

Bethany Presbyterian, Johnstown, PA
MORNING WORSHIP September 22nd, 2024
Proper 20

CALL TO WORSHIP **

L: Our world offers many wide avenues and beautiful boulevards to walk;

P: Our God invites us to walk the road of service and sacrifice.

L: Our society suggests we put down our roots in the shallow soil of pleasure and greed.

P: Our God seeks to plant us on the banks of hope, watered by the rivers of joy and grace.

L: Our culture promotes achievement, success, climbing to the top, ringing the bell.

P: Our God tells us if we want to be first we need to go to the end of the line.

HYMN "I Sing the Mighty Power of God" #59

CALL TO RECONCILIATION**

While we try to live in God's way, we know how often we follow the wrong advice, or walk down sin's shadowed streets. Yet, God watches over us and calls us to confess, so we might be welcomed into the embracing arms of mercy and healing. Let us pray as we say,

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

We confess how much we are like those first disciples of Jesus, Wisdom from on high. Our cravings for more and more toss us about like leaves in the fall winds. We boast of our great wisdom, yet do not understand your ways of peace and gentleness. We do not plant ourselves in your hope and grace, and so reap harvests of disorder and conflict.

Draw near to us, Gracious God, and forgive us. Draw us into your tender arms, and teach us peace, gentleness, the willingness to put the other first, the wisdom to serve instead of seize, so we might bring forth a harvest of righteousness, justice, and peace in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

***SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON*

L: This is the wisdom from above: God plants in us the forgiveness and healing we need, so we might share the good harvest of joy and mercy with everyone we meet.

P: Bathed in the living waters, fed by the Bread of life, we are given new life and hope.

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 with a virtual hug or handshake or wave saying "The peace of Christ be with you")

REDEDICATION OF SELF AND SUBSTANCE

Offertory

Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

#625

LESSONS FROM THE SCRIPTURES

Old Testament Proverbs 31:10-31 p.572

New Testament **James 3:13-4:3,7-8a** **p.1055**

Gospel **Mark 9:30-37** **p.877**

Message Tammy Noss

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH –The Apostles' Creed

HYMN "Fairest Lord Jesus" #88

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

BENEDICTION/SENDING**

L: Let us go to walk the road of service.

P: We will feed others with God's hope.

L: Let us go to break down the walls of resentment.

P: We will join the Servant of the world in embracing the refugees of despair and fear.

L: Let us go to teach kindness in our world.

P: We will gather up our sisters and brothers, and rest in the Spirit's peaceful lap.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE "God Be With You"

God be with you till we meet again;
By His counsels guide, uphold you,
With His sheep securely fold you;
God be with you till we meet again

God be with you till we meet again;
'Neath His wings protecting hide you,
Daily manna still provide you;
God be with you till we meet again.

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ORGANISTS: John Griffin and Elaine Bilger

GUEST SPEAKER: Tammy Noss

WORSHIP LEADER: Tomi Nosko

Christianity for the first time made charity a rudimentary virtue....It effected a complete revolution in this sphere, by regarding the poor as the special representatives of the Christian Founder and thus making the love of Christ rather than the love of man the principle of charity.
W.E.H. Lecky



"Whoever receives one child such as this receives me"

(Mark 9:37)

Offering: 09/15
Attendance: 28
Local 310.30
Benev. 21.50
Improv. 18.20
Total 350.00

Sunday September 22nd
 Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.

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



This Morning we welcome Tammy Noss as our guest speaker for Morning Worship.

Thank You to everyone who donated water for the Johnstown Fire Dept. and West End Ambulance Service.

The Redstone Presbyterian Women will hold their Fall Gathering on Saturday November 2nd at Poke Run Presbyterian Church in Apollo, PA. More information can be found on the flyer by the Blaine St. Door.

The West End Food Pantry is still in need of staples to keep their shelves stocked as we enter the fall months. Non-perishable food donations can be placed in the bins by the main entrance. Monetary donations can be placed in the offering plate. Thank you for your support.

Sign Ups For 2024 Lay Leaders and Flower/Bulletin Sponsorships are still being accepted. If you are interested, please see the back bulletin board for more information. You can also order flowers/bulletins on the church website.

Concerns: Keep the following people in your prayers...	
Lois Henry	Nancy Thomas
Dawna Sheets	Dave & Karen Vivis
Jeanne Lehman	Joshua Holbay Family
Marie Whorl	Dominic Serratore
Bev Holbay	Loretta Davidson
Mark Todero	Irene Barefoot Bischof
Carl Newfield	Rodney Gramling
Beverly Rager	Bob Kinsey
Mikey Ferante	Randy Maurer
Jill Sheets	Edward Spinda
Betty Clemenson	Jim & Iva Jean
Frank Cassat	Dan Saylor
JR Bilger	All Shut- Ins
Linda Hayes	All in Nursing Homes
Missy DiPlacido	All First Responders
Randy Browning	All Service Men & Women
Jim Kuntz	All Healthcare Professionals

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