

ANTHEM “Living In the Light”

R.E. Schram

PASTORAL PRAYER

SERMON “So...What’s Next?”

Pastor Ken

COMMUNION HYMN #496 “Bread of Heaven, on Thee We Feed”

THE LORD’S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Supper

Prayer of Blessing

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 #375 “Shall We Gather at the River”

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “Ye Holy Angels Bright”

F. Ritter

Belinda Vair/Accompanist-Choir Director

First Presbyterian Church of Johnstown, NY – YouTube link:



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



April 12, 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 Haven of Hope

PRELUDE “Prelude in C Major”

J.S. Bach

Belinda Vair/Accompanist-Choir Director

CHORAL INTROIT

***CALL TO WORSHIP** *Please rise*

Pastor Ken

Leader: Christ is risen.

People: He is risen indeed.

Leader: Even after Easter Sunday has passed, the good news remains.

People: Jesus is alive, and his love is still at work among us.

Leader: Some of us come with confidence and joy.

People: Some of us come with questions and doubts.

Leader: Some of us are ready to go forward in faith.

People: Some of us are still searching for peace and understanding.

Leader: Yet Jesus comes and stands among his people, saying, "Peace be with you."

People: He meets us in our fear, our wondering, and our hope.

Leader: Like Thomas, we bring our questions.

People: Like the disciples, we long for courage and new life.

Leader: This is the day to trust that love is stronger than fear.

People: This is the day to live the good news we have received.

Leader: Come, let us worship the risen Christ.

All: We come to worship with faith, hope, and love.

(PLEASE RISE IN BODY OR IN SPIRIT)

***OPENING HYMN #254** "That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright"

CALL TO CONFESSION

Pastor Ken

Leader: Friends, the risen Christ still comes and stands among us, speaking peace. He comes not to push us away, but to draw us near. He meets us in our fear, our doubt, our hesitation, and all the ways we fall short of the love he calls us to live. So let us come before God with humble hearts. Let us bring the places where we have been slow to trust, slow to forgive, slow to love, and slow to follow. We do not come to God pretending we have it all together. We come trusting in God's mercy, confident that grace is greater than our sin. Let us confess our sin together before God.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL: Merciful God, We confess that even after Easter, we still live with fear, doubt, and hesitation. We want the hope of resurrection, but we struggle to trust it fully. We cling to what feels safe instead of stepping out in faith. We hold back love, withhold grace, and resist the new life you offer. Forgive us, renew us, and teach us to follow the risen Christ with courage and joy. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, hear the good news: The risen Christ comes to us not with judgment, but with peace. He meets us in our doubt, speaks to us in our fear, and calls us back to life with grace.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

In Jesus Christ, we are loved.

In Jesus Christ, we are made new. **All: Thanks be to God! Amen.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Leader: Living God, as we hear your Word today, open our minds and hearts to the presence of the risen Christ. Meet us in our questions, steady us in our doubts, and lead us into deeper faith. By your Spirit, help us not only to hear your truth, but to live it with courage, love, and joy. **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.

SCRIPTURE READING

Helen Thompson

Psalms 16 (Pew Bible Page #495)

John 20:19-31 (Pew Bible Page #115)

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

People: Thanks be to God.