

First Presbyterian Church of Hawley

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



May 11, 2025

10 AM

Mother's Day

First Presbyterian Church
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“Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity.” Acts 9:36-43

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’s to ‘being the church’s as we worship together.

OPENING PRAYER:

O great Shepherd of the sheep, we come before you today longing for guidance, for rest and for healing. We acknowledge that like sheep, we are prone to go our own way, to wander off and lose our bearings. You have brought us here together to worship you. We are within your gates. We rejoice and are glad. We praise you for the power of your presence among us. Quiet our hearts, calm our troubled spirits. Remind us to listen, for we gather in the spirit of expectancy, eager to hear your voice. **Amen.**

PRELUDE: The King of Love My Sheperd Is Gounod(arr. Ritter)
Adele Harrison, organ

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:Rev. Mark Juengel

INTROIT: Christ is Alive!
Chancel Choir

***CALL TO WORSHIP: Jim Mould**

Leader: O Lord, you are our Shepherd.

People: We shall not want for what we need.

Leader: You make us to lie down in green pastures;

People: You lead us beside still waters.

Leader: You restore our souls.

People: You lead us in paths of righteousness.

Leader: Even though we walk through the darkest valleys,

People: We fear no evil because you are with us.

Leader: Your rod and staff comfort us.

People: You prepare a table before us.

Leader: You anoint us with oil; our cup overflows.

**All: Surely, goodness and mercy shall follow us all the days of our lives,
 and we shall dwell in the house of the Lord our whole lives long.**

Leader: Let us worship the Lord, our Shepherd.

***HYMN #366: "Love Divine"**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: Jim Mould

Triune God, you know what families are like. Even on days like today, when we honor our mothers, we sometimes take them for granted. We have whined to get our own way and ignored the needs of the people we live with. We have been angry at having to do more than our share of the work around the house and have been blind to all the ways we have benefited from our family's support. Our mothers have made sacrifices for us, and we have not recognized it. Reconcile us to our loved ones, O God, and forgive us the ways we have contributed to family tension. Help us accept our family members as precious in your sight, for in the name of our elder brother, Jesus, 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:

Jim Mould

Weave these threads of joy with our threads of sorrow; weave these threads of doubt with our colorful, certain faith, Creator God, and let them become the fabric of our lives -- a fabric always made new and recreated in your accepting love. Let us, as new creations, go forth with promise and resolve to love and serve others in the name of Jesus. **Alleluia, Amen.**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE - HYMN #248:**

“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.**

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST:

Rev. Mark Juengel

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION:

Jim Mould

We celebrate your truth as it takes over our own, remembering that you call on others to make real your plans for your world. As you worked through Peter and Dorcas long ago, through all of our mothers and fathers in the faith, use us, O Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON:

Revelation 7:9-17

Jim Mould

SECOND LESSON:

Acts 9:36-43

Rev. Mark Juengel

MUSIC MEDITATION:

**Spirit of God
Chancel Choir**

Carl Strommen

TIME WITH YOUNG CHRISTIANS

SERMON:

“The Good Work, Works”

Rev. Mark Juengel

MOTHER’S DAY LITANY

***HYMN #792:**

“There Is a Balm in Gilead”

INVITATION TO OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY:

**A Mother’s Love
Matthew Rucich, piano**

Perks and Jams

***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 #44:** **“Like a Mother Who Has Borne Us”**

THE BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION: **Seven Fold “Amen!”** **Ruskin**

POSTLUDE: **Love Devine** **(arr. Blake)**
 Adele Harrison, organ

*Please stand if you are able.



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.

GERANIUMS FOR PENTECOST – If you would like to help decorate the sanctuary for Pentecost, Sunday, June 8th, kindly return the order form no later than Sunday, June 1st. If you have any questions or are interested, please see **Ann Marie Grilk**.

FUNERAL SERVICE for Gary Wolf – Weds., May 14th at 12pm noon. Calling hours at Teeter’s Chapel, May 13th 5pm-8pm.

ARCADIA CHORALE – *What a Beautiful World*, a Pops Concert with The Doug Smith Jazz Trio. One night only, **Friday May 16th at 8pm** at Sawtelle Auditorium at Covenant Church, Scranton. Tickets: Adults, \$15.00, Seniors \$12.00, Students Free.

