

POSTLUDE "Tocatta in d minor"

J.S. BACH
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- + Our **Mission of the Month** is for the distribution of **Thanksgiving Meals**.
- + We will be hosting a **Medicare Educational Seminar** sponsored by the INL Solutions Group, on **Friday, October 28 at 4:00 PM**.
- + Bible Study continues on **Thursday, October 29 at 1:00**. We will study the **Gospel of Luke** chapters 16 - 19.
- + **Free Community Lunch** will be **Saturday, October 31, 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM**.
- + We are co-hosting the **Family Fun Harvest Festival** with Fidelis Care on **Saturday, October 31 from 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM**. Please stop in to see the participating agencies and support the church!
- + We will be holding our **Annual Election Day Spaghetti Supper** on **November 3**. Please see Ron Chizek for tickets.
- + Thank you to the **Deacons** for providing us with today's meal.

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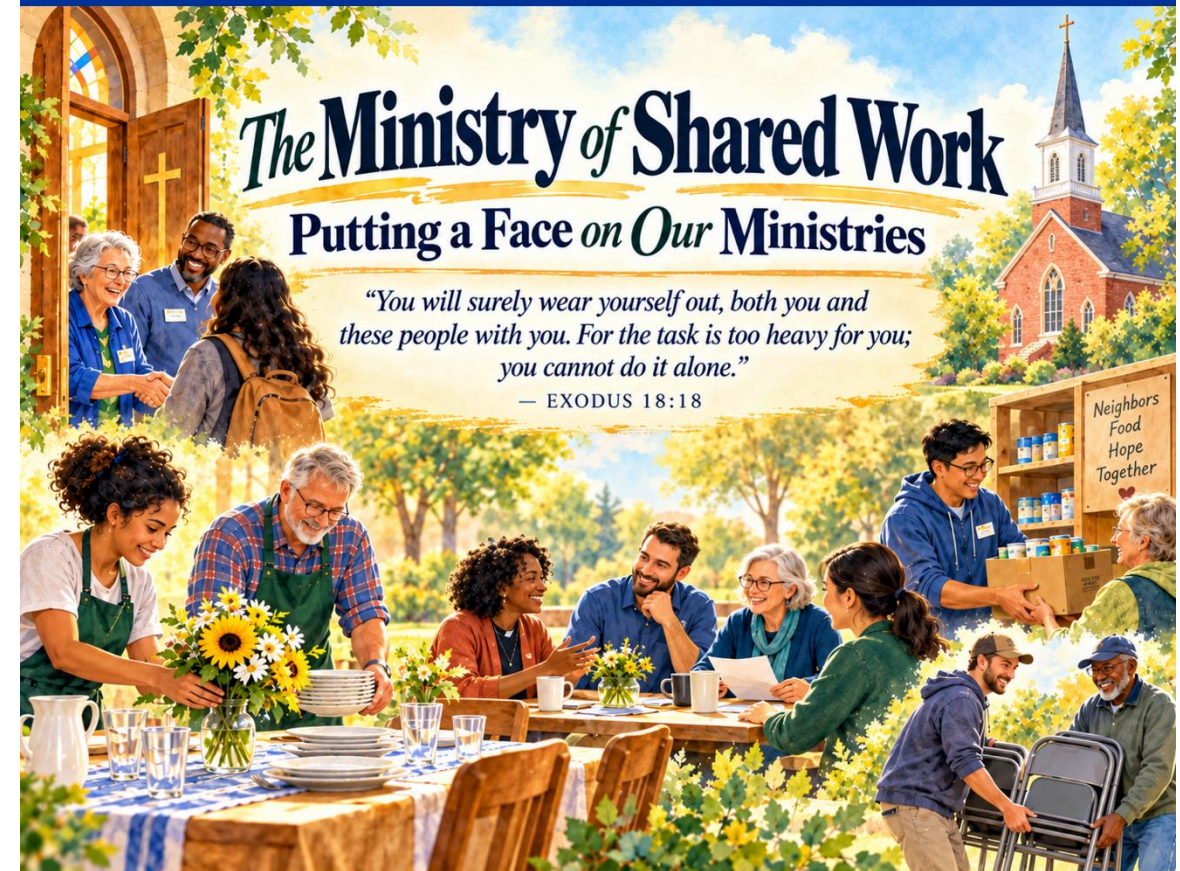
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WORSHIP SERVICE: 10:30 AM

OCTOBER 25, 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!

SERVING IN THE THRIFT STORE

MONA COLE

PRELUDE

"Deep River"

ARR. BY MARK HAYES
BELINDA VAIR

CHORAL INTROIT

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (PLEASE RISE IN BODY OR SPIRIT)

Leader: God has given each of us gifts to share.
People: We come ready to offer our time, our energy, and our hearts.

Leader: God calls us not only to believe, but to show up for one another.
People: We come ready to serve, to listen, and to care.

Leader: In ordinary acts of kindness and service, God’s grace becomes visible.
People: May our lives become instruments of that grace.

Leader: Come, let us worship the One who calls each of us into ministry.
All: Let us worship God with grateful hearts and willing hands. Amen

***OPENING HYMN** #761 “Called As Partners In Christ’s Service”

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL: Gracious God, you have given us time, energy, abilities, and opportunities to serve, yet we confess that we do not always use them well.

Too often we assume someone else will step forward, tell ourselves we are too busy, or overlook the quiet work that keeps ministry going. Forgive us when we hold back what we can share.

Renew our willingness to serve, open our eyes to where we are needed, and help us offer ourselves with joy, generosity, and love. 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

WALT LANE

Leader: Gracious God, open our hearts and minds to hear what you would say to us today. Quiet the distractions that compete for our attention and help us recognize the ways you are calling us to serve. Through your Word, remind us that even ordinary gifts of time, presence, and care can become instruments of your grace. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

WALT LANE

Exodus 18:13–26 (Pew Bible Page #65)
1 Peter 4:7–11 (Pew Bible Page #235)

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

ANTHEM “Gospel Song of Peace”

SALLY ALBRECHT

DEACON’S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

HELEN THOMPSON

PASTORAL PRAYER

SERMON “The Ministry of Shared Work”

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** #747 “The Lord Now Sends Us Forth”

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION