

\*CLOSING HYMN #839 “Blessed Assurance”

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “Great Is The Lord”

arr. by PEGGY BETTCHER  
BELINDA VAIR

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- + Our **Mission of the Month** is the **Saturday Free Lunch Program**.
- + Please stay after the service today and join us for a time of worship and fellowship as we have a cookout.
- + We are still accepting donations for the **Glory To God Hymnals**. The cost is \$25.00.
- + **Bible Study** will be held on Thursday, June 18, 6:00–7:30 PM.
- + **Free Community Lunch** will be Saturday, June 27 11:00 – 1:00 PM.

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First Presbyterian Church of Johnstown, NY – YouTube link:



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

Our church website:

<https://www.johnstownpresbyterian.org>

Ken Killian, Pastor

Craig Talarico, Clerk of Session  
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Belinda Vair, Music Director  
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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!

PRELUDE “I Need Thee Every Hour”

arr. JAMES KOERTS  
BELINDA VAIR

CHORAL INTROIT

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

**Leader:** Come, people of God, and listen again for the promises of the Lord.

**People:** We come with hope, with questions, and with honest hearts.

**Leader:** God met Abraham and Sarah in the heat of the day, in the middle of ordinary life.

**People:** God still meets us here, in worship, in waiting, and in welcome.

**Leader:** When the promise seemed too late, God asked, “Is anything too wonderful for the Lord?”

**People:** We believe God is still creating, still calling, and still bringing life.

**Leader:** So let us open our hearts, our hands, and our lives to the God who is not finished with us yet.

**All:** Let us worship God with faith, hope, and holy joy. Amen.

**\*OPENING HYMN #20** “All Things Bright and Beautiful”

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**ALL:** Gracious God,  
we confess that we do not always trust your promises. When answers are delayed, we grow impatient. When hope feels risky, we protect ourselves with doubt. When your future seems impossible, we laugh like Sarah and forget that nothing is too wonderful for you.

Forgive us for closing our hearts, our hands, and our doors. Teach us to wait with faith, to welcome with love, and to trust that you are still working among us. Turn our doubt into testimony, and our weariness into joy.  
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:** Gracious God,  
as we hear your Word today, open our hearts to your promises. Meet us in our questions, our waiting, and even our doubt. Help us listen for the good news that you are still working, still creating, and still bringing life where hope has grown thin. By your Spirit, turn our hearts toward faith, our hands toward service, and our lives toward joyful trust in you.  
Amen.

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Genesis 18:1-15 (21:1-7)

Romans 5:1-8

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

**People:** Thanks be to God.

**ANTHEM** “We Have Come This Far By Faith” J.P. WILLIAMS/J. MARTIN  
BELINDA VAIR

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**SERMON** “When God Makes Us Laugh”

**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.**