HAWLEY HUNGER WALK: Sunday, May 18th at 1:00pm. The Hawley Ministerium is sponsoring a hunger walk on **Sunday, May 18th**. All proceeds will go to the Wallenpaupack School Food Pantry and the St. Paul’s Lutheran Church Food Pantry.

ASL INTERPRETER SCHEDULE - Our ASL or American Sign Language Interpreter, will be joining us on **Sunday May 18th**. If you are aware of anyone who might benefit from this service, please let them know and invite them to worship with us!

VACATION LEAVE - Pastor Mark will be on vacation from **May 19th – May 31st**.

TAGS AND TREASURES - May 31st - The Tags and Treasures team will start receiving your donations on Sunday mornings beginning on **March 9th from 9am- 5pm**. Please leave your items in front of the folding door partition in Blough Hall. You can drop off your donations on Sundays before and after church and we have special drop-off days as follows:

Thursday, May 15th (3-6pm)
Sunday May 18th (after church until 4pm)
Thursday, May 22nd from (3- 6pm)

If you have items to be picked up please arrange a date and time with **Bill Rockafellow**. If you have any additional questions, please see **Karen Lutz**. Thank you!

JOIN THE HANDBELL CHOIR! - Have you ever wanted to play handbells? Now’s your chance! The Handbell Choir is looking for new members—no previous experience required. We rehearse Tuesday mornings at 10am in the Jackie Wolf Wing. Come be part of a supportive and fun-loving ensemble and make music while giving back to the church community. We’d love to have you join us! **Contact Matthew Rupcich, Music Director**, for questions and if you are interested.

2025 GRADUATES - If anyone has a Graduate from High School or College this May or June they would like to acknowledge, please forward the following information to the church office by **May 25th** so that we can recognize our Graduates in June. Information needed: Student Name, Connection to You, School Graduating From, College Degree, Future Plans. Our office email is **fpoffice@ptd.net**

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, May 12th

11:00am: Staff Meeting
11:00am: Small Group Monday
12:00pm: AA Meeting

5:30pm: Missions Meeting

Tuesday, May 13th

10:00am: Handbell Choir
11:00am: Chancel Choir

12:15pm: Worship & Music Meeting

6:00pm: Session Meeting

8:00pm: NA

Wednesday, May 14th

12:00pm: Funeral Service for Gary Wolf

12:00pm: AA Meeting (Samford House)

5-8pm: Cub Scouts

6:30pm: Bible Study

Thursday, May 15th

11:00am: Bible Study (Cancelled)

5:30pm: Lion's Club

Friday, May 16th

1pm: Book Club

Sunday, May 18th

ASL Sunday

10:00am: Worship Service

1pm: Hawley Hunger Walk

WORSHIP INFORMATION - MAY

Liturgist Schedule:

5/11 Jim Mould

5/18 Grace Laird

5/25 Brad Kiesendahl

Usher Schedule:

5/11: Pat Gemeinhardt & Becky Lee

5/18: Robert Pinkney & Don Granza

5/25: Pat & Jody Koch

June - Communion Servers

(June 1st)

Set Up & Clean Up: Alesia Burton

Servers:

Beth Crowley

Cliff Crowley

Carol Cowan

Sherry Milliken

Kathy Smith

JOYS and CONCERNS FOR WEEK OF 5/11/25

*Prayers for the family of Gary Wolf.

*Prayers for the family of Ruth Thomas.

*Prayers for Kathleen R. and her family.

*Prayers for Beth C. who is home.

*Prayers for Sue G.

*Prayers for Bob B. who is in Carbondale Rehab.

*Prayers for Bud,

*Prayers for Pat S.

*Prayers for Ann, Sherry M.'s sister-in-law, her nephew Tommy & her dad.

*Prayers for Jenny, daughter of Betsy F.

*Prayers for Sue B.

*Prayers for John M.

*Prayers for Karen, Bill R.'s cousin.

*Prayers for Cindy, sister of Beth C.

*Prayers for Kevin M.

*Prayers for Tara Dalton, friend of Virginia Romaine, who is battling cancer.

*Prayers for April, daughter of Laura, friend of Virginia Romaine.

*Prayers for Jennifer T., daughter of Ron Dutton who lives in Philly and is battling breast cancer.

*Prayers for John E.'s sister-in-law Stacy, who is having cognitive issues with a Frontal lobe disease.

*Prayers for Natalie, Ruth C.'s granddaughter