

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 #261** “God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us”

***Charge and Benediction**

Choral Benediction

Postlude “Gavotte in B-flat”

M. Camidge

Belinda Vair Accompanist/Choir Director



Mardi Gras Potluck Luncheon After Worship In Fellowship Hall

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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 Doctors Without Borders

Prelude

“Waltz In A minor”

F. Chopin

Belinda Vair Accompanist/Choir Director

Choral Introit

Call to Worship (Transfiguration Sunday | Matthew 17:1–9; Psalm 99)

Leader: The Lord is king—let the peoples tremble.

People: God is great in Zion, exalted over all the nations.

Leader: On the mountain, Jesus' face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white.

People: We come to worship the One whose glory outshines our fear.

Leader: A bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice said, "This is my Son... listen to him."

People: Speak, Lord—your servants are listening.

Leader: Mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity.

People: Holy is the Lord our God!

Leader: Come, let us bow down in awe and lift up the Lord our God.

All: We will praise the Holy One—today and always. Amen

(PLEASE RISE IN BODY OR IN SPIRIT)

***Opening Hymn #280** "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound "

Call to Confession

Pastor Ken

Leader: On the mountain, the disciples caught a glimpse of Jesus' glory—and they fell down in fear. In the presence of the Holy One, we also see more clearly: our pride, our distractions, our resistance to listening, and our reluctance to be changed. Yet the God who is holy also comes near with mercy and invitation. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin together.

Corporate Prayer of Confession

All: Holy God, you are great and you are holy. We confess we often live as if you are not. We do not listen well to your Son. We let fear lead, not faith. We choose comfort over obedience, and we turn from justice and loving our neighbor. Gracious God, have mercy on us. Forgive us our sins, lift us up into your presence, and change us — so that we may follow Jesus from the mountain into our daily life.

In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

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

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Hear the good news: the Holy One who reigns in glory is also rich in mercy. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, lifted up, and made new.

So do not be afraid — because the Jesus who shines with glory also comes close with mercy. Receive God's grace today: you are forgiven, you are held, and you are being made new. And walk in the light of Christ — listening to him, choosing what is right, and carrying his peace into the world.

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: Gracious God, as we hear your Word, shine your light on us. Open our ears to truly listen to Jesus, open our minds to understand, and open our hearts to be changed. By your Holy Spirit, help us see your glory — and follow you into faithful living. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

Scripture Reading

Psalm 99 (Pew Bible Page #551)

Matthew 17:1-9 (Pew Bible Page# 18)

Walt Lane

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem "Peace Like a River"

Donald Moore

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon "Listen to Him"

Pastor Ken