

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 #295** “Go to the World!”

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “Fugue in A Major” **WILLIAM SELBY**
BELINDA VAIR


ANNOUNCEMENTS

- + Please stay after the service today and join us for a time of fellowship.
- + Thank you to the 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 worshipping together today!

MISSION OF THE MONTH Pastor’s Care Shelf **WALTER LANE**

PRELUDE “Tribute To America” **ARR. BY MARK HAYES**
BELINDA VAIR

CHORAL INTROIT

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

Leader: Friends, Christ has set us free.

People: Free from fear, free from shame, free from the chains that keep us from love.

Leader: God alone is Lord of the conscience, and God calls us to listen with humility.

People: We come to worship with open hearts, seeking wisdom, grace, and courage.

Leader: The Spirit gathers us—not so we can be right alone, but so we can be faithful together.

People: Teach us to love our neighbors as ourselves.

Leader: Come, let us worship the God who reconciles, restores, and sends us out to serve.

People: Let us worship God with joy. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN #361** “O Christ, The Great Foundation”

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL: Gracious God, forgive us when we fail to hear your call or respond to the needs of our neighbors.

Forgive us when we see discipleship as a burden rather than a gift. Open our hearts to your grace. Teach us to love you fully and to love our neighbors as ourselves.

Strengthen us by your Spirit to follow Jesus Christ, our hope and our trust.

In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.

Leader: Let’s take a quiet moment now to offer our own prayers to God.

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.

SPECIAL MUSIC “God Bless America”

BELINDA VAIR

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Leader: Eternal God, in your Word we read, “For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope.” As your Word is read and proclaimed, give us ears and hearts to hear that we might be encouraged and have hope as your children. In Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

CRAIG TALARICO

Leviticus 19:9-18 (Pew Bible Page #106)

Galatians 5:1, 13-15 (Pew Bible Page #190)

Leader: This is the word of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM “As Long As I Have Breath”

SUE FARRAR

SERMON “Freedom with a Purpose”

COMMUNION HYMN #434 “Restore in Us, O God”

THE LORD’S SUPPER (SERVED BY INTINCTION – PLEASE COME TO THE LORD’S TABLE)

Invitation to the Table

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Supper

Prayer of Blessing