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**THE LORD'S DAY**  
**September 27, 2026 – 10:45 AM**

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

Bill & DaVee Hazlett  
The Reverend Dr. Janet Hufford  
Karen Shilling  
Randall Curtis  
Mary K. Miller & Paulla Johnson  
Ericka Dershimer  
Molly Davis  
Ben Miller  
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.....Karen Shilling

## **GATHERING FOR WORSHIP**

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

PRELUDE - "How Firm a Foundation".....arr. Edward Broughton

**\*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP** - Psalm 145:4 & 149:1.....Karen Shilling

One: One generation commends your works to another,  
they tell of your mighty acts.

**All: Praise to the LORD a new song,  
his praise in the assembly of his faithful people.**

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

**\*OPENING HYMN** - "I Will Sing of the Mercies of the Lord" *(lyrics on screen)*

CONVERSATION WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH.....Ericka Dersheimer

*(Infant-2 yrs return with the attendants to the nursery downstairs)  
(Preschool thru 4<sup>th</sup> grade attend Jr. Church in the chapel)*

CHOIR ANTHEM.....Chancel Choir

"God of Life, Through All the Circling Years".....John B. Dykes

CALL TO CONFESSION.....Pastor Janet

## **UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Jesus, you are ever faithful and true to the will of Our Father in heaven,  
such that you Triune God are the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow.  
Yet we have not been faithful to you. Your faithfulness is reason for never  
ending praise. We are created to glorify and enjoy you forever. Yet we  
admit that we have forgotten our purpose for being. Draw us back to you.  
Restore us to your image. Raise in us praise in the context of eternal life  
which is ours through your Son. Amen. *(silent confession)***

## **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

## PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION.....Karen Shilling

SERMON to come to light between the verses.....Pastor Janet  
“Seek, Grow In, and Share Faithfulness”

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### VISION ACTION: SEEK FIRST God's LIGHT

GOSPEL – Matthew 6:33 “But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.”

GOSPEL – John 8:12 “When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”

### VISION ACTION: Grow as Followers of Christ

EPISTLE - Ephesians 4:15-16 “Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.”

EPISTLE - Ephesians 5:1-2 “Follow God's example, therefore, as dearly loved children and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.”

### VISION ACTION: and Share His Good News in Love

GOSPEL - Matthew 28:19-20 “Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

GOSPEL - Mark 16:15 “He said to them, ‘Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.’”

GOSPEL - John 13:34-35 “A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

EPISTLE - I Corinthians 16:14 “Do everything in love.”

One: The word of the Lord!

**ALL: Thanks be to God**

## 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 - "Great is Thy Faithfulness".....#98

\*UNISON AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - .....Karen Shilling

### **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.....Karen Shilling

OFFERTORY ANTHEM.....Chancel Choir

"Speak, O Lord" .....arr. Llyod Larson

\*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 – "Be Exalted O God" *(lyrics on screen)*

\*Responsive BENEDICTION.....Karen Shilling & Pastor Janet

**All:        Seek First God's Light, Grow as Followers of Christ,  
              and Share His Good News in Love**

Pastor:    in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**All:        Amen!**

\*POSTLUDE – “Andantino”.....A.E. Hesse

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

**BEGINNING THIS WEEK** two projects are taking place here at FirstPres. The east side roof is being replaced. Calvin Hall will be unavailable as the flooring is being replaced.

**REGULAR OFFICE HOURS: M-F 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**  
Pastor Janet is out of the office Mon.-Sat. 9/28-10/3

**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!

**PLEASE LET SUE IN THE OFFICE** know if there were any corrections or additions needed to the new directory by October 1. More copies will be printed and available the week of October 5.

**NEW DAILY DEVOTIONALS** "Our Daily Bread" is now available at each end of the sanctuary please help yourself.

**Multi-Generational Evening for youth in grade 6 through adults**

Every 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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**

Thank you for your contributions.

**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.)

**PW Daytime Circle** scheduled on Tuesday, October 6 at 1:00 p.m. Bible study leader for the October date will be Bonnie Barr. She will be leading the discussion on Elizabeth, the mother of John (page 154 in our study book, Women of the Bible). Please mark your calendar for this upcoming date.

**HILLSIDE PRESBYTERIAN LADIES** invite all women to a Soup & Slider Dinner at 6:00 p.m. October 1 in their Fellowship Rm. RSVP is today, you can leave a message by calling their church office at 724-588-4920.

**GROWing** as Followers of Christ into the vision that God has in store for our future, let us go immediately after worship, October 11 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 BYOChair!  
The day will also show appreciation for our pastor!

**939 - PRAYER SUGGESTIONS**

Safety as they travel

**GOOD SHEPHERD MONTHLY REQUEST**

September: Pancake Mix & Syrup  
Bag of Rice #1  
Canned Vegetable

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES COMING SOON!!**

## THIS WEEK

|              |                      |                                    |
|--------------|----------------------|------------------------------------|
| Sun., 9/27   | 9:30-10:30 a.m.      | Sunday School                      |
|              | 10:45 a.m.-noon      | Worship/Sanctuary                  |
|              | 2:00-2:30 p.m.       | Kadima Worship                     |
| Mon., 9/28   |                      | No School                          |
| Tues., 9/29  | 1:00-2:00 p.m.       | Men's Bible Study/Conference Rm.   |
|              | 7:00-8:00 p.m.       | Men's Bible Study/Conference Rm.   |
| Wed., 9/30   | 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.  | Kids of the Kingdom                |
|              | 6:00-7:00 p.m.       | Property Com. Mtg./Conference Rm.  |
|              | 7:00-8:30 p.m.       | G5:20s+/Pastor's Study             |
| Thurs., 10/1 | 10:00-11:00 a.m.     | Women's Bible Study/Conference Rm. |
|              | 6:30-8:30 p.m.       | Choir Rehearsal/Sanctuary          |
| Fri., 10/2   | 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.  | Kids of the Kingdom                |
| Sun., 10/4   | 9:30 a.m.-9:15 a.m.. | Deacons/Ushers Mtg./Narthex        |
|              | 11:00 a.m.-noon      | Worship/Jamestown Pres.            |
|              | 5:00-7:00 p.m.       | Multi-Gen. gathering/Chapel        |
| Mon., 10/5   | 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.  | Kids of the Kingdom                |
|              | 4:00 p.m.            | Good Shepherd Dinner/Water St.     |
| Tues. 10/6   | 1:00-2:00 p.m.       | Men's Bible Study/Rm. 202          |
|              | 1:00-2:00 p.m.       | PW Daytime Circle/Conference Rm.   |
|              | 1:00-2:00 p.m.       | Men's Bible Study/Conference Rm.   |
|              | 6:00-7:00 p.m.       | Worship Team Mtg./Conference Rm.   |
| Wed., 10/7   | 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.  | Kids of the Kingdom                |
| Thurs., 10/8 | 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          |
| Fri., 10/9   | 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.  | Kids of the Kingdom                |

### **VALUES of FPC:**

**Christ Centered Worship**

**Healthy Communications**

**Authority of the Word**

**Multigenerational Discipleship**

**Power of Prayer**

**Sense of Belonging**