

OPENING PRAYER:

The law of God is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of God is sure, making wise the simple; the precepts of God are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of God is pure, enlightening the eyes. Help us to hear both your warnings and your good news, that we may find release from all that holds us in bondage. Free us to respond to your love. **Amen.**

PRELUDE: **Open My Eyes** Taylor
Adele Harrison, organ

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

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** **Carol Cowan**
Leader: The word of God comes into our lives in many ways.
People: God’s word comes to us, calling us to action and to new life.
Leader: God’s word calls us now, here in our worship.
People: God’s calling word invites us to service and ministry, to praise and thanksgiving.
All: We worship the living God and offer our praises to the eternal One.

***Hymn #610: “O For a Thousand Tongues”**

PRAYOR OF CONFESSION: **Carol Cowan**
God of our Restoration, whenever we come home to you, we realize how far we have strayed and how much we have forgotten of your law and your love. We have not loved you with our whole hearts or loved our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us, heal us, and restore us to our relationship with you; through Jesus Christ, in whom we trust. Amen.

KYRIE: Lord have mercy upon us. Christ have mercy upon us.
Lord have mercy upon us.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS: **Carol Cowan**
God’s word does not come to condemn us, but to make us wise, reviving our souls and rejoicing our hearts. God’s Word has been fulfilled among us in Jesus Christ, who set us free to live in accord with God’s own jubilee. **Thanks be to God, 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.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING - TODAY following the Worship service. We will review our previous year, take a look at the 2025 budget, and elect new officers.

MISSIONS COMMITTEE - Weekly Head Start Volunteer Opportunities up to 30 minutes of reading, music, crafts, and more - You choose the activity and supply any items needed! Please see Michelle West-brook for more information or Fudge Day - up to 3 volunteers, usually on the 4th Friday of the month. Volunteers assist the children in a project organized by HHS. First time volunteers, please see Cathy Lee for more information. All volunteers need to have child clearances within the last 5 years. Please make sure we have a copy in the church office and also a copy for Head Start.

SOUPERBOWL SUNDAY - On **Sunday, February 9th** the youth will be collecting money for the local food programs as part of the Souper Bowl of Caring program. You can donate by putting money in the soup pot for the team you think will win the Super Bowl. After the service Christian Education Committee will host a soup luncheon. There will be several types of soup available. We will also be selling quarts of soup to take home for a donation. Proceeds from the soup will also go into our Youth Fund collection. If you have any of the soup containers from last year please return them so we can use them again. If you are interested in making a crockpot of soup please sign the sheet on the table in the entryway or contact **Jill Juengel**.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE – Our next Red Cross Blood Drive will be on **Thursday, February 20th, from 1pm-6pm**

ALS INTERPRETER SCHEDULE – Our ASL (or American Sign Language) Interpreter, will be available for worship on **Sundays, March 23rd, Sunday April 6th and 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!

FAMILY FUN NIGHT - The Mission Committee is planning a Family Fun Night on **February 22nd from 5pm to 7pm**. It will be fun for all ages! Please plan to join us and invite your friends. More details will be available soon.

NEWSLETTER - Our next monthly Newsletter will be in **March 2025**. Newsletter articles need to be turned into the office by **Wednesday, February 12th**.

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

CALENDAR OF THE WEEK

Monday, January 27th
11:00am: Small Group Monday
11:00am: Staff Meeting
12:00pm: AA Meeting

Thursday, January 30th
11:30am: Bible Study

Tuesday, January 28th
8:00pm: NA

Sunday, February 2nd
Communion Sunday
10:00am –Worship Service
Parish Life

Wednesday, January 29th
12:00pm: AA Meeting
5pm-8pm: Cub Scouts
6:30pm: Bible Study

<u>Liturgist Schedule:</u>	<u>Usher Schedule:</u>	<u>February 2025 Communion (February 2nd)</u>
1/26: Carol Cowan	1/26: Pat Buck & Jody Koch	Set Up & Clean Up: Pat Bartleson
2/2: Edward Kiesendahl	2/2: Pat Schmidt & Cathy Lee	Servers: Pat Bartleson, Kathy Smith,
2/9: Grace Laird	2/9: Melanie & Tom Visgilio	Pat Gemeinhardt, Sue Goldbach &
2/16: Joe Jauss	2/16: Pat Gemeinhardt & Becky Lee	Sherry Milliken
2/23: TBD	2/23: Jane Jauss	

JOYS and CONCERNS FOR WEEK OF 1/26/2025

- *Prayers for Sue B.
- *Prayers for John M.
- *Prayers for Robin Hammond.
- *Prayers for Karen, Bill R.’s cousin.
- *Prayers for Fran, who’s recovering from Back surgery.
- *Prayers for the family of Chris Cully.
- *Prayers for Ken, Ann Marie’s brother-in-law.
- *Prayers for Patrick’s aunt Alice (lost her husband), father to his cousin Ann and her family.
- *Prayers for Cindy, sister of Beth C.
- *Prayers for Carol C. who is having some physical difficulties.
- *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 Roxanne.
- *Prayers for Chris Leady.
- *Prayers for Jennifer T., daughter of Ron Dutton who lives in Philly and is battling breast cancer.
- *Prayers for Susan, Pat G.’s sister.
- *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.

***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.

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST:

Rev. Mark Juengel

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION:

Carol Cowan

Leader: Teach us your Word, O God.

People: That we might follow you in faith and obedience.

Leader: Lead us in the path of your commandments.

People: For we delight to know your statutes.

Leader: Give us understanding of your law.

People: For we want to observe it with our whole hearts.

Leader: Turn our hearts to seek you.

People: For in you there is joy and peace and life. Amen.

FIRST LESSON:

Luke 4:14-21

Carol Cowan

SECOND LESSON:

Nehemiah 8:1-10

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MUSIC MEDITATION:

Give Ear unto Me

Marcello

Lauren Piccotti, soloist
Stephen Faubel, soloist
Matthew Rupcich, piano

TIME WITH YOUNG CHRISTIANS

SERMON:

“A Good Book”

Rev. Mark Juengel

HYMN #451:

“Open My Eyes that I May See”

INVITATION TO OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY:

Be Thou My Vision

arr. Nix

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 #450:**

“Be Thou My Vision”

THE BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE:

“Be Thou My Vision”

Broughton

Adele Harrison, organ

*Please stand if you are able.

First Presbyterian Church of Hawley

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



January 26, 2025

10 AM

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“Then he said to them, “Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord, and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.”

Nehemiah 8:10

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.