

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- + Our **Mission of the Month** is for the **Veterans**.
- + **Free Community Lunch** will be Saturday, August 29 11:00 – 1:00 PM.
- + **Stitches & Giggles** is Wednesday evenings, 6:00 – 8:00 PM.
- + There is an **officer's training** on August 29, 9:00 – 12:00 at **First Presbyterian Church, Broadalbin**. 54 W. Main Street, Broadalbin, NY. All elders and deacons are requested to attend.
- + Thank you to Session for providing us with this morning's coffee hour.

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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!

Craig Talarico

PRELUDE “Precious Lord, Take My Hand” arr. by James Koerts
BELINDA VAIR

CHORAL INTROIT

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (PLEASE RISE IN BODY OR SPIRIT, BASED ON PSALM 67:1-2)

One: May God be gracious to us and bless us.

All: May God's face shine upon us.

One: For we come with our desires, our hopes, our unspoken needs,

All: trusting that God hears us.

One: May God's way be known throughout the earth,

All: and God's saving power be known among us here, today.

One: Let us come now before God, with honesty and hope,

All: and let us worship together.

***OPENING HYMN #331** “God of the Ages”

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we confess that prayer doesn’t always come easily to us. We don't always have the words. We grow discouraged when the answers don’t come as quickly as we’d like or they’re not what we hoped for. We forget that you already know our hearts before we speak.

Forgive us for the times we've stopped asking, stopped seeking, stopped knocking, and for the times when fear or doubt has kept us from bringing you our honest desires. Root us and ground us in your love once more. Teach us to trust you the way a child trusts a parent who delights in giving good gifts. This we ask in Jesus' name. Amen.

(moment for silent reflection)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***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

SCRIPTURE READING

CRAIG TALARICO

Ephesians 3:14-21 (Pew Bible Page #193)

Luke 11:1-13 (Pew Bible Page #72)

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

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM “Feed My Lambs”

Natalie Sleeth
BELINDA VAIR

PASTORAL PRAYER

SERMON

“Love Beyond Measure”

Rev. David Bennett

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 #326** “For All the Saints”

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “Light of the Living God”

David Paxton
BELINDA VAIR