

Anthem “With Glory, Honor, and Praise”

Don Besig & Nancy Price

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon

Rev. R.W. Williams

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

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** #338 “Kum ba Yah”

***Charge and Benediction**

Choral Benediction

Postlude “Voluntary in D”

John Bennett
Belinda Vair Accompanist/Choir Director

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10:30am

WELCOME: TO JOHNSTOWN FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. WELCOME TO ALL JOINING US HERE AND ON YOUTUBE. PLEASE REMEMBER TO SHARE THE SERVICE WITH FRIENDS AND FAMILY. WE WANT TO REMIND YOU THAT YOU ALWAYS HAVE A PLACE HERE.

LAURA RUEHLE

Mission of the Month Food Pantry

Prelude “Early Snowfall”

arr. by Jim Brickman
Belinda Vair Accompanist/Choir Director

Choral Introit

Call To Worship

Laura Ruehle

Leader: I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating.

People: O sing to the Lord a new song, for God has done marvelous things. God has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness.

Leader: I will rejoice and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard.

People: O sing to the Lord a new song, for God has done marvelous things. God has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness.

Leader: No more shall there be an infant that lives but a few days or an old person who does not live out a lifetime.

People: O sing to the Lord a new song, for God has done marvelous things. God has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness.

Leader: They shall not labor in vain or bear children for calamity; for they and their descendants shall be offspring blessed by the Lord. Before they call I will answer; while they are yet speaking, I will hear.

All: O sing to the Lord a new song, for God has done marvelous things. God has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness.

(PLEASE RISE IN BODY OR IN SPIRIT)

***Opening Hymn #144** “Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!”

Call to Confession

Laura Ruehle

Friends, the psalmist wrote, “Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity; I said, ‘I will confess my transgressions to the Lord, and you forgave the guilt of my sin.’” Let us not hide our sins from God, but confess before God and one another, assured of God’s gracious forgiveness in Jesus Christ.

Prayer of Confession

Gracious and loving God, we confess that we are troubled by the events of our lives and the state of this world. Headlines are full of wars, insurrections,

suffering, earthquakes, famines, and death. These things are enough to shake our faith and undermine our confidence in your promise. Lord, we believe; help our unbelief. Deliver us from speculation that distracts us from faithful living and loving service. Forgive us when we doubt your promises. Help us to endure that we may gain our souls, always bearing witness to your love and grace in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is God’s steadfast love toward those who fear him. As far as the east is from the west, so far God removes our transgressions from us. Hear and believe the good news: In Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God!

***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

Helen Thompson

Almighty God, Jesus said, “Blessed are those who hear the word of God and obey it!” Open our hearts and minds to the reading and hearing of your holy Word today, that we may be doers of the Word, and not hearers only. We pray in the name of Jesus, the Word made flesh. **Amen.**

Scripture Reading

Helen Thompson

Psalm 119: 17–23 (Pew Bible Page #565)

Luke 8: 5-15 (Pew bible Page #67)

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

People: Thanks be to God.