

***CLOSING HYMN #435** “There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

BELINDA VAIR

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- + Our **Mission of the Month** is the **Pastor’s Care Shelf**.
- + **Free Community Lunch** will be Saturday, July 25 11:00 – 1:00 PM.
- + **Stitches & Giggles** is Wednesday evenings, 6:00 – 8:00 PM.
- + Please join us at the **Annual Ice Cream Social** on Monday, August 10!
- + We are hosting the **InterFaith Council Bible Study** on Tuesday, August 11, 6:30 – 8:00 PM. We are reading the book of Job.
- + Thank you to Mission & Outreach for providing us with this morning’s coffee hour.

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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!

PRELUDE “Adagio in d minor”

J.S. BACH
BELINDA VAIR

CHORAL INTROIT

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

Leader: Happy are those whose sins are forgiven,

People: whose burdens are lifted by the grace of God.

Leader: We come before God without pretending and without hiding,

People: trusting that God already knows us and still welcomes us.

Leader: We come as imperfect people, seeking healing and renewal,

People: ready to pray for one another and walk together in faith.

Leader: God calls us out of silence, isolation, and shame,

People: and leads us into honesty, community, and hope.

Leader: Let us worship the God who hears us, forgives us, and makes us whole.

All: Let us worship God with open hearts and joyful spirits. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN #749** “Come! Live in the Light!”

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL: Gracious God, we confess that we often hide what’s broken within us. We cover our mistakes, avoid difficult truths, and pretend that everything is fine.

We’ve sinned in what we’ve done and in what we’ve left undone. We’ve hurt others, neglected our neighbors, and allowed fear, pride, and selfishness to guide us.

Forgive us, Lord. Free us from shame, heal what is wounded, and help us walk in honesty, grace, and love.

In Jesus Christ, we pray. 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

Leader: Gracious God,

open our hearts to your Word and give us courage to hear the truth about ourselves without fear. By your Spirit, free us from hiding, teach us to trust your mercy, and lead us toward forgiveness, healing, and new life. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

HELEN THOMPSON

Psalms 32 (Pew Bible Page #506)

James 5:13-16 (Pew Bible Page #231)

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

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM “Follow Me to Jordan”

JAY ALTHOUSE

BELINDA VAIR

PASTORAL PRAYER

SERMON

“The Holy Art of Airing Dirty Laundry”

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.