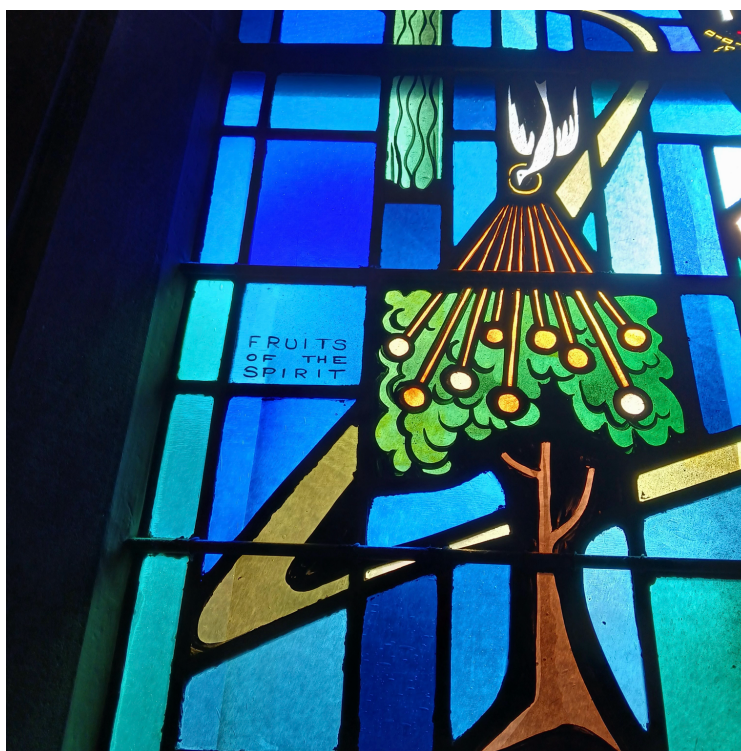




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THE LORD'S DAY
September 6, 2026 – 10:00 AM

Greeters
Pastor
Liturgist
Director of Music
Nursery
Children's Message
Deacon of the Day
Deacon of the Month

Karen Shilling
The Reverend Dr. Janet Hufford
Dan Baker
Randall Curtis
Sue Wilson & Michelle Harris
Denise Christman
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.....Dan Baker
CALL TO A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION/CORPORATION

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

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

PRELUDE - "O Jesus, I Have Promised"arr. Albin C. Whitworth

*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP - Psalm 29:11.....Dan Baker

One: You make known to me the path of life;

**All: you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures
at your right hand. Fill my heart with joy when their grain and new
wine abound!**

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

*OPENING HYMN - "All People That on Earth Do Dwell"#381

CONVERSATION WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH.....Denise Christman

(Infant-8 yrs return with the attendants to the nursery downstairs.)

SPECIAL MUSIC – "The River is Here"

Choral Ensemble: Matt & Erin Slagle, Jennifer Forbes, Jill Jones,
Margie Kembel, Randy & Diane Curtis

CALL TO CONFESSION.....Pastor Janet

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious God, the unfolding of your true grace always manifests in
gratitude and joy! Yet, O Lord, we sin by living in a state of misery,
despair, and hopelessness. We sin by replacing you, Our True Hope,
with a hope that is believed only by circumstances. Our own desires &
plans are idols. Forgive our sin, we pray, in the name of Jesus, the One
who saves. Amen. *(silent confession)***

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

PROCLAMATION OF GOD’S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION.....Dan Baker

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PROPHETS – Isaiah 35:1-2b, 6b.....Dan Baker

The desert and the parched land will be glad; the wilderness will rejoice and blossom... it will rejoice greatly and shout for joy... Water will gush forth in the wilderness and streams in the desert.

SERMON TEXTS

EPISTLE – Philippians 4:1, 4.....Pastor Janet

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, you whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, dear friends!... Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!

EPISTLE – I John 1:1-4.....Pastor Janet

¹That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched—this we proclaim concerning the Word of life. ²The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us. ³We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father & with his Son, Jesus Christ. ⁴We write this to make our joy complete.

One: The word of the Lord!

All: Thanks be to God

SERMON - “Joy: An Attribute of the Fruit of Love”.....Pastor Janet

RESPONSE TO GOD’S WORD

(Refer to the screens.)

PRESENTATION OF NEW COVENANT PARTNERS.....Jill Jones

Joe & Susan Dortin *(present)*

and Robb Leary & Beth McCracken-Leary *(not present)*

*PROMISE TO NEW COVENANT PARTNERS.....Pastor Janet

*REAFFIRMATION OF BAPTISMAL VOWS.....Pastor Janet

*UNISON AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:Dan Baker

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.

