

Prayers of the People and 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 and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon

Closing Hymn #345 *Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

***Charge and Benediction**

Choral Benediction

Postlude *Morning Has Broken* arr. by John Wilson

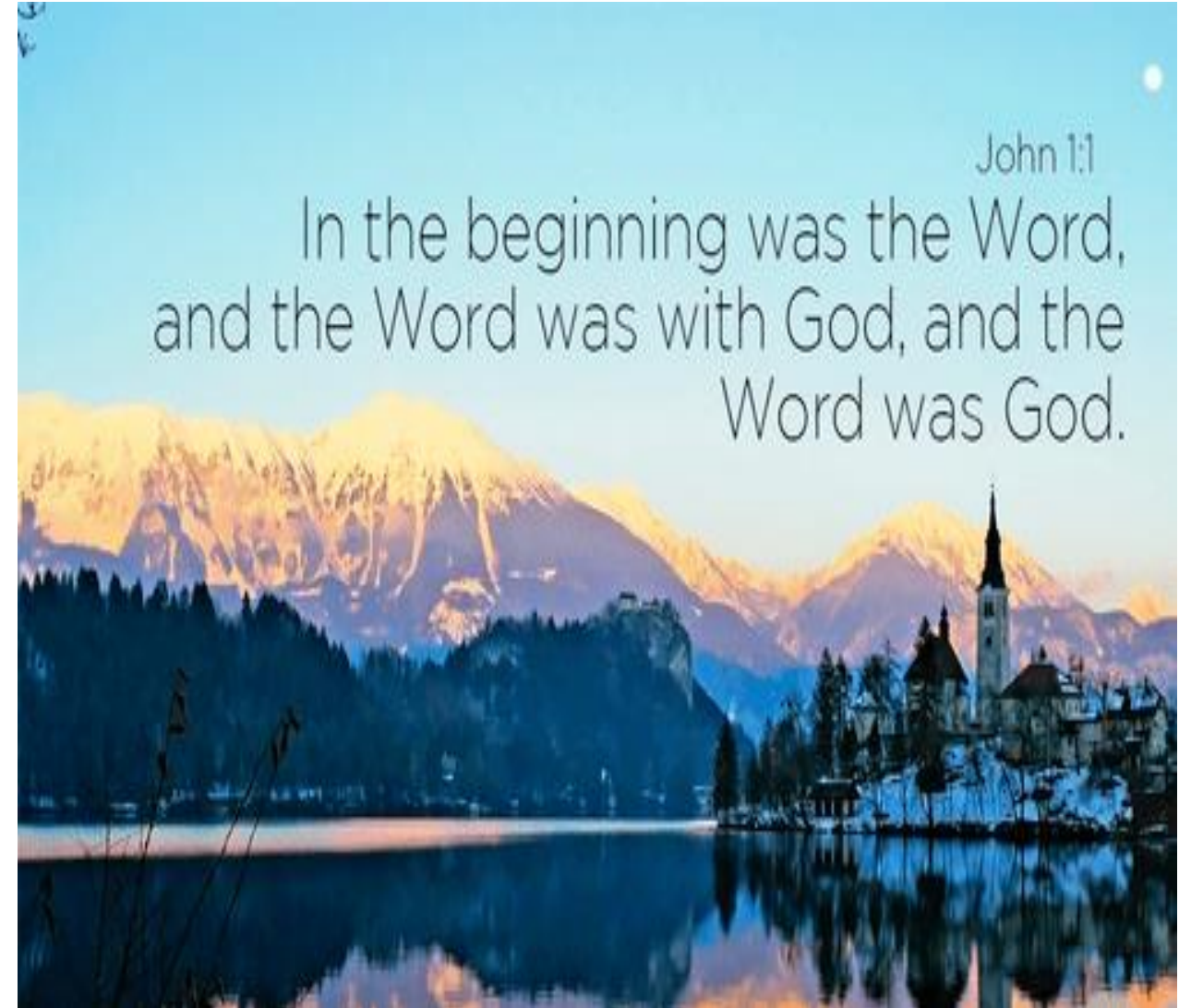
The slip of paper in your bulletin is to be used for jotting down a hymn or hymns that you would like to hear. Please put it in the offering plate and Belinda will collect them after worship. Thank You!

***Thank you to The Deacons for providing
us with this morning's coffee hour/birthday celebration***

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August 31, 2025

10:30am

WELCOME: TO THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, WITH JOHNSTOWN FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. WELCOME TO ALL JOINING US HERE AND ON YOUTUBE. PLEASE REMEMBER TO SHARE THE SERVICE WITH FRIENDS AND FAMILY. WE WANT TO REMIND YOU THAT YOU ALWAYS HAVE A PLACE HERE.

LAURA RUEHLE

Mission of the Month Veterans & Community Housing Coalition

Prelude *I want Jesus to Walk With Me* arr. by Mark Hayes
Belinda Vair/Accompanist-Choir Director

Choral Introit

Call To Worship Laura Ruehle

Leader: Happy are those who fear the Lord,

People: who delight in God's commandments.

Leader: They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright.

People: Those who love God are gracious, merciful, and righteous.

Leader: They are generous, sharing freely what they have received.

People: It is well with those who live in justice.

Leader: Their hearts are steady; they will not be afraid.

People: Let us praise the Lord!

(PLEASE RISE IN BODY OR IN SPIRIT)

***Opening Hymn #326** *Spirit of God Descend Upon My Heart*

Call to Confession

We turn away from God, often not knowing any better. Yet God keeps inviting us and keeps reaching to us in love. In penitence and faith, let us turn towards God and seek forgiveness.

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Merciful God, in Jesus, you show us a way that is humble and that seeks the good of others. We confess that we go our own way; we elevate ourselves and ignore the needs of others.

People: Free us from the temptation to pursue our own pleasure only. Help us to live in harmony with all your people, sharing one world and eating around one table, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.

Leader: Let us take a moment for silent confession and personal reflection

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: With abundant grace and mercy that reaches wide, God gathers us and cleanses us, making us new, making us whole. This is good news!

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

***Gloria Patri**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be.

World without end, amen! Amen.

Prayer for Illumination

ALL: Heavenly Father, I come before You humbly and with a heart full of gratitude. I pray that You would pour out Your light and wisdom upon me, so that I may understand the depths of Your love and grace. Please open my eyes and my heart to truly experience Your unconditional love, so that I may be transformed by it. Help me to grasp the magnitude of Your love, and to extend it to those around me. Grant me the ability to love others without condition, just as You have loved me. In Jesus Name, amen.

Scripture Reading

Helen Thompson

John 1:1-12 (Pew Bible Page #91)

Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God. And we all say:

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem *A Gospel Song of Peace*

Sally Albrecht

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

The Rev. Dr. RW Williams