

ANTHEM “With Glory, Honor and Praise” D. Besig
Belinda Vair-Accompanist/Choir Director

PASTORAL PRAYER

SERMON “Many Voices, One Spirit” 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 #291** “Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness”

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “Voluntary in G” Henry Heron
Belinda Vair – Accompanist/Choir Director

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you to the Mission & Outreach Committee for providing us with this morning’s coffee hour.

Mary Sutton and Betsy Camarra have placed flowers in the sanctuary in loving memory of their parents and grandparents.

First Presbyterian Church of Johnstown, NY – YouTube link:



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



May 24, 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 worshipping together today!

Pastor Ken

MISSION OF THE MONTH Domestic Violence of Fulton County

PRELUDE “The Orange Fox Waits” Robin Spielberg
Belinda Vair – Accompanist/Choir Director

CHORAL INTROIT

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

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit, like wind and fire.

People: Breathe new life into us.

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit, and open our hearts.

People: Fill us with courage, hope, and love.

Leader: Your Spirit moved beyond the expected places, resting on Eldad and Medad.

People: Your Spirit still surprises us today.

Leader: At Pentecost, people heard the good news in their own languages.

People: Teach us to listen, welcome, and understand.

Leader: God pours out the Spirit on young and old, on dreamers and prophets, on all people.

People: We are never too ordinary or too tired to be used by God.

Leader: So let us open our lives to the Spirit's movement.

People: Come, Holy Spirit. Fill this place.

Leader: Let us worship the God who calls us, renews us, and sends us out in love.

All: Let us worship God.

***OPENING HYMN #280** "Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us"

CALL TO CONFESSION

Pastor Ken

Leader: The Spirit of God comes to us with grace and truth.

Before we can be sent out in love, we first come honestly before God, admitting the places where fear has closed our hearts, where comfort has kept us still, and where we have resisted the Spirit's movement. Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin together.

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Holy Spirit, you come to us with wind and fire, but we confess that we often prefer comfort and control. You call us to listen, but we are quick to speak and slow to understand. You send us toward our neighbors, but we sometimes stay behind safe walls. You pour your Spirit on all people, but we do not always welcome the gifts of those who are different from us.

Forgive us, O God. Open our hearts. Loosen our grip. Set us free from fear. Teach us to hear your voice in unexpected people and unexpected places. Come, Holy Spirit. Renew us, restore us, and send us out as people of courage, compassion, and love. 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 Spirit of God is not given because we are perfect. The Spirit is given because God is gracious. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, renewed, and set free. God's mercy is stronger than our fear, and God's love is wider than our failure. So breathe deeply, beloved people of God. The Holy Spirit is with us, Christ's peace is upon us, and we are forgiven.

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

Leader: Holy Spirit, come among us now. Open our ears to hear your Word. Open our hearts to receive your truth. Open our minds to understand what you are saying to your church today. Speak through these ancient words with fresh power and living grace. Teach us to listen. Teach us to trust. Teach us to follow where you lead. Come, Holy Spirit. Set your Word alive in us. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Mona Cole

Numbers 11:24-30 (Pew Bible Page #129)

Acts 2:1-21 (Pew Bible Page#119)

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

People: Thanks be to God.