



Bethany Presbyterian Church
Morning Worship
Sunday November 10, 2019

Bethany Presbyterian Church, Johnstown, PA
November 10th, 2019 32nd Sunday In Ordinary Time
******Hymns today are from "The Hymnal"******

CALL TO WORSHIP (*The Book of Worship for United States Forces*)

L: Let us give thanks to God for the land of our birth with all its chartered liberties. For all the wonder of our country's story:

P: We give you thanks, o God.

L: For leaders in nation and state, and for those who in days past and in these present times have labored for the commonwealth:

P: We give you thanks, o God.

L: For those who in all times and places have been true and brave, and in the world's common ways have lived upright lives and ministered to their fellows:

P: We give you thanks, o God.

L: For those who served their country in its hour of need, and especially for those who gave even their lives in that service:

P: We give you thanks, o God.

L: O almighty God and most merciful Father, as we remember these your servants, remembering with gratitude their courage and strength, we hold before you those who mourn them. Look upon your bereaved servants with your mercy. As this day brings them memories of those they have lost awhile, may it also bring your consolation and the assurance that their loved ones are alive now and forever in your living presence.

*** HYMN "My Country, 'Tis of Thee" #571**

CALL TO RECONCILIATION *

L: We often think God is 'out there' somewhere, distant and uncaring. But God hears our hearts, God shares our struggles, God walks with us as we try to be faithful disciples. Let us come to the One who is as close as the very breath we take in this moment to confess the brokenness of our lives. Please join me as we pray,

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION*

ALL: We are so easily confused by what the world tells us, Watching God, that we forget the stories of faith we heard as children. We are so fearful of tomorrow, we are not aware of your Spirit with us today. We are so busy wondering 'what if?' or 'suppose?' - we cannot hear the promises you whisper to us.

So once again, Gracious God, have mercy on us. You know our hearts so well - touch them with your grace. You see our deepest fears - heal them with your peace. You hear our secret longings - speak to them of your hope. This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

***SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON*

L: The One who searches our broken hearts has found the way to mend them and make us new people. The good news is that everything God has done in Christ is for us, that we might be made whole.

P: With kindness and with justice, God makes us new people. We will sing our thanks through all eternity. Great is God and greatly to be praised!

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**

LESSONS FROM THE SCRIPTURES

Old Testament Haggai 1:15b-2:9 p.818

New Testament 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5,13-17 p.1033

Gospel Luke 20:27-38 p.914

MESSAGE

Denise Ann Todero, CP

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH -The Apostles' Creed**

***HYMN**

"America, the Beautiful"

#572

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.**

PRAYERS OF REMEMBRANCE AND INTERCESSION

L: Father, we remember the deeds of courage and the sacrifices that were made on our behalf by the men and women of our nation during the great wars of our century.

P: I remember, O Lord, how different it was for them and I pray that I may prove worthy of their offering.

L: Help us, Lord, be a people who perform our vows and keep our promises. Help us to do justice, to resist evil, and to love our neighbors as ourselves.

P: Lord, hear our prayer

L: Compassionate and most merciful God, move us so that we do not pass by the suffering and the helpless on the roads of life.

P: Open my eyes to recognize those who need my help. Cultivate in me a desire to be a friend, to share words of kindness, to do good deeds every day.

L: Gracious God, we pray that there may be peace in this world - the abiding peace that comes from an equal sharing of what this earth affords.

P: I pray for the peace that comes from caring for others, for the peace that comes when I place you first in my life, for the peace that comes from tolerance and from trust.

L: Guide us, Lord, in the ways of this peace. Lead the leaders of all nations that they may place love and truth and faithful service first in their lives,

P: Open my heart and the hearts of men and women everywhere to the needs of others. Make us instruments of your grace.

L: Loving God, hear these prayers, and all the other intentions of our hearts, minds, and souls, this day.... We ask it in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior, who taught us to pray together as one family, saying.

Our Father....

