

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 *Onward Christian Soldiers* (See Insert)

*Charge and Benediction

Choral Benediction

Postlude *Praise The Lord Ye Heavens Adore Him* arr. by Richard Blake
Belinda Vair Accompanist/Choir Director

*Thank you to The Mission & Outreach Committee for providing
us with this morning's coffee/fellowship time*

*If you did not receive a Stewardship Letter & Pledge Card and you would like
one, there are copies on the table in the back of the Sanctuary.*

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October 12, 2025

10:30am

WELCOME: TO 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 Salvation Army of Upstate New York

Prelude *Simple Gifts*

arr. by Jennifer Eklund

Belinda Vair Accompanist/Choir Director

Choral Introit

Call To Worship

Laura Ruehle

Leader: Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;

People: sing the glory of God's name; give God glorious praise.

Leader: Say to God:

People: How awesome are your deeds!

Leader: Because of your great power, your enemies cringe before you.

People: All the earth worships you; they sing praises to you, sing praises to your name.

Leader: Come and see what God has done: he is awesome in his deeds among mortals.

People: The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have understanding. God's praise endures forever.

(PLEASE RISE IN BODY OR IN SPIRIT)

***Opening Hymn** #319 *Spirit*

Call to Confession

God promises mercy for all those who repent. Trusting in the grace of Jesus Christ let us confess our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Compassionate Christ, you send us to cure the sick, but we blame the sick for their choices. You ask us to restore the unclean, but we separate them into high risk pools. You compel us to raise the dead, but we insist some are beyond help. In your patient and persistent mercy, forgive us, O Lord.

People: Teach us to heal without condition and help without limitation. Enable us to love one another as You love us, that as recipients of unmerited grace, we may freely shower care upon all people.

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

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: In the name of the One who restores the lost, raises the dead, and reigns on high, I proclaim to You that your sins are forgiven. Believe the good news of the gospel:

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven, healed, and made whole.

***Gloria Patri**

Glorify 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

Leader: 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 Reading

Helen Thompson

Psalms 104:24-25 (Pew Bible Page #555)

John 7:37-48 (Pew Bible Page #100))

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem *Circle Without End*

Tom Eggeston

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

The Rev. Dr. RW Williams

Ken Killian is entering ministry as a second career. He has been in the medical insurance business for a number of years as an agent and trainer.

He has felt a deep calling to ministry, serving as Deacon and Elder with a strong commitment to missions and community involvement.

Ken has recently completed the 2 1/2 year Pathways Commissioned Ruling Elder program at Union Presbyterian Seminary which is a time of study, growth, and preparation for pastoral leadership. He has served as Pulpit Supply for the past 2 years at the First Presbyterian Church of Ballston Spa and West Charlton United Presbyterian Church. This includes preaching, leading worship, offering pastoral care and deepening his call to ministry.

Ken is presently a Certified Ruling Elder. He is authorized by Albany Presbytery to perform all duties and Sacraments of an Ordained pastor. Over the next 3 years he plans on entering Seminary on line and in person which will lead to the joyous event of his Ordination.

Ken and his wife, Jenny of 33 years met at Gettysburg College where he obtained his B.A. in Sports Medicine. They have two married children. Andrea 28, a Doctor of Biochemistry and her husband, Clay, lives in Madison, Wisconsin. Their son, Tom 24, and his wife Emily, are currently stationed in Florida. They are both 2nd Lt. in the United States Air Force.

In his spare time, Ken enjoys reading, playing golf, and has performed in local community theater for years. He loves baseball at any level.

Ken will bring with him a deep commitment to our church, training and leadership skills, and the maturity and self-confidence to help lead us into the future.

**1. Onward, Christian soldiers,
Marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus
Going on before!
Christ, the royal Master,
Leads against the foe;
Forward into battle,
See His banner go!
(Refrain)**

**Onward, Christian soldiers,
Marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus
Going on before!**

**2. At the sign of triumph
Satan's host doth flee;
On, then, Christian soldiers,
On to victory!
Hell's foundations quiver
At the shout of praise;
Brothers, lift your voices,
Loud your anthems raise!
(Refrain)**

**Onward, Christian soldiers,
Marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus
Going on before!**

**3. Like a mighty army
Moves the church of God;
Brothers, we are treading
Where the saints have trod.
We are not divided;
All one body we,
One in hope and doctrine,
One in charity.
(Refrain)**

**Onward, Christian soldiers,
Marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus
Going on before!**

**4. Onward then, ye people,
Join our happy throng,
Blend with ours your voices
In the triumph song;
Glory, laud, and honor
Unto Christ the King;
This thro' countless ages
Men and angels sing.
(Refrain)**

**Onward, Christian soldiers,
Marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus
Going on before!**