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DECLARATION OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

Pastor Ken/ Craig Talarico

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 #525 “Here I am, Lord”**

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “Fugue in A Major” William Selby
Belinda Vair Accompanist/Choir Director

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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 One Great Hour of Sharing

PRELUDE “God Will Take Care of You” arr. by James Koerts
Belinda Vair Accompanist/Choir Director

CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP (Exodus 35:30–35; Ephesians 4:1–7, 11–13)

Leader: Come, people of God—called from many places into one body.

People: We come to worship the One who calls us by grace.

Leader: In this Lenten journey, God turns us again toward life.

People: We come to be renewed, forgiven, and formed in love.

Leader: The Holy Spirit gives gifts — wisdom, compassion, skill, and strength

People: Not for us alone, but for the building up of Christ’s church.

Leader: Christ gathers us in unity: one Lord, one faith, one baptism.

People: Make us humble, gentle, patient, and eager for peace.

Leader: Today we set apart servants—deacons and elders—

People: And we offer our own lives for the work of ministry.

Leader: Let us worship God,

All: Who calls, equips, and sends us—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

(PLEASE RISE IN BODY OR IN SPIRIT)

***OPENING HYMN #420** “God of Grace and God of Glory”

CALL TO CONFESSION

Pastor Ken

Leader: Friends, in Lent God invites us to return—to come home to the One who formed us, calls us, and equips us. Yet we know how easily we drift: we cling to our own way, neglect the gifts we’ve been given, and forget the unity Christ intends for the church. Still, the Lord does not turn us away. God meets us with mercy, restores what is weary, and renews our calling in love. So, trusting in God’s grace, let us turn back to the Lord and confess our sin. Let us pray.

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Merciful and loving God, you have called us to be your people and claimed us for the service of Jesus Christ. We confess that we have not lived up to our calling to proclaim the good news in word and deed. We are quick to speak when we ought to listen and remain silent when it is time to speak. We put too much faith in our own actions and fail to trust the strength of your Spirit. O God, forgive our foolish and sinful ways. Strengthen us anew to follow Christ’s way in the world. By your Holy Spirit, give us the grace we need to be faithful disciples and fulfill our common calling; through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Amen.

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (*Exodus 35:30–35; Ephesians 4:1–7, 11–13*)

Leader: Hear the good news: In Jesus Christ, grace is not scarce — “each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ’s gift.” Christ does not abandon the church; Christ equips the saints and builds up the body in love. So, believe this promise: God forgives you, renews you, and fills you with the Spirit for the work of ministry. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

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 open your Word, send your Holy Spirit among us. Give us understanding, wisdom, and courage — that we may hear your call, recognize the gifts you have placed within your people, and be shaped into one body for the work of ministry. In this Lenten season, turn our hearts toward Christ, so that what we learn becomes what we live — for the building up of your church and the blessing of your world. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Helen Thompson

Exodus 35:30-35

Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13

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

People: Thanks be to God.

REFLECTION

“Called, Gifted and Sent”

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE

1 Cor. 12: 4–7, 27

Pastor Ken Killian

Leader: There are varieties of gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

People: There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord who is served.

Leader: God works through each person in a unique way, but it is God’s purpose that is accomplished.

People: To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good. Together we are the body of Christ, and individually members of it. Amen.