

Pastoral Prayer
Sermon

The Rev. R.W. Williams

***Closing Hymn** *In the Garden* (see insert)

***Charge and Benediction**

Choral Benediction

Postlude *Trumpet Tune in D*

David Lasky

Belinda Vair-Accompanist/Choir Director

*Thank you to Session for providing
us with this morning's coffee hour/fellowship time*

*If you did not receive a Stewardship Letter & Pledge Card and you
would like one, there are copies on the table in the back of the
Sanctuary.*



*Connie Chamberlain has placed flowers in the Sanctuary honoring
"International Day of Peace"
Let us all promote peace in the world.*

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September 21, 2025

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 James A. Brennan Memorial Humane Society

Prelude *Adagio*

J.S. Bach

Belinda Vair/Accompanist-Choir Director

Choral Introit

Call To Worship

Laura Ruehle

Leader: Remember, O people, the needs of the poor and the suffering of the downtrodden and hold to account all who are in high positions,

People: for God our Savior desires everyone to know the truth that they are loved.

Leader: God will raise the poor from the dust and make them sit with princes.

People: So let us offer supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings for everyone,

Leader: for the Lord is high above all nations, yet nothing is below God's notice.

People: There is one God; and in Christ Jesus one mediator between God and human kind, who gave himself a ransom for all. Praise the Lord!

(PLEASE RISE IN BODY OR IN SPIRIT)

***Opening Hymn** *They'll Know We Are Christians* (see insert)

Call to Confession

Jesus Christ gave himself as a ransom for all who fall short of the goodness of God. Trusting in God's mercy, let us turn to God and make our confession.

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Holy God, we confess that we are too concerned with our own peace.

We seek the comfort of silence and ignore the cries of the oppressed. We are inwardly focused, missing your call to serve the world in justice and love.

People: Forgive us, O God. Equip us to fulfill your will for a world in which all know dignity and all are treated with equity, as your beloved children. The old lamps are dim; bring new light into the darkness. Make your dwelling place deep in our hearts, and teach us wisdom, so the hearts you transform may rejoice.

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

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: God our Judge is also our Savior. The good news is sure:

People: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*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: Faithful God, how blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness. Sanctify us by Your Word and Spirit so that we may glorify You in the company of the faithful; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Scripture Reading

Helen Thompson

Psalms 143:1-6 (Pew Bible Page #579)

Romans 5:12-19 (Pew Bible Page #156)

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem *Goodness of God*

Helen Thompson -Soloist
arr. by James Koerts

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

The Rev. Dr. RW Williams

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

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.