

Anthem *Savior Come and Dwell in Me* Arr. By Don Besig/Nancy Price

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon “Night Moves” Pastor Ken

Communion Hymn “Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation” (Insert)

The Lord’s Supper

Invitation to the Table
Words of Institution
Sharing of the Supper
Prayer of Blessing

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** “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing (Insert)

***Charge and Benediction**

Choral Benediction

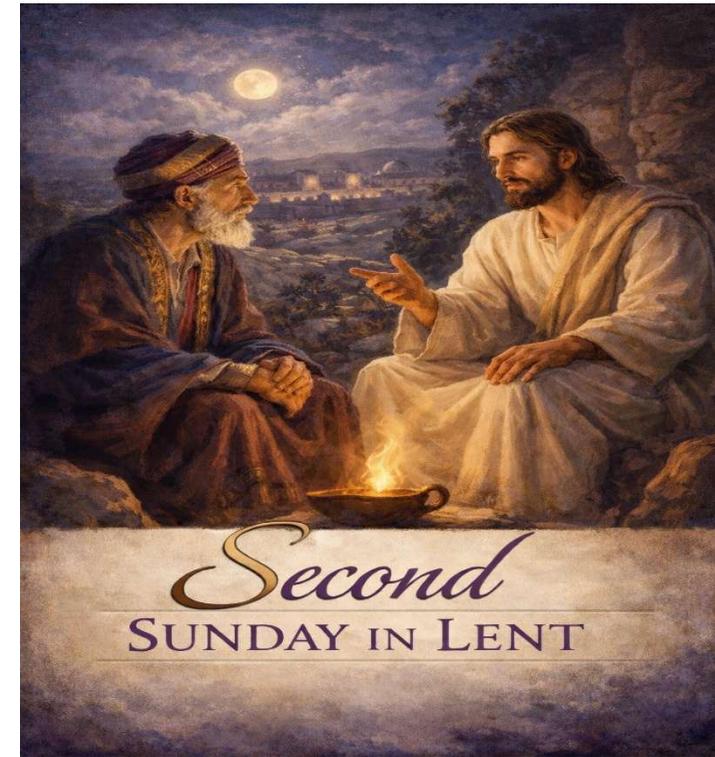
Postlude *Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah* Arr. By James Mansfield
Belinda Vair Accompanist/Choir Director

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March 1, 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 Ken Killian

Mission of the Month Haven of Hope

Jahn Gibson

Prelude *Adagio*

JS Bach
Belinda Vair Accompanist/Choir Director

Choral Introit

Call To Worship (John 3:1-17)

Pastor Ken

Leader: Even in the night, God meets us with mercy.

People: Even in our questions, God draws near.

Leader: Come, not because you have it all figured out—

People: But because God welcomes seekers.

Leader: Come, you who are weary, curious, hopeful, or unsure.

People: The Spirit is moving among us—making all things new.

Leader: In water and Spirit, God renews and restores.

People: In Christ, we are offered new life.

Leader: For God so loved the world—

People: That God gave Jesus, the light of the world.

Leader: Let us worship the God who meets us, loves us, and calls us into life.

All: We come to worship. Thanks be to God!

(PLEASE RISE IN BODY OR IN SPIRIT)

***Opening Hymn #372** “Lord, I want to Be a Christian”

Call to Confession (John 3:1-17)

Pastor Ken

Friends in Christ, the good news is not that we have everything together, but that God meets us in the dark—with truth, mercy, and love. Yet we often cling to what feels safe, resist being changed, and choose shadows over light. Trusting that God so loves the world—and loves us—let us come honestly before the One who does not condemn but heals and restores.

Let us confess our sin together.

Prayer of Confession

All: We confess that we are slow to trust your love. We cling to what we can control, and we resist the new life you offer. We hide parts of ourselves in the shadows — our fear, our pride, our bitterness, our wounds — instead of bringing them into your healing light.

Forgive us for the ways we judge, for the ways we grow weary of doing good,

and for the ways we turn away from those you love. Breathe your Spirit into us again. Wash us clean, remake our hearts, and lead us into the life of Christ — a life marked by truth, courage, and compassion.

In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

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

Assurance of Pardon (John 3:16-17)

Leader: Hear the good news: “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son... indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

Friends, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven—claimed by love, washed clean, and given new life.

All: Thanks be to God! 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.

Prayer for Illumination

Walt Lane

Leader: Holy God, You called Abram to leave what was familiar and step into your promise, and you met Nicodemus in the night with the gift of new life. Call us again as we open your Word. Loosen our grip on what keeps us stuck. Breathe your Spirit into our hearing, so these scriptures become more than ancient stories — but living truth for your people today. Give us courage to follow where you lead, humility to be changed, and trust to step into the light of Christ. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. **Amen.**

Scripture Reading

Walt Lane

Genesis 12:1-4a (Pew Bible Old Testament **Page #10**)

John 3:1-17(Pew Bible New Testament **Page #63-64**)

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

People: Thanks be to God.