***CLOSING HYMN #450** "Be Thou My Vision" (PLEASE RISE IN BODY OR SPIRIT)

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Fantasia" J. YEAGER
BELINDA VAIR

ANNOUNCEMENTS (PLEASE SEE THE UPDATED ANNOUNCEMENT SHEET)

+ Our **Mission of the Month** is for the **James A. Brennan Humane Society**.
+ The next **Free Community Meal** is **Saturday, November 7.**
+ We are hosting the **Interfaith Council Bible Study** on **Tuesday, November 10** at **6:00 PM.**
+ The next **Bible Study** is **Thursday, November 19.** We will study Luke 20-24.
+ The **Reverend David Bennett** will be leading the November 15 service.
+ Please stay after the service today and join us for a time of fellowship provided by the **Mission & Outreach Team**.

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WORSHIP SERVICE: 10:30 AM

NOVEMBER 8, 2026



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!

PRELUDE "Holy, Holy, Holy" ARR. BY JIM BRICKMAN
BELINDA VAIR

CHORAL INTROIT

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (PLEASE RISE IN BODY OR SPIRIT) BASED ON LUKE 10:38-42

Leader: We come together today with busy minds, full schedules, and plenty of things on our to-do lists.

People: But in this moment, we are invited to slow down and spend time with God.

Leader: Like Martha, we sometimes get distracted by all that needs to be done.

People: Help us set aside our worries and remember what truly matters.

Leader: Like Mary, we are called to pause, listen, and be present.

People: May we open our hearts and minds to God's wisdom, love, and grace.

Leader: God welcomes us just as we are, reminding us that sometimes the most important thing we can do is simply be still.

All: Let us set aside our distractions, open our hearts, and worship God together! Amen

***OPENING HYMN #664** "Morning Has Broken" (PLEASE RISE IN BODY OR SPIRIT)

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL: Loving God, we spend so much time searching for love, acceptance, and fulfillment that we sometimes forget to make room for you. We get caught up in our worries, busy schedules, and everyday distractions.

Help us slow down, quiet our minds, and recognize your presence in our lives. Open our hearts to your wisdom and remind us that true fulfillment comes through your love, grace, and our care for one another. 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 MONA COLE

Leader: Loving God, in a world filled with distractions and endless things to do, help us slow down and make room for your Word.

Quiet our minds, open our hearts, and remind us, as Jesus reminded Martha, of what truly matters. May your wisdom guide us, your presence comfort us, and your love inspire us to live with greater faith and purpose. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING MONA COLE

Psalm 27:4 (Pew Bible Page **#503)**
Luke 10:38-42 (Pew Bible Page **# 72**)

Leader: This is the word of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM "Shout To The Lord" D. ZSCHECH

SERMON "She Chose the Better Part"

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.