

**OPENING PRAYER:** Heather Caruso  
Eternal God, be here with us through the strength and purpose of the Holy Spirit. Touch our souls with comfort and calmness. Help us to look forward with confidence and assurance, trusting O God, in your wisdom and love. In the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen**

**PRELUDE:** Adele Harrison, organ

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Rev. Mark Juengel

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP:** Heather Caruso  
Leader: With steadfast love and growing faith,  
**People: We come as the people of Christ.**  
Leader: With prayers of hope and songs of joy,  
**People: We come to worship God, the eternal and ever-loving.**  
Leader: With thankful hearts and humble prayers,  
**People: We come to give God glory and praise.**  
**ALL: Here we are together as people of faith and hope to celebrate**  
**The good news of Jesus Christ.**

**\*HYMN #35:** “Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty”

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION:** Heather Caruso  
Lord God of Creation, you have promised that you will never leave us; but how quickly we turn from you and from each other! We are content to let our goodness and our worship remain theoretical.  
Lord God, let the sickness be healed, the death wish go from us, and the people come alive again. Let your word of hope sound in the cities and the voice of your mercy comfort the towns. Make us all teachable, that we may learn again and again what things come first, what truths endure, what actions are worthy of your grace. Give us this day your daily bread, joy and vision; and so we pray for all; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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:** Heather Caruso  
God is with us. God brings us peace and forgiveness. God brings us opportunities new and fresh every day! **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE - HYMN #744:**  
“Arise, Your Light is Come!”  
Arise, your light is come!  
The Spirit’s call obey;  
show forth the glory of your God,  
which shines on you today.

**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.*

**REMOVAL OF THE GREENS – Today** after Coffee Hour. All are welcome to join.

**BIBLE STUDY –** will resume on **January 15<sup>th</sup>.**

**FBCH BOOK CLUB –** will resume on **January 16<sup>th</sup>**

**REMOVAL OF THE CRECHE –** 9am on **January 17<sup>th</sup>.**

**ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – January 25<sup>th</sup>** after worship.

**ATTENTION COMMUNITY -** If you know someone who is hearing challenged and would like to enjoy worshipping with First Presbyterian Church, please have them contact the church office. We are able to make arrangements with a Sunday Interpreter. All they need is to let us know the date they will be here for 10:00am worship.

**CUB-SCOUT PINEWOOD DERBY – January 31<sup>st</sup>.** More information to follow.

**HANDBELL & CHOIR REHERSAL OFF -** The Chancel and Handbell Choir will be off from **December 30, 2025 - through February 1, 2026.** Members of the chancel choir, including our sectional leaders, will lead worship musically. The first chancel and handbell choir rehearsals for the new year will be on **February 3<sup>rd</sup>.** Happy New Year!

**FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER -** Our next Newsletter will be in **February 2026.** Articles for our next monthly Newsletter need to be in the office by **Wednesday, January 14<sup>th</sup>.** The Newsletter will go to print on the 26th of each month. Any articles submitted **after the 26<sup>th</sup>** will go on the following month’s Newsletter.

**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, January 12<sup>th</sup></b> 9:00: Staff Meeting 11:00am: Small Group Monday 12:00pm: AA Meeting	<b>Thursday, January 15<sup>th</sup></b> <b>11:00am: Bible Study</b> 5:30pm: Lion’s Club
<b>Tuesday, January 13<sup>th</sup></b> <b>12:15: Worship &amp; Music Mtg.</b>	<b>Friday, January 16<sup>th</sup></b> 1:00pm: Book Club
<b>Wednesday, January 14<sup>th</sup></b> 12:00pm: AA Meeting 5pm-8pm: Cub Scouts	<b>Saturday, January 17<sup>th</sup></b> 9:00am: Removal of the Creche
	<b>Sunday, January 18<sup>th</sup></b> 10:00am: Worship

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS - JANUARY & FEBRUARY 2026			
<u>Liturgist Schedule:</u>		<u>Usher Schedule:</u>	
1/11	Heather Caruso	1/11: Tom & Melanie Visgilio	<u>February – Communion Servers (February 1<sup>st</sup>)</u>
1/18	Tom Visgilio	1/18: Lynn Stack & Cathy Lee	Set Up & Clean Up: Jessica Cumberland
1/25	Maddie Miller	1/25: Pat Schmidt & Becky Lee	Servers: Jessica Cumberland Ben Cumberland Nancy Vignau Janet Steifel Kathleen Roberts

**JOYS and CONCERNS FOR WEEK OF 1/11/2026**  
\*Prayers for Lynne Stack’s daughter, Donna.  
\*Prayers for Pat S., who is at Regional Hospital.  
\*Prayers for Nancy B.  
\*Prayers for Jennifer, friend of Alesia B .  
\*Prayers for Nick, Patrick F.’s nephew.  
\*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 Steve, Joe J’s brother-in-law.  
\*Prayers for Bryan, Kathy& Dave S.’s son.  
\*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 Sue B.

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST  
Rev. Mark Juengel

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION  
Heather Caruso

Still speaking God, as these word from Scripture are read, may it be to us as if the heavens are opening, and we see your Spirit descending on us like a dove, revealing your love for us as your daughters and sons. **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON: Matthew 3:13-17 Heather Caruso

SECOND LESSON: Isaiah 42:1-9 Rev. Mark Juengel

MUSIC MEDITATION: He Shall Feed His Flock Handel  
from “Messiah”  
Lauren Piccotti, Ginny Hack, soloists  
Stephen Faubel, piano

TIME WITH YOUNG CHRISTIANS

SERMON: “A Gentle Touch” Rev. Mark Juengel

\*HYMN #175: “Seek Ye First”

INVITATION TO OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty arr. Larson  
Stephen Faubel, 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 #761: “Called as Partners in Christ’s Service”

THE BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: Adele Harrison, organ

\*Please stand if you are able.

# First Presbyterian Church of Hawley

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



**January 11, 2026**  
**10 AM**

*Baptism of our Lord*

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*“...a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice.”*  
*Isaiah 42:3*

*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.*