

***Charge and Benediction**

Choral Benediction Kyrie Eleison (“Lord Have Mercy”)

Postlude



**BLESSINGS
ON YOUR
BIRTHDAY** *THANK YOU TO THE DEACON'S FOR THIS
MORNING'S COFFEE HOUR/BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION*



SHARON RITZMANN
SATURDAY APRIL 5TH 2PM
RECEPTION IN FELLOWSHIP HALL TO FOLLOW



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March 30, 2025

10:30am

WELCOME: WELCOME TO 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT WITH JOHNSTOWN FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. WELCOME TO ALL JOINING US HERE AND ON YOUTUBE. WE WANT TO REMIND YOU THAT YOU ALWAYS HAVE A PLACE HERE.

Thomas Ruehle

Mission of the Month

One Great Hour of Sharing

Prelude

Prelude in C Major

J.S. Bach

Belinda Vair/Accompanist-Choir Director

Choral Introit

Call To Worship

Walter Lane

Leader: Happy are those who are honest with God.

People: Happy are those whose sin is forgiven.

Leader: Therefore, let all who are faithful offer prayer to the Lord in times of distress.

People: For God is our refuge and protects us in times of trouble.

Leader: Be glad in the Lord and rejoice!

People: Let us shout for joy! Let us worship God!

(PLEASE RISE IN BODY OR IN SPIRIT)

***Opening Hymn #485** *TO GOD BE THE GLORY*

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Leader: If we keep silent, our sin will flourish, and we will groan all day long. Therefore, let all who are faithful acknowledge our sin and hide our transgression no more. In faith and with courage let us confess our sin to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Holy God, we confess that we keep silent when we should speak. We see iniquity and the injustices of the world, yet are content not to call them out. We withhold kind words, yet are quick to speak in judgment.

People: Forgive us, O God. Direct the way we should go and help us to use our voices to spread your grace and truth.

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

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.

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

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Happy are those whose sin is forgiven. Be glad and rejoice, for in Christ, we are a new creation.

People: Thanks be to God!

*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 of Illumination (unison)

O Lord, your Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Give us grace to receive your truth in faith and love, and strength to follow on the path you set before us; through Jesus Christ, Amen.

Scripture Readings

Psalms 84:5-9 (Pew Bible Page #543)

Hebrews 12:1-3 (Pew Bible Page #226)

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem *Lenten Meditation*

Jay Althouse

Deacon's Birthday Celebration

Helen Thompson

Sermon

The Rev. Dr. R.W. Williams

***Closing Hymn #101** *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*