



July 27, 2025

10:30am

**WELCOME: TO THE SEVENTH 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 Free Lunch Program

Prelude *Precious Lord, Take My Hand* arr. by James Koerts
Belinda Vair-Accompanist/Choir Director

Choral Introit

Call To Worship Laura Ruehle
Leader: The Lord is our light and our salvation; whom shall we fear?
People: The Lord is the stronghold of our life; of whom shall we be afraid?
Leader: We seek your face, O Lord. Do not hide your face from us!
People: Do not forsake us, O God of our salvation!
Leader: Make us strong, and let our hearts take courage.
People: We wait for the Lord. Let us worship God!

(PLEASE RISE IN BODY OR IN SPIRIT)

***Opening Hymn #262** *God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand*

Prayer of Confession Laura Ruehle
Leader: Loving God, you have formed a covenant with us, committing yourself
to us and inviting us to walk with you. Yet we have resisted, seeking other
companions, going in different ways, thinking that we know best. Now we
find ourselves far from life, further still from you.
**People: Have mercy on our waywardness. Help us find our way back. Give
us faith so that we can hold the hand you have extended to us in Jesus
Christ.**

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

Assurance of Pardon
Leader: From generation to generation, God’s love overcomes human
sinfulness. God is committed to fresh starts and new creations. 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 Helen Thompson
Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the
Scriptures are read and Your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what
You say to us today. **Amen.**

Scripture Readings
(Old Testament) Isaiah 61:1-3 (Pew Bible Page #691)
(New Testament) 1 Thessalonians 2:1-13 (Pew Bible Page #203)

Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God. And we all say:
People: Thanks be to God

Anthem

Deacon’s Birthday Celebration Helen Thompson

Sharing of Joys and Concerns