



Bethany Presbyterian Church, Johnstown, PA
MORNING WORSHIP
February 18th, 2018 1st Sunday in Lent

Lenten Candle Lighting Liturgy: Water

CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: We come, so God might open our eyes,

**P: that we may discover the wonders surrounding us;
that we may embrace the joy deep within us.**

L: We gather, so Christ might widen our hearts,

**P: that we may hear the sounds of brokenness around us;
that we may sing the melodies of hope.**

L: We are here, so the Spirit might teach us the ways of humility,

**P: that we may walk that street named Enduring Love;
that we may wait at the corner called Faithfulness.**

***HYMN "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"**

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CALL TO RECONCILIATION*

God takes broken promises and turns them into vows of faithfulness. God takes our biggest failings and shapes lives of service. God listens to our prayers of confession and changes them into songs of mercy. Let us come to the One who pours forgiveness into our lives, praying,

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION*

We admit we are hesitant to walk to Jerusalem and beyond with you, God of Glory. In a world where we worry about tomorrow before enjoying today, we race by your moments of silence, of learning. In that flood of worries, which can overwhelm us, we may miss that assurance that you have not cut us off from your grace. In the deserts of our desires, we may ignore that feast of hope, of joy, of life you offer to us.

Forgive us and have mercy on us, Gentle Guardian of our souls. In humility, may we offer our lives to others. In love, may we share your grace with everyone we meet. In hope,

may we wait for you all our days, as you come to us in the life and joy of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

***SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON*

L: In this place we find God's word, God's way, God's love, God's forgiveness. What more do we need to sustain us as we continue as pilgrims along the Way?

**P: In every wilderness, on every road;
in every moment, in every life;
in every journey, in every heart,
we receive the daily bread we need - God's hope, God's mercy,
God's joy.**

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*

Not tomorrow, but today we are offered the chance to become a part of your healing work, of bringing peace to a broken world, of feeding the hungry, and welcoming the excluded. Today, not tomorrow, we offer our gifts as well as our lives to this ministry of blessing and hope. Amen.

LESSONS FROM THE SCRIPTURES

Old Testament Lesson Genesis 9:8-17 p.7

New Testament Lesson 1 Peter 3:18-22 p.1060

Gospel Lesson Mark 1:9-15 p.867

MESSAGE

Denise Todero, CRE

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – The Apostle’s Creed**

***HYMN “It Is Well With My Soul” #493**

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 “Take Time To Be Holy” #441**

BENEDICTION*

L: Let us go now, as God's people.

**P: May God open our eyes to the wonders of creation
and the joy we can offer to those we meet.**

L: Let us go now, as followers of Jesus.

**P: May he open our ears to the cries of the broken,
to the words of hope which others offer to us.**

L: Let us go now, as those filled with the Spirit.

**P: May we follow the Spirit down Enduring Love Street;
may we embrace our sisters and brothers at Faithfulness Corner.**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE “May The Lord”**

****Those who are able please stand.***

***** Rev. Thom Shuman ©***

Lenten Candle Lighting Liturgy- Rev. Mindi

ORGANISTS: Mr. John Griffin and Mrs. Elaine Bilger

COMMISSIONED RULING ELDER: Denise Ann Todero

WORSHIP LEADER: Brenda Molnar

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He that is busy is tempted by but one devil; he that is idle, by a
legion.....Thomas Fuller

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Offering: 02/11
Attendance: 21

Sunday February 18th
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.

Local	760.70
Benev.	52.70
Improv.	44.60
Roof	<u>50.00</u>
Total	908.00

Sunday February 25th
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Coffee Hour After Worship

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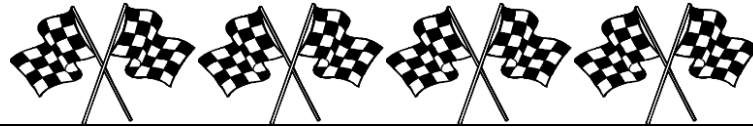
Coffee Hour will be held next Sunday after worship.

Lenten Luncheons will begin this Wednesday (February 21st), with the first one being held here at Bethany. For more information, including the full schedule of luncheons/locations, see the flyer in your bulletin.

Weekly flowers and bulletin sponsorships are still available for Sundays in 2018. For more information, or to sign up, see the back bulletin board or contact Ed Sheets.

Sign Ups for 2018 Lay Leaders, Coffee Hours, and Communion Setup are still being accepted. If you are interested in volunteering, please sign up on the back bulletin board.

Suggested 2018 Per Capita is \$25 per person. These funds help support the mission and work of our Presbytery. Feel free to provide additional funds if you are able.



Concerns: Keep the following people in your prayers...	
Don Bennett	Bill & Patty Gramling
Michael Robert Rose III	Bill Kegg
Darlene Rager	Justin Korenoski
Phyllis Pfuhl	Kathy & Robert Wilks
Harry & Lillian Thiel	Larry & Bev Holbay
Lois Henry	George Hockenberry
Katherine Minahan	Lilyana Newfield
Jack Forsha	Sharon Weaver
Olivia & Patrick Bragdon	Elizabeth Kern
Dick Dunkle	John & Cindy Griffin
Lenore Runkle	Rose Marie Oravetz
Andy Serafin	Charles Molnar
Betty Clemenson	Rachael Wilks
Diann Makin	Logan Weaver
Bill Shroyer	Jane Barefoot Volscko
John Morgan	A Friend
Joshua Holbay	Gary Bellack
Nancy Dimitt	Cathy Zakucia
Joyce Horn	Sally McGrath
Larry Lloyd	All Shut- Ins
Marilyn Mack	All in Nursing Homes
Dave Matten	All Service Men & Women

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.

West End Clergy Association 2018 Lenten Lunches
Noon - 1:00pm – Wednesdays during Lent
Theme: I Am Crucified With Christ

****A free will donation will be accepted to offset the cost of lunch.****

February 21st

Location: Bethany Presbyterian Church
228 Blaine Street, Johnstown, PA 15906
Message: I Am Crucified With Christ
Pastor Denise Todero

February 28th

Location: Pleasant Hill Church of the Brethren
856 Benshoff Hill Road, Johnstown, PA 15906
Message: The Old Self Was Crucified
Pastor Rob Wolf

March 7th

Location: Cambria City Mission
906 Broad Street, Johnstown, PA 15906
Message: Knowing Christ
Pastor Randy Knupp

March 14th

Location: St. Paul's Lutheran
1348 Virginia Avenue, Johnstown, PA 15906
Message: Take Up Your Cross Daily
Pastor Susan Mentzer

March 21st

Location: Calvary United Methodist Church
159 Chandler Avenue, Johnstown, PA 15906
Message: Jesus Came To Serve
Pastor Matt Williams

Community Good Friday Service
Noon – 3:00pm Friday, March 30th, 2018
Calvary United Methodist Church
159 Chandler Avenue, Johnstown, PA 15906
Theme: Were You There?