

OPENING PRAYER: Joe Jauss

Merciful God, fear is a hot commodity in our world. Peddlers of fear prey on us, ambushing us from all sides, deftly manipulating us to distrust one another, especially those who are different. Give us courage and grace to recognize that our "isms" are all steeped in unbridled fear: racism, sexism and elitism are walls we hide behind rather than doing the hard work of love and community building. Continue to show us a better way, to woo us with the love that truly liberates, to remind us of all that has been forgiven us, that we might never withhold your love from another. For the sake of Christ, we pray. **Amen.**

PRELUDE: Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation Purcell (arr. Krug)
Adele Harrison, organ

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Mark Juengel

INTROIT: A Grateful Heart
Chancel Choir

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** Joe Jauss
Leader: People of faith, we are God's children.
People: We are God's family, God's own flesh and blood.
Leader: We are God's heirs, God's legacy.
People: We are beloved and redeemed, chosen and called.
Leader: We have nothing to fear, for in Christ, God's love is poured out upon us.
People: It is our joy to bear the family resemblance of Christ to the world.
All: Let our lives proclaim the truth that God is love and perfect love casts out fear.

***HYMN #394:** “Christ is Made the Sure Foundation”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:
Holy God we come before you, a broken people in a broken world. We confess we have ignored you again, your assured presence. We have forged our own paths and charted our own waters. In the name of independence, we have ignored your aid, your comfort, and your peace. We have called upon you in desperation rather than recalling your mighty and faithful acts in all times and places. Forgive us! You have been with us in exile and liberation; be with us even now. **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: Joe Jauss
The psalmist declares that God hears the cry of the beloved and saves them. Be assured in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. **Praise the Lord and bless God's holy name forever. 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.

VETERANS DAY - ACKNOWLEDGEMENT – Today, in acknowledgment of *Veterans Day, Tuesday, November 11th*, we would like to thank all our veterans and those currently serving in the armed forces for faithful service.

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION - Sunday, November 16th - Those of you who are interested in becoming members of First Presbyterian Church are invited to meet with Reverend Mark after worship on **Sunday, November 16th**. This is a good opportunity to learn more about the ministry of First Presbyterian Church and get to know one another at a deeper level. If you are interested, please see *Pastor Mark*.

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 19th thru Saturday, November 22nd**. 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 23rd**. 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 23rd**. 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 29th 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 having New offering Officer Training for Deacons and Elders on **Sunday November 30th** following Coffee Hour. This class is for newly elected officers and any other officers who may be interested. Please If you have any questions, please see *Pastor Mark* if you are interested in participation so he can prepare materials.

POINSETTIA ORDER FORMS COMING SOON - Help decorate the sanctuary for the Christmas Eve service. We will be taking orders starting **Sunday, November 16th** through **Sunday, December 14th**.

ANGEL TREE - Beginning **November 16th** 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 7th**. Any cash donations received will be used to purchase gift cards for older children/teens. If you have any questions, please see *Michelle Westbrook*.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – Cont’d.

PARISH LIFE - ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER - This year’s Christmas Dinner will be on **Tuesday, December 9th. 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 7th.*** For more information, please see *Pat Bartleson*.

A CELTIC CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION WITH THE CHANCEL CHOIR - Sunday, December 14th, 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.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE – The Red Cross Blood Drive on Monday, December 15th, from 1pm-6pm. Register to give blood at <https://www.redcross.org/>. To sign up for an appointment call 1-800-Red-Cross or Red Cross Blood.org or Download the Blood Donor App. If you have any questions, please see *Melanie Tek-Visgilio*.

ANNUAL REPORTS - The Annual reports are due in the church office by **Wednesday, December 17th**. All committee chairs are required to submit a yearly report. If you have any questions, please contact *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*.

COOKIE WALK - Our annual Cookie Walk is on **Saturday, December 13th 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 6th at 3pm at St. Stephen’s Episcopal Church in Wilkes-Barre**, and on **Sunday, December 7th, 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 7th**. 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*.

CALENDAR OF THE WEEK	
Monday, November 10th 11:00am: Monday Small Group Study 12:00pm: AA Meeting	Thursday, November 13th 9am: Admin & Finance Mtg. 11:00pm: Bible Study
Tuesday, November 11th <i>Veteran’s Day</i> 10:00: Handbell Choir 11:00am: Chancel Choir 12:15: W&M Mtg.	Sunday, November 16th <i>Hunger & Homeless Sunday</i> 10:00am: Sunday Worship Mission Mtg. New Member Orientation
Wednesday, November 12th 12:00pm: AA Meeting 5-8pm: Cub Scouts	

*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 Joe Jauss

God of wisdom, by your Spirit may your Word be proclaimed, that we may know good news in hour hearts and minds and bear witness to the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ in word and deed. Quiet in us any voice by your own, that we might hear your Word to us today. Amen.

FIRST LESSON: Haggai 1:15-2:9 Joe Jauss

SECOND LESSON: II Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17 Rev. Mark Juengel

MUSIC MEDITATION: Every Day Is a Gift From the Lord
Chancel Choir Besig and Price
Lauren Piccotti, Soprano

TIME WITH YOUNG CHRISTIANS

SERMON: “Weebles Wobble but They Don’t Fall Down”
Rev. Mark Juengel

*HYMN #838: “Standing on the Promises”

INVITATION TO OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY: If Ye Love Me Thomas Tallis
Lauren Piccotti, Soprano
Ginny Hack, Alto
Don Hageman, Tenor
Stephen Faubel, Bass

*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 #839: “Blessed Assurance”

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: My Story, My Song Mansfield
Adele Harrison, organ

*Please stand if you are able.

WORSHIP INFORMATION – NOVEMBER & DECEMBER		
<u>November Liturgist</u>	<u>November - Ushers</u>	<u>November– Communion Servers</u> <u>(December 7th)</u>
11/9: Joe Jauss	11/9: Janet Jauss & Janet Stiefel	Set Up & Clean Up: Pat Bartleson Servers: Pat Bartleson Kathy Smith Beth Crowley Cliff Crowley Kathleen Roberts
11/16: Jim Mould	11/16: Pat Gemeinhardt & Becky Lee	
11/23: Nancy Vignau	11/23: Don Granza & Robert Pinkney	
11/30: Kathy Smith	11/30: TBD	
JOYS and CONCERNS FOR WEEK OF 11/9/2025		

*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 9, 2025

10 AM

Veteran’s Day

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“So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter.”
II Thessalonians 2:15

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.