OPENING PRAYER: **Patrick Field**

Holy God, our days and times are in your hands. Help us to set aside our fears - of the unknown, of what we can't control, of death itself - to walk in faith and trust with you. We ask for the courage to live boldly, for the grace to forgive ourselves and others, for the audacity to pray, believing that you hear and answer us. Give us a spirit of expectancy, of watching for your presence in our lives and in the world and responding to it with faith, hope and love. For the sake of your Son, our Savior and Friend, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

PRELUDE: **Communion Meditations** **Smith**
Adele Harrison, organ

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS **Rev. Mark Juengel**

INTROIT: **Great God of Every Blessing**
Chancel Choir

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** **Patrick Field**

Leader: Lord Jesus Christ, your power make known,
People: For you are Lord of Lords alone;
Leader: Defend your holy church, that we
People: May sing your praise triumphantly.
Leader: O Comforter of priceless worth,
People: Send peace and unity on earth.
Leader: Support us through all earthly strife,
People: And lead us out of death to life.

***HYMN #93:** **"Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: **Patrick Field**

Loving God, we confess that we have sinned against you by not honoring you or loving one another. When we ignore injustice in the world our worship brings you no delight. Make haste to help us, that we may stand in right relationship with you and the whole of your creation and sing your praises through the mercy of Christ, our resurrected Savior. 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: **Patrick Field**

Friends in Christ, rejoice and be glad, for God is mighty to save and comes to you in peace to forgive, restore, and strengthen you eternally in Christ. **Blessed be the Son! Amen.**

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE, HYMN #612: ***(verse 3)***

"We Praise You, O God"

With voices united our praises we offer
and gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.
With you, Lord, beside us, your strong arm will guide us.
To you, our great Redeemer, forever be praise!

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.

STEWARSHIP SUNDAY- TODAY - Please place your 2027 pledge in the offering plate with your regular offering. Thank you for your support of the mission and ministry of our church.

POTLUCK TO HONOR CAROL COWAN – TODAY during Coffee Hour.

VETERANS DAY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT - We would like to thank all our veterans and those currently serving in the armed forces for their faithful service.

SCAM PREVENTION SEMINAR – Saturday, November 14th at 1pm presented by Wells Fargo Bank. Please see Sign-up Sheet on the table in the Narthex.

FRIENDSGIVING – Sunday, November 15th. The Christian Education Committee will be hosting a special Friendsgiving Meal during Coffee Hour, and all are welcomed. If you would like to contribute to the meal, please see the Sign-Up sheet located at the Narthex. For additional information, please see ***Jill Juengel.***

HANGING OF THE GREENS – Sunday November 22nd. The Worship & Music Committee invites you to come help after Coffee Hour to prepare the Sanctuary for Advent as we all prepare for and await the birth of Christ! No need to sign up for Hanging of the Greens as all are welcome to share in this special time together. If you have any questions, please see ***Ann Marie Grilk***.

ANGEL TREE - Beginning November 15th we have the opportunity to bless children in the area for Christmas. We will have Ornament tags from the Hawley Head Start & Pike Country Children and Youth Services. Anyone interested in participating can select an ornament tag containing the child's age, clothing size, and toy preference and write your name next to the tag number on the Sign-up sheet. Angel tree gifts are to be returned unwrapped in a gift bag with the ornament tag attached. All gifts must be returned **on or before December 6th**. Any cash donations received will be used to purchase gift cards for older children/teens. If you have any questions, please see ***Michelle Westbrook.***

POINSETTIA ORDER FORMS COMING SOON - Help decorate the sanctuary for the Christmas Eve service. We will be taking orders starting **Sunday, November 15th** through **Sunday, December 13th.**

PARISH LIFE This year's Christmas Dinner will be on **Tuesday, December 15th Meet & Greet at 6pm, Dinner at 6:30pm. Cost is $15.00/pp**. It will be held at the church Social Hall and catered by Fiorelli's. A Reservation form has been included in today's bulletin. Reservations and Payments must be paid in full by **Sunday December 13th**. For more information, please see **K*ika Dyson***.

