

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS)

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.

***CLOSING HYMN #762 “When the Poor Ones”**

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *With Trumpets and Horns*

G. F. Handel

Arr. by Todd Kendall

Belinda Vair – Accompanist/Choir Director

*Thank you to our Building and Grounds Committee
for providing us with this morning’s coffee hour.*

Reminder - Bible Study begins April 23rd, 4:30PM led by Pastor Ken

*A special thank you to The Rev. Tom Gregg
for leading our worship service this morning.*

First Presbyterian Church of Johnstown, NY – YouTube link:



<https://www.youtube.com/@FirstPresbyterianJohnstown>



April 19, 2026

10:30am

Welcome to worship at the First Presbyterian Church, Johnstown. Whether you are here in the sanctuary or joining us online, we are glad you are with us. Wherever you are on your faith journey, you are welcome here, and we give thanks for the gift of worshiping together today!

Pastor Tom

MISSION OF THE MONTH

Haven of Hope

PRELUDE

All Things Bright and Beautiful

arr. by Sandra Eithum

Belinda Vair – Accompanist/Choir Director

CHORAL INTROIT

***CALL TO WORSHIP** *Please rise*

Rev. Tom Gregg

Leader: Let us worship the God of the earthly Jesus!

People: Let us worship the God of the risen Christ!

Leader: But let us also prepare ourselves to encounter that same Christ,

People: Even when He is disguised as the least of our sisters and brothers!

(PLEASE RISE IN BODY OR IN SPIRIT)

***OPENING HYMN #257** “The Risen Christ”

CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: Most Holy One, you manifested your power over sin and death in the raising of Jesus. Help us to recognize the living Christ in our lives: that, perceiving him even when he hides himself in the least of our kind, we may respond always in faith and love. Let us confess our sin together before God.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL: Heavenly God, we confess that we live one-dimensional lives that are insensitive to your presence and that of the living Christ in the world; that we wind up directing our attention to all the wrong places and placing our faith in all the wrong things; and that we act in unholy and unwholesome ways as a result. Forgive us, we pray and make us attentive and able to see with our hearts through the superficial to the spiritual, and to find in the creation around us the living Christ to touch us. In his name we pray.
Amen

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, hear the good news: Blessed are you when you seek the Lord. God has a way of finding us even when we are searching for something or someone else. Open yourself to what God has in store for you. The tomb opening for Christ opens to us the door to full and abundant life. Live as redeemed people.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

In Jesus Christ, we are loved.

In Jesus Christ, we are made new.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Leader: O God, You have always been so faithful in Your promise to walk with us and be our guide in life. Lord, help us have the eyes to know Your presence and the ears to hear Your words of guidance. In Christ we pray.
Amen.

***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.

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalms 116:1-4, 12-19 (Pew Bible Pg. #564)

Luke 24:13-35 (Pew Bible Pg. #90)

Walt Lane

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

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM *Use Me Lord*

Cindy Berry

PASTORAL PRAYER

SERMON Might this be our predicament, too?

Rev. Tom Gregg

MEDITATION HYMN #252 “Day of Arising”