***CLOSING HYMN #186** "Come Now, You Blessed, Eat at My Table"

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Nachspiel"…… ANTON BRUCKNER
BELINDA VAIR

MONA COLE HAS PLACED BEAUTIFUL FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY IN LOVING MEMORY OF HER DAUGHTER GINGER.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (PLEASE SEE THE UPDATED ANNOUNCEMENT SHEET)

+ Our **Mission of the Month** is for the **James A. Brennan Humane Society**.
+ The **Free Community Meal with Santa** is **Saturday, November 28.**
+ We are hosting the **Interfaith Worship Service** on **Tuesday, November 24** at **7:00 PM.**
+ Please stay after the service today and join us for a time of fellowship provided by the **Building & Grounds Committee.**

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WORSHIP SERVICE: 10:30 AM

NOVEMBER 22, 2026



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!

PRELUDE "Mountain Air"…….. JASON TONOILI
BELINDA VAIR

CHORAL INTROIT

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (PLEASE RISE IN BODY OR SPIRIT) BASED ON LUKE 10:38-42

Leader: We gather today to worship Christ, our King, who calls us to live with compassion and love.

People: We come with open hearts, ready to hear God's Word.

Leader: Christ meets us in unexpected places and through the people we encounter each day.

People: May we recognize God's presence in those around us.

Leader: When someone is hungry, lonely, struggling, or in need of a friend, Christ calls us to respond.

People: May our faith be seen in our kindness, our generosity, and our willingness to make room for others.

Leader: Come, let us worship the God who welcomes us all and invites us to do the same.

All: With grateful hearts and open hands, let us worship God! **Amen**

***OPENING HYMN #2** "Come, Thou Almighty King" (PLEASE RISE IN BODY OR SPIRIT)

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL: Gracious and Loving God, You call us to love our neighbors, welcome strangers, and care for those in need. Yet too often, we become distracted by our own lives and overlook the needs of others.

Forgive us when we fail to show compassion or make room for those around us.

Open our eyes to recognize Christ in others, our hearts to respond with kindness, and our hands to serve with love. In Jesus' name, 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 WALT LANE

Leader: Gracious God,

As we hear your Word today, open our hearts and minds to its message. Help us look beyond the words on the page and see how you are calling us to live.

Open our eyes to recognize Christ in others, and inspire us to respond with compassion, kindness, and love. In Jesus' name, we pray. **Amen**.

SCRIPTURE READING WALT LANE

Isaiah 58:6-10 (Pew Bible Page **#688**)
Matthew 25:31-46 (Pew Bible Page **#29**)

Leader: This is the word of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM "Amazing Grace My Chains Are Gone" ARR. BY TOM FETTKE

SERMON "A Seat For The King"

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.