ANNUAL REPORTS - The Annual reports are due in the church office by **Wednesday, December 16th**. All committee chairs are required to submit a yearly report. If you have any questions, please contact ***Pastor Mark.***

2026 COOKIE WALK - This year's Cookie Walk will be held on **Saturday; December 12th** and we are starting to organize around this special fundraiser. A Sign-Up sheet is available in the vestibule. If you have any questions please see ***Karen Lutz or Kika Dyson.***

ROAD TO BETHLETHEM LIVE NATIVITY - DECEMBER 12TH FROM 5PM-6:30PM) The United Methodist Church of Hawley is reaching out to all the local churches to ask for any help in filling their scenes. There's no rehearsals required, no need to read or speak, just a willingness to stand outside and share the Good News! They'll take everyone, of any age, but do ask that if the children are very young (less than 8 years), they have an adult willing to stand outside with them. Anyone interested, please see ***Pastor Mark*** or call the UM Church's office at 570-226-3875.

WERE YOU THERE ON THAT CHRISTMAS NIGHT? - A Christmas Cantata With The Chancel Choir - Sunday, December 20th at 10:00am. The Chancel Choir, accompanied by a chamber orchestra, will fill the sanctuary with the beautiful sounds of Christmas as they present Were You There on That Christmas Night?, a Christmas cantata composed by Lloyd Larson. Through inspiring music and familiar carols, this special presentation celebrates the wonder, joy, and timeless message of Christ's birth. For more information, please see ***Matthew Rupcich.***

AVENT CANDLE READERS – We need readers for lighting our Advent wreath. If you are interested, please see the Sign-up Sheet on the table in the Narthex**.**

CALENDAR OF THE WEEK

Monday, November 9th
11:00am: M&M Group
12:00pm: AA Meeting

Tuesday, November 10th
10:00am: Handbell Choir
11:00am: Chancel Choir
12:15pm: Worship & Music Mtg.

Wednesday, November 11th
Veteran's Day
12:00pm: AA Meeting
5pm-8pm: Cub Scouts
6:30pm: Prayer Group

Thursday, November 12th
9:00am: Finance Mtg.
11:00am: Bible Study

Saturday, November 14th
10:00am: Presbytery Mtg.
11:30am-1:pm Good News Café
1:00pm: Scam Prevention Seminar

Sunday, November 15th
Hunger & Homeless Sunday
Friendsgiving
10:00am: Worship
Mission's Mtg.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS – NOVEMBER

November Liturgist
11/8z: Patrick Field
11/15: Kathy Smith
11/22: TBD
11/29: TBD

November Ushers
11/8: Don Granza & Bill Chicoski
11/15: Alesia Burton
11/22: Pat Buck & Jody Koch
11/29: Janet Stiefel

November – Communion Servers (Nov. 8th)
Set Up & Clean Up: Jessica Cumberland
Servers: Jessica Cumberland
Jim Mould
Nancy Vignau
Lynn Stack
Kathleen Roberts

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST: **Rev. Mark Juengel**

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION: **Patrick Field**

Send your Spirit to move in our world and stir the water of our souls so that we may desire a word of instruction that awakens us to the joy of your coming reign. **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON: **Matthew 25:1-13** **Patrick Field**

SECOND LESSON: **Romans 12:9-21** **Rev. Mark Juengel**

MUSIC MEDITATION: **In Faith!** **Besig and Price**
Chancel Choir

TIME WITH YOUNG CHRISTIANS

SERMON: **"The To-Do List of Faith"** **Rev. Mark Juengel**

INVITATION TO OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY: **Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates** **Hilbert**
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 #508:** **"Come to the Table"**

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 #238:** **"Thine Is the Glory"**

THE BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: **Excerpt from** **Scott**
"Thine Is the Glory"
Adele Harrison, organ

*Please stand if you are able.

JOYS and CONCERNS FOR WEEK OF 11/8/2026

*Prayers for Cathy & Ken.
*Prayers for Trevor, Kika and Jim's son.
*Prayers for Pat S.
*Prayers for Jo and Shellis.
*Prayers for Paula, her husband, mother and father.
*Prayers for Kevin M.
*Prayers for improved health for Lynne, daughter-in-law of Sherry M.
*Prayers for Connie, Neighbor of Adele H.
*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 Rev. Carl W.
*Prayers for Lynne Stack's daughter, Donna.
*Prayers for Nancy B.
*Prayers for Nick, Patrick F.'s nephew.

First Presbyterian Church of Hawley

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



November 8, 2026
10 AM

Communion Sunday

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"For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first."
I Thessalonians 4:16

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.