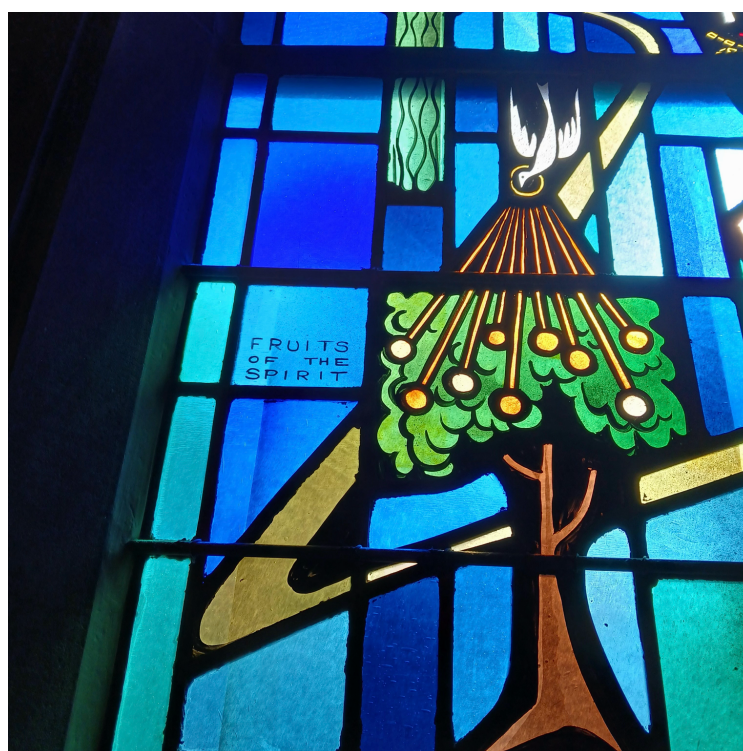




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THE LORD'S DAY
September 20, 2026 – 10:45 AM

Greeters
Pastor
Liturgist
Director of Music Ministries.
Nursery
Children's Message
Jr. Church
Deacon of the Day
Deacon of the Month

Dan & Sue Wilson
The Reverend Dr. Janet Hufford
Gail Gongaware
Randall Curtis
Sue Blum & Barbara Deist
Jennifer Forbes
Molly Davis
Brian Christman
Mary Jane Fay

WELCOME.....Pastor Janet
*(Please fill out the friendship book on the side of the pew and pass it down.
Newcomers also please fill out a welcome card from the pew and put in the offering plate,
so that we know your name and have your contact information.)*

ANNOUNCEMENTS.....Gail Gongaware
CALL TO A SPECIAL MEETING TODAY OF
THE CONGREGATION/CORPORATION

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

**Congregation stands as able.
(Amen not sung at the end of hymns.)*

PRELUDE - "He Leadth Me".....arr. Albin C. Whitworth

*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP - Psalm 18:35 ESV.....Gail Gongaware
One: You have given me the shield of your salvation,
**All: and your right hand supported me,
and your gentleness made me great.**

*(Please have children come to the front pulpit-side pew
by the start of the last verse of the response below.)*

*OPENING HYMN - "For the Beauty of the Earth".....#1

CONVERSATION WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH.....Jennifer Forbes
(Infant-8 yrs return with the attendants to the nursery downstairs.)

CHOIR ANTHEM –.....Chancel Choir
"I Love You Lord".....Laurie Klein

CALL TO CONFESSION.....Pastor Janet

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Forgive us, Lord, when we live out our faith, like wearers of rough burlap,
rubbing each other the wrong way, instead of donning the silky spiritual
outerwear of gentleness, which covers us for strong relationship with
each other. When we sin in these ways, we are cutting against the grain of
our Savior, whose character and will are always in the pattern of the Father
and the Holy Spirit. Cover us, Jesus, with your grace and mercy. Forgive
our sin of harshness and lack of gentleness. Amen. *(silent confession)***

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS – Psalm 18:1-3 ESV

“I love you, O LORD, my strength. The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. I call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised, and I am saved from my enemies.”

PROCLAMATION OF GOD’S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION.....Gail Gongaware

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GOSPEL – Matthew 21:1-11 (pg. 1045).....Gail Gongaware

SERMON TEXTS.....Pastor Janet

EPISTLE – Colossians 3:12

God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.

EPISTLE – II Timothy 2:24

And the Lord’s servant must not be quarrelsome but must be kind to everyone, able to teach, not resentful.

EPISTLE – I Peter 3:15

But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect,

WISDOM – Proverbs 15:1

A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger.

HISTORY – I Kings 19:11-13

¹¹ The Lord said, “Go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by.” Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountains apart and shattered the rocks before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake. ¹² After the earthquake came a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire came a gentle whisper. ¹³ When Elijah heard it, he pulled his cloak over his face and went out and stood at the mouth of the cave. Then a voice said to him, “What are you doing here, Elijah?”

One: The word of the Lord!

All: Thanks be to God

SERMON - "Gentleness: An Attribute of the Fruit of Love".....Pastor Janet

RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

PASTORAL PRAYER with The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

*HYMN OF RESPONSE - "Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior".....#416

*UNISON AFFIRMATION OF FAITH -Gail Gongaware

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven & earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING Tithes & Offerings.....Gail Gongaware

OFFERTORY – "Minuetto".....Conrad Hurlebusch

*DOXOLOGY - "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION.....Pastor Janet

SENT TO SPREAD THE GOOD NEWS OF CHRIST

- *SENDING HYMN – “Gentle Shepherd, Come and Lead Us”.....#596
- *BENEDICTION.....Pastor Janet
- *POSTLUDE – “Postlude in F”V. Engel

WELCOME BACK to the Chancel Choir!

