

Bethany Presbyterian Church, Johnstown, PA
MORNING WORSHIP
January 15th, 2023 2nd Sunday after Epiphany

CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: We wait patiently for our God.

P: We will sing, we will sing new songs of the One who calls us here.

L: We will not chase after other gods.

P: We will sing, we will sing new songs of the One in whom we can trust.

L: We will tell of all God has done for us.

P: We will sing, we will sing new songs of the One whose salvation is for all.

HYMN OF PRAISE "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" #410

CALL TO RECONCILIATION**

L: It is clear that God wants to hear our prayers and forgive us, for God is willing to lean close to our hearts to listen to our failures, our poor choices, all the things we have done wrong. Please join me, as we pray together, saying,

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

ALL: You are faithful, Patient God, even as we continue to live in the shadows of life. We could delight in your hopes for us, but choose to do things our way. We could serve the most vulnerable around us, but long to pal around with the powerful. We could share the glad news of deliverance, but prefer to swap stories and gossip.

There is none like you, Redeemer of all your children. You lean over to listen to our prayers, and whisper forgiveness to our souls. You lift us out of the holes we dig for ourselves, and set us on hope's solid ground. You strengthen our weak faith with the life, grace, and love of Jesus Christ, our Lord, our Savior.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

L: Come, dear friends and receive God's grace; see all that God is doing for you; follow Jesus, as he leads you closer to God.

P: I will sing of God's love for me;

I will sing a new song of hope and wonder.

Thanks be to God.

L: Friends, Believe the Good News

ALL: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen

GLORIA PATRI

#623

CHURCH NEWS

**ORDINATION and INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS
SESSION-Class of 2025**

**Tomi Nosko –Ordination and Installation
Ray Sheets and Luke Molnar - Installation**

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, God 's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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

Prayer of Dedication

#625

LESSONS FROM THE SCRIPTURES

Old Testament Lesson	Isaiah 49:1-7	p.629
New Testament Lesson	1 Corinthians 1:1-9	p.991
Gospel	John 1:29-42	p.922

MESSAGE

Denise Ann Todero, CP

HYMN "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say" #414

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 "Make Me a Blessing" #452

BENEDICTION/SENDING**

L: Having learned new words from our God,
**P: we will go to warm others in the bleak midwinter of life,
to whisper to them of grace and hope.**
L: Having learned new ways to serve from Jesus,
**P: we will go to clear paths for those lost in oppression,
to wait with those in hospital rooms and job lines.**
L: Having learned new songs from the Spirit,
**P: we will go to sing of peace in all the broken places,
to light the way out of the shadows of injustice.**

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE "God Be With You" #602

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