

***CLOSING HYMN #37** “Let All Things Now Living”

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “Trumpet Tune in a minor” David Laskey

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- + Our **Mission of the Month** is the **Pastor’s Care Shelf**.
- + **Free Community Lunch** will be Saturday, August 1 11:00 – 1:00 PM.
- + **Stitches & Giggles** is Wednesday evenings, 6:00 – 8:00 PM.
- + Please join us at the **Annual Ice Cream Social** on Monday, August 10!
- + We are hosting the **InterFaith Council Bible Study** on Tuesday, August 11, 6:30 – 8:00 PM. We are reading the book of Job.
- + Thank you to the Deacons for providing us with this morning’s coffee hour and birthday celebration.

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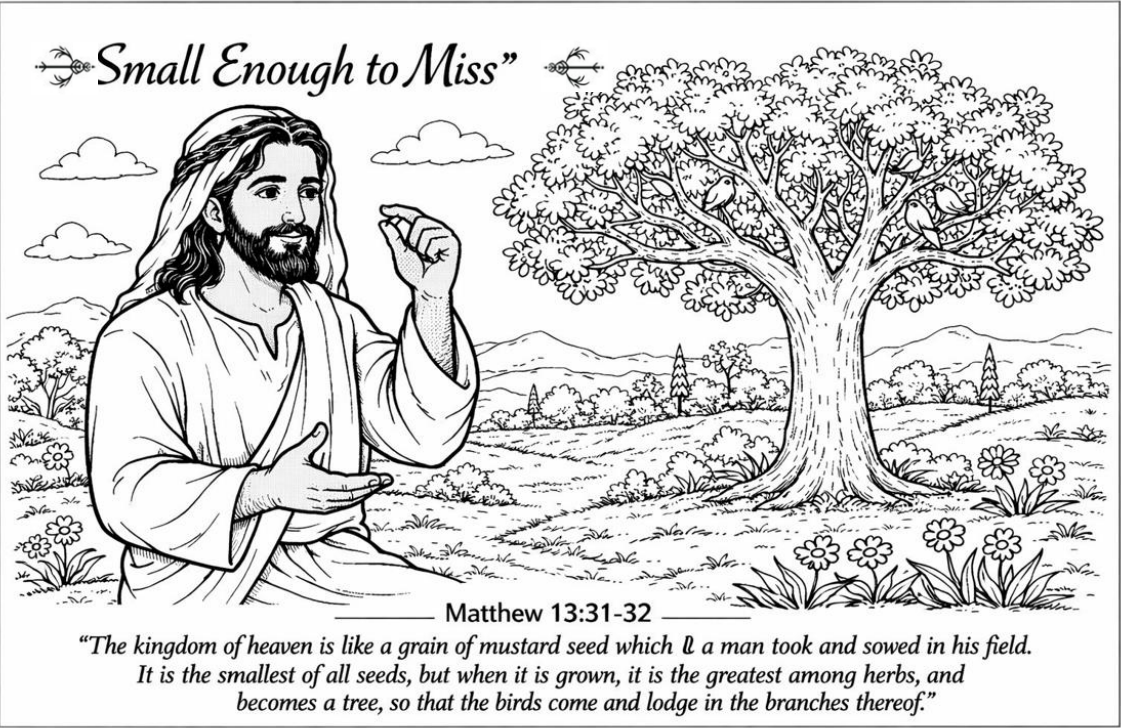
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Jim Wright, Custodian

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WORSHIP SERVICE: 10:30 AM

JULY 26, 2026





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!

PRELUDE “Give Me Jesus” arr. by Mark Hayes

BELINDA VAIR

CHORAL INTROIT

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (PLEASE RISE IN BODY OR SPIRIT)

Leader: Jesus says the kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed—small enough to rest in the palm of a hand.

People: God brings growth from small beginnings.

Leader: God works through quiet prayers, simple kindness, and ordinary acts of faithfulness.

People: God is at work among us.

Leader: Come, let us worship the God who is planting something new.

People: May God’s kingdom grow in us.

Leader: Let us worship God with open hearts and hopeful spirits.

All: We come to worship and grow in God’s grace. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN #451** “Open My Eyes, That I May See”

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL: Gracious God,
you plant seeds of grace all around us, yet we often fail to notice.

Forgive us when we become discouraged, when we overlook small acts of kindness, or believe that what we offer is not enough.

Plant your love more deeply within us and help us trust that you can use our words, prayers, and actions to bring hope and healing.

In Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

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

Leader: Faithful God,

Inspire us by your Holy Spirit that the words we read on the page might become living words in our hearts and lives as we encounter the grace, love and peace of Jesus Christ. Amen

SCRIPTURE READING

LAURA RUEHLE

1 Kings 3:5-12 (Pew Bible Page #306)

Matthew 13:31-33 (Pew Bible Page #14)

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

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM “Goodness of God”

ARR. BY JAMES KOERTS
HELEN THOMPSON - SOLOIST

DEACON’S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

HELEN THOMPSON

PASTORAL PRAYER

SERMON “Small Enough to Miss”

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.