ATTENTION!

- WHO:** All FPC Covenant Partners, in person & visibly online,
are counted in quorum and able to vote.
- WHAT:** Special Congregational Meeting
- WHY:** One Action on Proposed Updated Bylaws
to enable restructuring to move into God’s vision for our future.
Bylaws are available at each church entrance today
- WHEN:** Immediately After Worship TODAY
- WHERE:** Calvin Hall

A New Church Directory is available at the Meeting
and during weeks following from a security deacon at the door or the office.

REGULAR OFFICE HOURS: M-F 8am-3pm

Pastor Janet out of the office most of Mon. 9/21& all day Wed-Fri 9/23-25.

Pastor Janet also out of the office all day Mon-Tues 9/28-29

MEDIA MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

The Media Team needs volunteers. No experience necessary!

Please contact Terri Deist for more information.

GOOD SHEPHERD MEAL - MONDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2026

JOIN US in creating a warm and welcoming dinner for the clients of the GOOD SHEPHERD CENTER on **Monday, October 5, 2026.**

The volunteer opportunity positions to make this meal happen are:

CHEFS to prepare food starting at 11:00 am (4 needed);

SERVERS/WORKERS at 1:30 pm (4 needed);

PAIRS OF DRIVERS at 3:45 pm (5 pairs needed);

PIE PROVIDERS (30 pies needed)- BUY a pie (any kind!) and bring to the Good Shepherd Center before noon on 10/5/26.

Your support makes a difference! Kindly sign up at the usual volunteer tables at the top of the back stairs if you are able to help in any of these ways.

If you've never been involved before, please know it is JOYFUL being the hands and feet of Christ!

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY RETURNS on a regular schedule Tuesday, September 22 at 1:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. in the conference room. Tim Eckhardt will lead the study JOSHUA "The Power of God's Promises." All men are welcome.

BEGINNING THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 28 be aware of two projects taking place here at FirstPres. The east side roof is schedule to be replaced. Calvin Hall floor is scheduled to be replaced. As such Calvin Hall will be unavailable during this time.

Combined Worship Service on World Communion Sunday
Sunday October 4, 11:00 a.m. @ Jamestown Presbyterian Church

Multi-Generational Evening for youth in grade 6 through adults

Every 1st & 3rd Sunday starting today

5:00 p.m. All Worship in Chapel

@5:30 p.m. Small Groups

6:00 p.m. Activity

6:30-7:00 p.m. All Gather for a Closing Meal/Calvin Hall

ROOT INTERNATIONAL DONATIONS *THROUGH SEPTEMBER*

Printed lists of needed items are available on the donation box in the rear vestibule. Please help yourself to one and thank you in advance for your donations.

**Lunch or Dinner for the Jewish Harvest Feast of Booths (Sukkot)
Saturdays Sep 26 thru Thu Oct 1**

at the Messianic Jewish Congregation of Tikvat T'Zion

334 E Moody Ave, New Castle 1605

(Talk to Pastor Janet for details.)

GROWing as Followers of Christ into the vision that God has
in store for our future, let us go immediately

after worship to partake in

**Harvest and History Tour
at Oswald Farms**

6031 Atlantic Lake Rd, Hartstown, PA 16131

Food, tour, hayrides & games will be provided, but BYOC(hair)!

The day will also show appreciation for our pastor!

939 - PRAYER SUGGESTIONS

For their future spouses

GOOD SHEPHERD MONTHLY REQUEST for September

Pancake Mix & Syrup

Bag of Rice #1

Canned Vegetable

THIS WEEK

Sunday, 9/20	8:30 - 9:15 a.m.	Outreach Mtg./Conference Rm.
	9:30-10:30 a.m.	Rally Day Breakfast/Calvin Hall
	10:45 a.m.-noon	Worship/Sanctuary
	12:00 noon	Congregational Vote/Calvin Hall
	5:00-7:00 p.m.	Multi-Generational Gathering
Monday, 9/21	8:00 a.m.	Staff Mtg. /Conference Rm.
	9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.	Kids of the Kingdom
	6:00 p.m.	Congregational Care Team
	7:00 p.m.	Christian Discipleship Team
Tuesday, 9/22	8:00 a.m.	Music Staff Mtg./Conference Rm.
	1:00-2:00 p.m.	Men's Bible Study/Conference Rm.
	5:30 p.m.	Memorial Gifts Mtg./Conference Rm.
	7:00-8:00 p.m.	Men's Bible Study/Conference Rm.
Wednesday, 9/23	9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.	Kids of the Kingdom
	10:00-11:30 a.m.	Tots of the Kingdom
	7:00-8:30 p.m.	3F Small Group
Thursday, 9/24	9:30-11:30 a.m.	Discovery Science
	10:00-11:00 a.m.	Women's Bible Study/ Conference Rm.
	6:30 - 8:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal/Sanctuary
Friday, 9/25	9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.	Kids of the Kingdom
Sunday, 9/27	8:30-9:15 a.m.	Deacons Mtg.
	9:30-10:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:45 a.m.-noon	Worship/Sanctuary
	2:00-2:30 p.m.	Kadima Worship

THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

Sermon Series – thru September

Sin Displaced

By the Fruit of:

Fear

Love

Despair

Joy

Hostility

Peace

Exasperation

Patience

Cruelty

Kindness

Evil

Goodness

Disloyalty

Faithfulness

Harshness

Gentleness

Unrestraint

Self-Control