

OPENING PRAYER:

We come today united not by blood, race or nationality but by love - a love that places the “you” and “we” above the “I” and “me.” A love so great it must originate from the source of all love. We, your people, O God, come seeking your love. A love more powerful than all our hurts, all our pain. A love that meets us where we are and calls us to more than we can imagine. A love that can change our lives forever. **Amen.**

PRELUDE: “They’ll Know We Are Christians” Scholtes
Adele Harrison, organ

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Mark Juengel

*CALL TO WORSHIP Sherry Milliken

Leader: Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to God with my whole heart in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

People: **Great are the works of the Lord; God’s work is full of honor and majesty. God’s righteousness endures forever.**

Leader: God has gained renown by wonderful deeds; the Lord is gracious and merciful.

People: **God provides food for those who fear him; the Lord is ever mindful of the covenant.**

Leader: The works of God’s hands are faithful and just; all God’s precepts are trustworthy.

People: **They are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.**

Leader: God sent redemption to the people; God has commanded the covenant forever. Holy and awesome is the name of God!

People: **The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. God’s praise endures forever.**

*Hymn #393: “O Day of Rest and Gladness”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Sherry Milliken

As we walk into this place of prayer, O God, help us to still our minds and open our hearts. In these moments of silence, we confess to you the times when we have doled out judgment rather than justice, righteousness instead of compassion and bigotry instead of benevolence.

Let us breathe in your forgiveness and show mercy to those who have treated us less than mercifully. Enable us to extend forgiveness to those who seem undeserving in our sight. Help us to give of ourselves without counting the cost as we love people into life. Grant us the grace to see others as you do and to follow Jesus, who came that we might know what a life of love looks like. 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.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING - Today immediately following the worship service.

CONFIRMATION CLASS - Back of the Sanctuary from 11:30-12:30. *We ask that you please exit the Sanctuary as soon as possible once worship is over so that class can begin.* For more information, please see Pastor Mark.

ASH WEDNESDAY – February 14th at 6pm.

BOOK CLUB – The Book Club will be meeting on January 31st at 1:15pm.

WEDNESDAY EVENING & THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY GROUPS – We will be meeting every Wednesday, at 6:30pm and every Thursday Morning Bible at 11am.

175th ANNIVERSARY INPUT BOX - Please place your stories and/or photos in a sealed envelope marked “Photos” and deposit them in the “175TH ANNIVERSARY INPUT” box located in the Church entrance in the Narthex or bring it to the church office during the week.

SUPER BOWL SUNDAY - February 11th, Christian Ed will be hosing our annual **Souper Bowl**. Please join us at coffee hour for delicious homemade soups with extra for purchase. Suggested donation price of \$5.00 for a pint and \$10.00 for a quart. All proceeds will be donated to the Souper Bowl pot which is used for Hunger programs.

FPCH RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE - FPCH is sponsoring a Red Cross Blood Drive on Monday, **February 22, 2024**, from **1pm-6pm**.

NEWSLETTER - Our next monthly Newsletter will be in **March**. Newsletter articles need to be turned into the office by **Wednesday, February 14th**.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - Please sign up in the vestibule to be an **Usher** and to host **Coffee Hour**. For **Liturgists** see **Adele Harrison** and to help with **Communion** see **Ann Marie Griik**.

CALENDAR OF THE WEEK

Monday, January 29th 11:00am: Staff Meeting 11:00am: Small Group Monday 12:00pm: AA		Thursday, February 1st 9:00am: Building & Grounds Mtg. 11:00am: Bible Study	
Tuesday, January 30th 8:00pm: NA		Saturday, February 3rd 11:00am: Funeral Service	
Wednesday, January 31st 12:00pm: AA Meeting 1:15pm: Book Club 5pm-8pm: Cub Scouts 6:30: Bible Study		Sunday, February 4th Scouts Sunday 10:00am Worship Service 11:00 – Coffee Hour 11:30am-12:30pm: Confirmation Class Parish Life Mtg.	
Liturgist Schedule: 1/28 – Sherry Milliken 2/4 - Kathy Smith 2/11 - Nancy Vignau 2/14 - TBD 2/18 - Tom Visgilio 2/25 – Jill Juengel	Usher Schedule: 1/28 - Cathy Lee & Michelle Westbrook 2/4 – Rob Pinkney & Don Graza 2/11 - Tom & Melanie Tek-Visgilio 2/14 - TBD 2/18 -Jim & Eileen Brewington 2/25 - Beth & Cliff Crowley	February 2024 Communion (Feb. 4th) Set Up & Clean Up: Michelle W. Servers: Michelle W., Eileen B., Ann Marie G., Sherry M. & Jim B. March 2024 Communion (March 3rd) Set Up & Clean Up: Patricia B. Servers: Patricia B., John E., Pat G., Becky L. & Bette W.	

JOYS and CONCERNS FOR WEEK OF 01/28/24

- *Prayers of Thanks on the birth of Virginia R.’s great-grandson.
- *Prayers for Rev. Bill.
- *Prayers for Joan D.
- *Prayers for John E.’s sister-in-law Stacy, who is having cognitive issues with a frontal lobe disease.
- *Prayers for Susie P., who needs a heart transplant.
- *Prayers for Donna, Lynn S.’s daughter.
- *Prayers for Natalie, Ruth C.’s granddaughter.
- *Prayers for Krystalee, friend of Jill J., who is having several health issues.
- *Prayers for Kenton, colleague of Patrick F.
- *Prayers for Christine C.
- *Prayers for Lynn, Nancy H.’s sister and her daughter Melissa.
- *Prayers for Rebecca W. and her family.
- *Prayers for Brandon, grandson of Pat G.’s friend.
- *Prayers for Jessica C.’s 3-year-old nephew.
- *Prayers for Kathy B.’s granddaughter, Kinsley.

Kyrie

Lord have mercy upon us. Christ have mercy upon us.
Lord have mercy upon us.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS Sherry Milliken
Hear the Good News! Christ has been raised from the dead! Christ is the first fruits of those who have died! Christ has died for us - Christ has been raised again from the dead, for us. Live as people of Christ. Spread this news of Christ's resurrection to all. Live each day as though you are saved. Through the love of God our Creator, the mercy of Christ our Redeemer, and the great joy of the Holy Spirit, our Sustainer. **Alleluia, Amen.**

***Congregational Response, Hymn #610,**
“O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”
O for a thousand tongues to sing
my dear Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of God's grace!

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST Rev. Mark Juengel

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION Sherry Milliken
Lord of our lives, we know you are always present to us. Help us to be present to you as we prepare to hear your word as revealed in the Scriptures. Keep us alert that we might hear, and hearing, respond. **Amen.**

First Lesson: Deuteronomy 18:15-20 Sherry Milliken

Second Lesson: I Corinthians 8:1-13 Rev. Mark Juengel

Music Meditation:
Now Thank We All Our God/Let All Things Now Living
arr. Adams
Katie Morell, clarinet
Matthew Rupcich, piano

TIME WITH YOUNG CHRISTIANS

SERMON “Stumbling and Tumbling” Rev. Mark Juengel

Hymn #300: “They’ll Know We are Christians by our Love”

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

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER
(using debts and debtors)

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

THE BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: “Gavotte” (from French Suite #5)
J.S. Bach (arr. Gale)
Adele Harrison, organ

*Please stand if you are able.

First Presbyterian Church
of Hawley

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



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10 AM

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“Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat,
so that I may not cause one of them to fall.”
I Corinthians 8:13

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.