OPENING PRAYER: **Joe Jauss**

Hope has come; let the people rejoice! Bring songs of praise to worship the Savior who has come to Earth. Come with shouts of joy to honor the God who took on flesh. Lift up your voices to the King who forever reigns on high. Hope has come; let the people rejoice! **Amen.**

PRELUDE: **O Come, O Come, Emmanuel** **arr. Innes**
Matthew Rupcich, piano & Adele Harrison, organ

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

INTROIT: **On Jordan's Bank The Baptist's Cry**
Chancel Choir

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** **Joe Jauss**

Leader: O that God would tear open the heavens and come down!
People: Of that day or hour, no one knows, only God.
Leader: Be alert! Keep awake!
People: The time is drawing near:
Leader: the beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

***HYMN # 2:** **"Come, Thou Almighty King"**

THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE - HOPE **Jill Juengel & Heather Caruso**

READER: As we begin the season of Advent, we remember that we are a people who wait. We wait for the coming of Christ, the fulfillment of God's promises, and the light that shines in the darkness.

Scripture — Isaiah 9:2

"The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned."

READER: The prophet Isaiah spoke of a light that would come into a world of darkness. Advent reminds us that God's promises can be trusted.

(Light the first Advent candle.)

READER: We light the first candle as a sign of Hope.

ALL: We place our hope in God, whose promises are faithful and whose light cannot be overcome. Come, Lord Jesus.

PRAYER: Gracious God, as we begin our Advent journey, fill our hearts with hope. Help us trust your promises and prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ. **Amen.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: **Joe Jauss**

Leader: The Son of God is among us, bringing hope to all people.
People: Restore us, O God.
Leader: Hope feels far from us and we fail to believe.
People: Restore us, O God.
Leader: Our hope is displaced, falling short of eternity.
People: Restore us, O God.
Leader: We want to know and believe in the one who brings hope to our lives.
People: Restore us, O God.
Leader: Give us a faith that is sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.
People: Restore us, O 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.

ANGEL TREE - 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 6th**. Any cash donations received will be used to purchase gift cards for older children/teens. If you have any questions, please see ***Michelle Westbrook.***

POINSETTIA ORDER FORMS – Orders will be taken through **Sunday, December 13th.**

MEN'S BREAKFAST – Wednesday, December 2nd at 8am at ***Lori's Corner Kitchen***, 630 Hamlin Hwy., Lake Ariel, PA. Please note that the restaurant accepts ***Cash Only*.**

BLACK BEAR CONSERVATORY RECITAL FALL STUDENT RECITAL AT FPCH - Students from the Black Bear Conservatory will perform two recitals at First Presbyterian Church in Hawley. The first recital will be on **Saturday, December 5th at 4:30 and Sunday, December 6th at 1:30pm** followed by a second recital **3:00pm**. All are welcome to attend and support our talented local student musicians. If you have any questions, please see ***Pastor Mark.***

2026 CHRISTMAS DINNER This year's Christmas Dinner will be on **Tuesday, December 15th Meet & Greet at 6pm, Dinner at 6:30pm. Cost is $15.00/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 13th**. For more information, please see ***Kika Dyson***.

2026 COOKIE WALK - This year's Cookie Walk will be held on **Saturday, December 12th** and we are starting to organize around this special fundraiser. A Sign-Up sheet is available in the vestibule. If you have any questions please see ***Karen Lutz or Kika Dyson.***

FPCH RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE – We will be sponsoring the Red Cross Blood Drive on **Wednesday, December 16th 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 16th**. All committee chairs are required to submit a yearly report. If you have any questions, please contact ***Pastor Mark.***

ROAD TO BETHLETHEM LIVE NATIVITY – Saturday, December 12th from 5pm-6:30pm. The United Methodist Church of Hawley is reaching out to all the local churches to ask for any help in filling their scenes. There's no rehearsals required, no need to read or speak, just a willingness to stand outside and share the Good News! They'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, please call the UM Church's office at 570-226-3875.

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**.**

WERE YOU THERE ON THAT CHRISTMAS NIGHT? - A Christmas Cantata With The Chancel Choir - Sunday, December 20th at 10:00am. The Chancel Choir, accompanied by a chamber orchestra, will fill the sanctuary with the beautiful sounds of Christmas as they present Were You There on That Christmas Night?, a Christmas cantata composed by Lloyd Larson. Through inspiring music and familiar carols, this special presentation celebrates the wonder, joy, and timeless message of Christ's birth. For more information, please see ***Matthew Rupcich.***

GOOD NEWS CAFÉ - The Café will be cancelled **December 12th** due to Cookie Walk and **December 26th** due to the Holiday season and will resume on **January 9, 2027**.

