

OPENING PRAYER: Jim Mould

At this moment, here this morning, we are fully awake and not dreaming. We are alert and awaiting you and your message of hope, knowing you will dispel any illusion that prevents us from living fully with you. Let your dreams be our dreams. Come, sweet Lord, teach us your ideas, show your vision, lead us to your utopian heaven where your holy peace pervades every living being. Be with us now. **Amen.**

PRELUDE: Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart Ritter  
Adele Harrison, organ

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Mark Juengel

INTROIT: A Grateful Heart  
Chancel Choir

\*CALL TO WORSHIP: Jim Mould

Leader: Sing praises to the Lord, for God has done gloriously;  
**People: Let us sing God’s praise throughout all the earth.**  
Leader: Shout aloud and sing for joy,  
**People: From the highest peaks, the deepest caverns.**  
Leader: Shout aloud and sing for joy,  
**People: From the tiniest creatures to the greatest herds.**  
Leader: Shout aloud and sing for joy,  
**People: In the midst of our joy and our sorrow.**  
Leader: Shout aloud and sing for joy, as we come to worship the God of all creation!

\*HYMN #804: “Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:  
Holy God, whatever it is we confess to you - words said or not said, deeds done or left undone, wounds and hurts that we have caused others these things and more, you already know, Almighty God, for you know all our secret deeds, good and evil. Even though you know, we confess to you with words that, try as we do, we don’t live up to your standards. Forgive us our sins, Lord, forgive us, and bless us. 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

In the name of the risen Christ, be assured, if you approach our merciful God with a repentant heart, all is forgiven. **Alleluia, 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.

**NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION – Today.** Those of you who are interested in becoming members of First Presbyterian Church are invited to meet with Reverend Mark after worship today. Meeting will be held in Samford House.

**HELP FIGHT LOCAL HUNGER** - The Mission Committee is collecting monetary donations in support of local hunger needs during this time of great need & insecurity. If you are able to help please indicate "hunger support" when making your donation. Additionally, the Hawley Rotary club is holding their annual Pre-Thanksgiving food drive at the Lake Region IGA Wednesday, **November 19<sup>th</sup> thru Saturday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>**. They will be collecting food items and monetary donations for local pantries. For additional information, please see *Michelle Westbrook*.

**FRIENDSGIVING** – The Christian Education Committee will be hosting a special Friendsgiving Meal during Coffee Hour on **Sunday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>**. All are invited. 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 23<sup>rd</sup>**. 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*.

**CRECHE SCENE SET-UP – November 29<sup>th</sup> at 9am.** All are welcome help in the Creche Scene set-up . If you have any questions, please see *Pastor Mark*.

**NEW OFFICER TRAINING** - Pastor Mark will be hosting the New offering Officer Training for Deacons and Elders on **Sunday November 30<sup>th</sup>** following Coffee Hour. This class is for newly elected officers and any other officers who may be interested.

**POINSETTIA ORDERS** - We will be taking orders through **Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup>**.

**ANGEL TREE** - Begins **today**. 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, on or before **December 7<sup>th</sup>**. Any cash donations received will be used to purchase gift cards for older children/teens. If you have any questions, please see *Michelle Westbrook*.

**PARISH LIFE - ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER** - This year's Christmas Dinner will be on **Tuesday, December 9<sup>th</sup>. Meet & Greet at 6pm, Dinner at 6:30pm. Cost is \$38.00/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 7<sup>th</sup>*. For more information, please see *Pat Bartleson*.

**A CELTIC CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION WITH THE CHANCEL CHOIR** - **Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00am**. Our Chancel Choir will fill the sanctuary with the sounds of Christmas as they present Tapestry of Light: A Celtic Christmas Celebration, composed by Joseph Martin.

**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.

**ANNUAL REPORTS** - The Annual reports are due in the church office by **Wednesday, December 17<sup>th</sup>**. All committee chairs are required to submit a yearly report.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – Cont’d.

**COOKIE WALK - Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup> from 9am to 12:30pm.** If you would like to volunteer for the day of the event please contact Karen Lutz (917-612-8824) or Kika Dyson (570-498-0007). We are looking forward to a morning of good fellowship and successful fundraising thanks to the talents of over 35 very talented bakers and our great reputation in the community!

**THE ARCADIA CHORALE** will present The Coming of the King: Sacred Songs for Hanukkah, Advent, and Christmas **on Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at 3pm at St. Stephen’s Episcopal Church in Wilkes-Barre**, and on **Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, at 3pm at St. Luke’s Episcopal Church in Scranton**. Admission is \$15 for adults, \$12 for seniors, and free for students. If you have any questions, please see *Matthew Rupcich*.

**BLACK BEAR CONSERVATORY** - Students from the Black Bear Conservatory will perform two recitals at First Presbyterian Church in Hawley on **Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup>**. The first recital, featuring instrumentalists, will begin **at 2pm, followed by a second recital featuring singers at 3:30pm**. All are welcome to attend and support our talented local student musicians. If you have any questions, please see *Matthew Rupcich*.

