

**ANTHEM** “Sing, Shout, Alleluia”

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**SERMON** “When the Church Sings”

Pastor Ken

**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 #840** “It Is Well With My Soul”

**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**CHORAL BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE** “At Length There Dawns the Glorious Day” James Mansfield  
Belinda Vair – Accompanist/Choir Director

**If you would like to purchase a Glory To God Hymnal and dedicate it to someone, please fill out the form which is located on the table in the back of the Sanctuary. The cost of the Hymnal is \$25.00.**

**Thank you to Session for providing us with this morning’s coffee hour.**

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**May 10, 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

**MISSION OF THE MONTH** Domestic Violence of Fulton County

**PRELUDE** “How Great Thou Art”

arr. by James Koerts

Belinda Vair – Accompanist/Choir Director

**CHORAL INTROIT**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** (PLEASE RISE)

**Leader:** Come, let us worship the Lord with gladness.

**People:** Let us come into God's presence with singing.

**Leader:** God has given the church a song in every season.

**People:** Songs of praise, songs of hope, songs of courage, and songs of grace.

**Leader:** With psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, let the word of Christ dwell richly among us.

**People:** With grateful hearts, we lift our voices to God.

**Leader:** Today we give thanks for those who help lead our song.

**People:** We give thanks for the ministry of music and for the voices that guide us in worship.

**Leader:** Let every breath become praise. Let every heart be opened to God's Spirit.

**All:** We worship the Lord with joy, for God is good and God's steadfast love endures forever.

**\*OPENING HYMN #69** "Here I Am Lord"

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

Pastor Ken

**Leader:** The God who calls us to sing with joy also invites us to come with honesty. In worship, we bring our praise, but we also bring the places where our voices have grown silent, our hearts have grown cold, and our lives have fallen out of tune with God's grace.

Trusting in the mercy of Jesus Christ, let us confess our sin together.

**CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**All:** Merciful God, You created us to praise you with our whole lives, yet too often our hearts are out of tune with your grace. We confess that our songs of worship do not always become lives of love. We sing of peace but hold on to resentment. We sing of trust but are guided by fear. We sing of welcome but keep others at a distance. We sing of your goodness but forget to live with gratitude. Forgive us, O God. Tune our hearts again to the melody of your mercy. Teach us to listen for your voice, to join the song of your people, and to live in harmony with Christ and one another.

**By your Spirit, make our lives a faithful offering of praise. Amen.**

**Leader:** Let us take a moment for our own personal confession to the God we worship.

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**Leader:** Hear the good news: The mercy of God is greater than our sin, and the grace of Christ is stronger than every note of discord within us. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, restored, and invited again into the song of God's love.

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**All:** Alleluia! 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**

**Leader:** Gracious God, you have given your people a song in every season: songs of praise and thanksgiving, songs of hope and courage, songs that carry your Word deep into our hearts. As we listen for your Word today, open our ears to hear your voice, open our minds to receive your truth, and open our hearts to be shaped by your grace. May the words of Scripture rise within us like a hymn of faith, teaching us, encouraging us, and drawing us closer to Christ. Speak to us now, O Lord, and help our lives become songs of worship, offered gladly to you. **Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Walt Lane

Psalms 100: 1-2 (Pew Bible Pg.#552)

2 Chronicles 5:13-14 (Pew Bible Pg.#391)

Colossians 3:16 (Pew Bible Pg.#201)

Ephesians 5:18-20 (Pew Bible Pg.#194)

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

**People:** Thanks be to God.