CALENDAR OF THE WEEK

Monday, November 30th
11:00am: M&M Group
12:00pm: AA Meeting

Tuesday, December 1st
10:00am: Handbell Choir
11:00am: Chancel Choir

Wednesday, December 2nd
8:00am: Men's Breakfast at ***Lori's Corner Kitchen,*** 630 Hamlin Hwy., Lake Ariel, (***Cash Only)***
12:00pm: AA Meeting
5pm-8pm: Cub Scouts
6:30pm: Prayer Group

Thursday, December 3rd
11:00am: Bible Study

Saturday, December 5th
4:30pm: Black Bear Conservatory Recital

Sunday, December 6th
Communion Sunday
Second Sunday of Advent
10:00am: Worship
Parish Life Mtg.
1:30pm & 3:00pm: Black Bear Conservatory Recital

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS – NOVEMBER & DECEMBER

November Liturgist
11/29: Joe Jauss

December Liturgist
12/6: Sherry Millikin
12/13: Heather Caruso
12/ 20: Grace Laird
12/24: Kathy Smith & TBD ***(Christmas Eve)***
12/ 27: Jim Mould

November Ushers
11/29: Janet Stiefel

December Ushers
12/6: TBD
12/13: Chris & Heather Caruso
12/ 20: Janet Steifel
12/24: Jill Juengel ***(Christmas Eve)***
12/ 27: TBD

December – Communion Servers (Dec. 6th)
Set Up & Clean Up: Alesia Burton
Servers: Alesia Burton
Jim Mould
Jill Juengel
Kathy Smith
Jane Jauss



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 grace of God, given to us in Christ Jesus, strengthens us to the end so that we may be blameless when Christ comes again. Thanks be to God, who is faithful and has called us into the fellowship of the Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Praise be to the Son! Amen.**

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE, HYMN #99: ***(verse 1)***

"My Soul Gives Glory to My God"

My soul gives glory to my God;
my heart pours out its praise.
God lifted up my lowliness
in many marvelous ways.

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST: **Rev. Mark Juengel**

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION: **Joe Jauss**

Gracious God, heaven and earth will pass away, but your words will not pass away. Your Word stands forever. May our generation be attentive so that, by the power of your Holy Spirit, we remember your ways and gladly do right, meeting you wherever and whenever you appear. In Christ's name we pray. **Amen**.

FIRST LESSON: **I Corinthians 1:3-9** **Joe Jauss**

SECOND LESSON: **Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19** **Rev. Mark Juengel**

MUSIC MEDITATION: **When Will He Come?** **Besig and Price**
Chancel Choir

TIME WITH YOUNG CHRISTIANS: **Rev. Mark Juengel**

SERMON: **"The Restoration Project"** **Rev. Mark Juengel**

***HYMN #88:** **"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"**

INVITATION TO OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY: **What Child is This** **arr. McDonald**
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 #145:** **"What Child Is This?"**

THE BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: **Come, Thou Almighty King** **arr. Smith**

Adele Harrison, organ

*Please stand if you are able.

JOYS and CONCERNS FOR WEEK OF 11/ 29/2026

*Prayers for Carsow's daughters.
*Prayers for Marie, John M. daughter.
*Prayers for Sam, Susan S. nephew.
*Prayers for Rose, Matthew R. sister-in-law.
*Prayers for Donna and Marceline, Matthew R. sister and niece.
*Prayers for Cathy & Ken.
*Prayers for Trevor, Kika and Jim's son.
*Prayers for Pat S.
*Prayers for Jo and Shellis.
*Prayers for Paula, her husband, mother and father.
*Prayers for Kevin M.
*Prayers for improved health for Lynne, daughter-in-law of Sherry M.
*Prayers for Connie, Neighbor of Adele H.
*Prayers for Trudy B.
*Prayers for Henry & Leslie.
*Prayers for Carolyn, friend of Linda K. who is battling liver cancer.
*Prayers for a friend of Linda K., who had a cancerous brain tumor removed and will continue chemo and radiation treatments for lung cancer
*Prayers for Theresa.
*Prayers for Stephen.
*Prayers for Rev. Carl W.
*Prayers for Lynne Stack's daughter, Donna.
*Prayers for Nancy B.
*Prayers for Nick, Patrick F.'s nephew.

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"Come to Grow in Love, Spirit, and Faith"



November 29, 2026
10 AM

First Sunday of Advent

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"Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved."
Psalm 80:3

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.