**ROAD TO BETHLEHEM LIVE NATIVITY** - Winterfest (**December 12th -14th**) - The United Methodist Church of Hawley is reaching out to all the local churches to ask for any help in filling our scenes. There’s no rehearsals required, no need to read or speak, just a willingness to stand outside and share the Good News! We'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 can reach out *Meredith L. Hellstern, MD* at the church’s office - 570-226-3875 or via email - [meredith.hellstern@gmail.com](mailto:meredith.hellstern@gmail.com)

**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

|                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Monday, November 17<sup>th</sup></b><br>11:00am: Monday Small Group Study<br>12:00pm: AA Meeting<br>2pm-6pm – WH Quilters                              | <b>Thursday, November 20<sup>th</sup></b><br><b>11:00pm: Bible Study</b><br>5:30pm-8pm: Lion’s Club                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Tuesday, November 18<sup>th</sup></b><br><i><b>Veteran’s Day</b></i><br>10:00: Handbell Choir<br>11:00am: Chancel Choir<br><b>6:00pm: Session Mtg.</b> | <b>Friday, November 21<sup>st</sup></b><br>1:00pm: Book Club                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Wednesday, November 19<sup>th</sup></b><br><i><b>Newsletter Items Due</b></i><br>12:00pm: AA Meeting<br>5-8pm: Cub Scouts                              | <b>Saturday, November 22<sup>nd</sup></b><br>11:30am-1pm: Good News Café                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
|                                                                                                                                                           | <b>Sunday, November 23<sup>rd</sup></b><br><i><b>Christ the King Sunday</b></i><br><i><b>Eradicate Systemic Poverty Sunday</b></i><br><i><b>Thanksgiving 27th</b></i><br>10:00am: Sunday Worship<br><i><b>Friendsgiving Meal</b></i><br><i><b>Hanging of the Greens</b></i> |

WORSHIP INFORMATION – NOVEMBER & DECEMBER

| <u>November Liturgist</u> | <u>November - Ushers</u>           | <u>December– Communion Servers (December 7<sup>th</sup>)</u>                               |
|---------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 11/16: Jim Mould          | 11/16: Pat Gemeinhardt & Becky Lee | Set Up & Clean Up: Pat Bartleson                                                           |
| 11/23: Nancy Vignau       | 11/23: Don Granza & Robert Pinkney | Servers: Pat Bartleson<br>Kathy Smith<br>Beth Crowley<br>Cliff Crowley<br>Kathleen Roberts |
| 11/30: Kathy Smith        | 11/30: TBD                         |                                                                                            |

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE - HYMN #649:

“Amazing Grace”

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound is,  
that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found,  
was blind, but now I see.

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST Rev. Mark Juengel

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION Jim Mould

God of earthquake and silence, quiet in us any voice but your own, that by the power of the Holy Spirit we might hear, and in hearing we might believe, and in believing we might act, making way for your new creation. **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON: Luke 21:5-19 Jim Mould

SECOND LESSON: Isaiah 65:17-25 Rev. Mark Juengel

MUSIC MEDITATION: Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart Althouse  
Chancel Choir

TIME WITH YOUNG CHRISTIANS

SERMON: “Looking into the Crystal Ball” Rev. Mark Juengel

\*HYMN #819: “Be Still, My Soul”

INVITATION TO OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY: Grace 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 #852: “When the Lord Redeems the Very Least”

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: Excerpt from Rejoice, "Ye Pure in Heart" arr. McKibben  
Matthew Rupcich, piano

\*Please stand if you are able.

JOYS and CONCERNS FOR WEEK OF 11/16/2025

- \*Prayers for Nancy B.
- \*Prayers for the Decario family.
- \*Prayers for Jennifer, friend of Alesia B .
- \*Prayers for the family of Sherry Milliken on the passing of her Father.
- \*Prayers for the family of Lynn, sister of Nancy H.'s on her passing.
- \*Prayers for Nick, Patrick F.'s nephew.
- \*Prayers for the Warren's Family, friend of Jim M. who passed away.
- \*Prayers for all those losing their Snap Benefits.
- \*Prayers for Dave & Kathy S.
- \*Prayers for John H., son of Virginia R. who is recovering from surgery.
- \*Prayers for Beth, friend of Linda K.
- \*Prayers for Marcia J.
- \*Prayers for Daniel.
- \*Prayers for Jeremy, friend of Pat S.
- \*Prayers for Missy, Pat B.'s daughter.
- \*Prayers for Sherry M.'s dad.
- \*Prayers for Steve, Joe J's brother-in-law.
- \*Prayers for Brian, Kathy& Dave S.'s son.
- \*Prayers for Jeff S., friend of Susan R.
- \*Prayers for Mimi, who is recovering from transplant surgery.
- \*Prayers for the family members of Sue G. (Don, Susan & Eden).
- \*Prayers for Phyllis N.
- \*Prayers for Joe J.'s great-nephew, Jackson.
- \*Prayers for Nancy B.'s son James.
- \*Prayers for Sherry nephew Tommy,
- \*Prayers for Sue B.
- \*Prayers for John M.
- \*Prayers for Kevin M. who is recovering from surgery.

# First Presbyterian Church of Hawley

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



November 16, 2025  
10 AM

*Hunger and Homeless Sunday*

First Presbyterian Church  
815 Church Street, Hawley, PA 18428  
570-226-4835  
Web: fpchawley.org

“The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the Lord.”  
Isaiah 65:25

*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.*