ingram
Handbell Choir

*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 #853: “We Are Marching In the Light of God”

THE BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: Marching to Zion Birchwood
Adele Harrison, organ

*Please stand if you are able.

First Presbyterian Church of Hawley

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



September 13, 2026
10 AM

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“If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so
then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord’s.”
Romans 14:8

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.