VOWS OF NEW COVENANT PARTNERS *(Refer to the screens.)*

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PRAYER for the New Covenant Partners concluding 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.

WELCOME TO NEW COVENANT PARTNERS
including presenting certificates by the clerk of session

*COMMUNION HYMN - "A Hymn of Joy We Sing".....#565

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE & PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING Tithes & Offerings.....Dan Baker

OFFERTORY – "Have Thine Own Way Lord".....arr. Albin C. Whitworth

*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.....Dan Baker

SENT TO SPREAD THE GOOD NEWS OF CHRIST

*SENDING HYMN - “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”#377

*BENEDICTION.....Pastor Janet

*POSTLUDE – “Postlude in E Minor”.....C.H. Rinck

A WARM WELCOME to our new Covenant Partners:
Joseph & Susan Dortin; and
Robb & Beth McCracken-Leary.
This journey of partnership is important to all and we look forward
to growing together in faith. Hallelujah!

Return to Fall Hours on September 13

9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School/Chapel

(nursery available for children)

10:45 a.m. Worship

Following worship all are invited to Calvin Hall to attend the annual **Church Picnic**. Hamburgers, hot dogs and drinks will be provided. Please bring a dish to share. Hope to see you all there!

MEDIA MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

The Media Team needs volunteers. No experience necessary! Please contact Terri Deist for more information.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Women's Bible Study will gather on Thursday, September 10th at 10:00 a.m. in the Conference Room. We will begin the study of the gospel of Mark by David Jeremiah. Study books are available in the church office. All are welcome!

PW Evening Circle will resume their gathering Tuesday, September 8 at 7:00 p.m. in the church parlor.

PW Daytime Circle will begin Tuesday, October 6 at 1:00 p.m.

MEN'S BREAKFAST IS BACK! All men are welcome September 12 at 8:00 a.m. in Calvin Hall for faith food and fellowship.

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.

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.

If you are looking for something to donate for ROOT, the contents of a hygiene kit was suggested by Becky Vogan.

****Contents could include toothpaste, toothbrush, wash cloth and soap.**

Rally Day September 20

9:30 a.m. Light Breakfast in Calvin Hall & Christian Education Open House
(No Sunday school)

Multi-Generational Evening for youth in grade 6 through adults

Every 1st & 3rd Sunday starting September 20

5:00 p.m. All Generations 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

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 as of today Sept. 6

WHEN: Immediately After Worship on Sept. 20

WHERE Calvin Hall

Questions: Email or deposit a note in the basket, paper available in the basket

A New Church Directory will be available after the Meeting Vote

and during weeks following from a security deacon at the door or the office.

SOUP & SALAD LUNCHEON

Mark your calendars, ladies, for the soup & salad luncheon on Saturday, September 19th at noon in Calvin Hall. We will meet "Mrs. Noah" and hear her take on that whole ark thing! A biblical portrayal of "Mrs. Noah: A Woman's Point of View of the Great Flood" presented by LuAnne Baker from Commodore, PA will be our program. Food will be provided. Please plan to join us for an afternoon of food, fun and fellowship. This gathering is open to all women of First Presbyterian Church and their guests. Please let us know if you will be joining us by filling out the tear-off below and putting it in the offering plate so we know how much food to prepare.

NAME _____

NUMBER ATTENDING _____

OFFICE HOURS: M-F 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

939 - PRAYER SUGGESTIONS

For contentment/peace

GOOD SHEPHERD MONTHLY REQUEST for September

Pancake Mix & Syrup

Bag of Rice #1

Canned Vegetable

THIS WEEK

Sunday, 9/6	9:00-9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00-11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship
Monday, 9/7		Office closed/Labor Day
Tuesday, 9/8	7:00 p.m.	PW Evening Circle/Parlor
Wednesday, 9/9	9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.	Kids of the Kingdom
Thursday, 9/10	9:30-11:30 a.m.	Discovery Science
Friday, 9/11	9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.	Kids of the Kingdom
Saturday, 9/12	8:00-9:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast/Calvin Hall
Sunday, 9/13	9:30-10:30 a.m.	Adult Sunday School/Chapel
	10:45 a.m.-noon	Morning Worship
	12:00 noon	Church picnic/Calvin Hall

THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

Sermon Series – July 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