

God's
Love
Never
Fails



Bethany Presbyterian Church, Johnstown, PA
MORNING WORSHIP
December 29th, 2019 1st Sunday after Christmas

CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: All creation, all people: praise the Lord!

P: stars shooting across the sky, sing glad songs to our God!

L: Snow clouds approaching, birds sitting on a branch:
praise the Lord!

P: Sleeping cats and barking dogs, sing new choruses of praise!

L: Rich and poor, leaders and followers: praise the Lord!

P: Old and young, families and singles, we will lift our joy to our God!

***INTROIT**

"Joy to the World !" 1st verse #125

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

"Joy to the World !" verses 2, 3 and 4 #125

CALL TO RECONCILIATION**

L: We know all that God has done for us, as well as all we could have done for others. Let us confess to God our failures and foibles, as we pray together, saying,

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION*

ALL: We could proclaim your name, God of this holy season, but we spend too much time talking about celebrities. We could tell others about all your gracious deeds, but are comparing notes about the exploits of our favorite athletes. We could let your Word guide our lives, but instead we do what the politicians think is best.

Why? Because we forget who we are called to be. But you remember, Faithful God. You remember that we

put our trust in others, not you; you remember how we chase after idols, not follow you; you remember to save us in our distress, which is why you sent Jesus to us, our Lord, our Savior.

***SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON*

L: In the silence, in the dreams, in the wonder, in the words, God comes to save us and have mercy on us.

P: It is fitting that we offer our thanks and praise to the One who forgives us. Thanks be to God! Amen.

L: Friends, Believe the Good News

ALL: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen

***GLORIA PATRI**

#623

CHURCH NEWS

***THE PASSING OF THE PEACE**

(Please greet your neighbor by saying, "The Peace of Christ be With You.")

REDEDICATION OF SELF AND SUBSTANCE

Offertory

***Doxology**

#625

Prayer of Dedication*

As we offer our gifts to you, Holy One, may they join all creation in blessing and serving your people. Called to be your people, may we notice those who are forgotten and offer our lives and hearts to them. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

LESSONS FROM THE SCRIPTURES

First Lesson Isaiah 63:7-9 p.642

Second Lesson Hebrews 2:10-18 p.1044

Gospel Lesson Matthew 2:13-23 p.836

MESSAGE

Denise Ann Todero, CP

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Apostles' Creed

HYMN "Angels, from the Realms of Glory" #131

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

L: Hear our prayers, O Lord. **P: And let our cry come unto Thee.**

L: Let us bless the Lord! **P: Thanks be to God.**

PASTORAL PRAYER and the LORD'S PRAYER

***HYMN "Go, Tell It on the Mountain" #138**

BENEDICTION/SENDING*

L: Praising God is not enough.

P: And so we will go to offer practical help to our sisters and brothers.

L: Joyful noises do not feed those around us.

P: And so we will go with Jesus to the food pantries and shelters, to care for those forgotten by our society.

L: Songs of thanksgiving do not replace service.

P: And so we will go to share the peace of the Spirit with a broken, yet hopeful world.

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

"I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day" #152

**Those who are able please stand.*

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ORGANISTS: John Griffin and Elaine Bilger

COMMISSIONED PASTOR: Denise Ann Todero

WORSHIP LEADER: Tina Varner

Offering: 12/22
Attendance: 43
Local 509.80
Benev. 35.30
Improv. 29.90
Total 575.00

Sunday December 29th
Morning Worship 10:30
a.m.

Sunday January 5th
Morning Worship 10:30
a.m.

We Wish Everyone a very safe and Happy New Year.

2020 Lay Leader sign ups are now being accepted. If you are interested in volunteering, please sign up on the back bulletin board. Take a month for yourself or share with someone else. See Pastor Denise for more information.

Flower and Bulletin Sponsorships are now available for 2020. The cost of flowers is tentatively set for \$24 per week and the cost to sponsor the bulletin for a week is \$10 (\$6 if sponsoring the flowers in the same week. If you are interested, please sign up on the back bulletin board.

Offering Envelopes are available on the back table. Be sure to pick yours up today.



Concerns: Keep the following people in your prayers...	
Don Bennett	The Holbay Family
Michael Robert Rose III	Elizabeth Kern
Phyllis Pfuhl	Rachael Wilks
Harry & Lillian Thiel	Logan Weaver
Lois Henry	Richard Kibsey
Andy Serafin	Gwen Hartnett
Elaine Bilger	Beth Runkle
Kathy & Robert Wilks	Marie Hudson
Rev. Dr. Brenda & Don Barnes	Linda Hayes
Pastor John Hickman	Leslie Clemenson
John Manges	Don Margroum
Denny Hammers	All Shut- Ins
Rodney Varner	All in Nursing Homes
Dawna Sheets	All First Responders
Maryann Ackman	All Service Men & Women
David Varner	

To Place Announcements Or Concerns List Names in the bulletin contact Ed Sheets at 539-3495 or email at esheets91@hotmail.com or contact Pastor Denise at 479-2382 or email her at datodero@atlanticbb.net.

Please do not leave them on the church answering machine.

In Case of Emergency, please call Pastor Denise at 479-2382 or cell 248-8174. Do not depend on the hospital contacting the church or the pastor.