***HYMN "God Be With You" #602**

***BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE "Let There Be Peace"**

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

***** © Rev. Thom Shuman***

**ORGANISTS: John Griffin and Elaine Bilger
COMMISSIONED PASTOR: Denise Ann Todero
WORSHIP LEADER: Karen Soliday**

What will heaven be like? Well, for one thing, we will all be exempt from federal, state and local taxes.

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*Earth hath no sorrow that Heaven cannot heal.
Thomas Moore*

Offering: 11/03
Attendance: 19
Local 1119.75
Benev. 77.55
Improv. 65.70
Roof 100.00
Total 1363.00

Sunday November 10th
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Sunday November 17th
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The Flowers and Bulletins Today are given in memory of Patrick Minahan by Maryann Minahan and Family.

The Annual Congregational Business Meeting and Thanksgiving Dinner will be held on Saturday November 23rd in the Fellowship Hall. The meeting will begin at 5 p.m. with the dinner being served immediately following the meeting. Please sign up on the back bulletin board if you plan on attending. The deadline for sign ups is next Sunday (November 17th)--- NO EXCEPTIONS!!!

Church Decoration & Coffee Hour will be held on Sunday November 24th after Morning Worship. Join us for Worship and stick around to help get the church ready for the Christmas season.

The Church Christmas Party will be held on Sunday December 15th, immediately following Morning Worship. Both the service and the party will be held in the Fellowship Hall. Those attending are asked to bring a covered dish and to sign up on the back bulletin board, so we know how many to prepare for.

A list of upcoming holiday events is included in your bulletin. Two copies were provided- one for you to keep and one to share with a friend or family member, to encourage them to join us for our holiday events and services. Additional copies are available on the back table.



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	Betty Clemenson
John Manges	All Shut- Ins
Denny Hammers	All in Nursing Homes
Rodney Varner	All First Responders
Dawna Sheets	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.

Visit Our Website (www.bethanyjohnstown.com) or follow us on Facebook (Bethany Presbyterian Church- Johnstown, PA) for the latest news, information and much more!

Collection For Tomorrow's Hope

We are collecting items for the veterans at Tomorrow's Hope Veterans Shelter. The following items are needed and can be brought to the church and placed in the box until December 1st. Monetary donations can be placed in the offering plate. Contact Ed Sheets with any questions. Thank you in advance for your support!

Shampoo	Body Wash
Hand Soap	Toothpaste
Toothbrushes	Mouthwash
Dental Floss	Nail Clippers
Deodorant	Towels
Hand Sanitizer	Razors
Shaving Cream	Puzzle Books
Candy	
New & Gently Worn Men's Clothing	

Bethany Presbyterian Church Holiday Calendar

The holiday season is quickly approaching. Keep this handy calendar, so you don't miss any of the upcoming events here at Bethany. For more information, check the weekly bulletin, visit our Facebook page, or visit www.bethanyjohnstown.com. We also encourage you to join us for Morning Worship, held every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. We hope to see you this holiday season!

November 23rd: Annual Congregational Business Meeting and Thanksgiving Dinner- 5 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Sign up at the church or call the office and leave a message with your name and # attending. The deadline to sign up is November 17th- NO EXCEPTIONS!!!

November 24th: Coffee Hour & Church Decoration After Worship. Join us for Morning Worship and stay after for Coffee Hour. We will also be getting the church ready for the Christmas season after Worship and all are welcome to help.

December 1st: First Sunday in Advent- 10:30 a.m. We celebrate the start of Advent during Morning Worship. Communion will be served.

December 15th: Morning Worship and Christmas Party- Come for Morning Worship at 10:30 a.m. and stay for the annual Christmas Party. Both will be held in the Fellowship Hall. Those attending are asked to bring a covered dish to share with the church providing the meat. Sign up at the church or call the office and leave a message with your name and # attending, so we know how many to prepare for.

December 24th: Christmas Eve Service- Join us as we celebrate Christ's birth during the Christmas Eve Service at 7 p.m.