



Easter Sunday Service

Bethany Presbyterian Church

Blaine Street & Chandler Avenue

Johnstown, PA 15906

Bethany Presbyterian Church, Johnstown, PA
MORNING WORSHIP April 1st, 2018
Easter Sunday

CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Christ is risen! **P: He is risen indeed!**

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen! **P: The Lord is risen indeed!**

L: This is the day:

P: when tears are wiped away; shattered hearts are mended; fears are replaced with joy.

L: This is the day the Lord:

P: rolls away the stone of fear; throw's off death's clothes; goes ahead of us into God's future.

L: This is the day the Lord has made:

P: death has no fear for us; sin has lost it's power over us; God opens the tombs of our hearts to fill us with life.

L: This is the day - Easter Day! **P: Christ is Risen! Alleluia!**

***HYMN OF PRAISE "Christ the Lord is Risen Today" #217**

CALL TO RECONCILIATION*

Very early in the morning, God created all that is good and beautiful. Very early in the morning, a mother placed her newborn in a manger. Very early in the morning, the good news was shared

with frightened friends, that Jesus was risen and alive in our midst. Let us confess the fears and the amazement we bring this morning.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION*

On this morning of alleluias, we must confess how human we are, Emptier of tombs. We haven't done any great evil, but we have failed to do good when we had the chance. We have not intentionally hurt any one, nor have we offered healing to the broken. We easily accept the witness of the angel in the tomb, but find it difficult to share this good news with our friends and neighbors. Bring us new life, Dazzling God. Where we are tired and stressed, give us the energy to serve your creation; transform our hardened hearts into fountains of grace; forgive us of all the damage we have done, and fill us with the joy of your Spirit. In the name of Jesus Christ, who gives us new life, we pray.

***SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON*

L: God, our Creator, gives us new life; Christ, our Redeemer, prepares a Table for us; Holy Spirit, our Joy, calls us to service.

P: This is the good news: the tomb is empty, sin is powerless, death is defeated forever.

L: On this very first day, and every day, we walk as God's people, forgiven and made whole.

Friends, believe the Good News!

ALL: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen

***GLORIA PATRI**

#623

CHURCH NEWS

***THE PASSING OF THE PEACE**

(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 Lesson Isaiah 25:6-9 p. 605

New Testament Lesson 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 p.1001

Gospel Lesson Mark 16:1-8 p.886

SPECIAL MUSIC

Karen Soliday

MESSAGE

Denise Todero, CRE

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the first born of all creation; in him all things in heaven and earth were created, things visible and invisible.

All things have been created through him and for him.

He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church;

**he is the beginning, the first born of the dead,
so that he might come to have first place in everything.
For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,
and through him God was pleased to reconcile all things, whether on earth or
in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. Amen**

***HYMN "Christ Arose" #216**

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.**

LITANY FOR EASTER

Congregational Response: "Hear us Lord of Glory"

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

***HYMN "He Lives" #220**

BENEDICTION/SENDING*

L: This is the day! Go and share what God has done!

P: We will go to tell the good news to all!

L: This is the day! Go and show that Jesus is alive and among us!

P: We will go to live the good news in our world!

L: This is the day! Go to join the Spirit in rolling away the stones of fear!

P: We will go to be the good news to everyone we meet!

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

Alleluia, Alleluia (first verse only) #215

**Those who are able please stand.*

****© Rev. Thom Shuman**

ORGANISTS: John Griffin and Elaine Bilger

COMMISSIONED RULING ELDER: Denise Ann Todero

WORSHIP LEADER: Brenda Molnar

Offering: 03/25

Attendance: 35

Local 535.50

Benev. 37.10

Improv. 31.40

Total 604.00

Sunday April 1st

Breakfast/Basket Auction 9 a.m.

Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.

Sunday April 8th

Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.

The Bulletins today are sponsored in memory of Milford “Jake” Johnson by Sandra Huchel.

During this morning’s service we will collect the One Great Hour of Sharing Fish. If you did not fill a fish and would like to contribute to the OGHS campaign, envelopes are available on the back table.

A Service Of Thanksgiving for the Ministry and Mission of the First Presbyterian Church of Windber will be held on Sunday April 8th at 2 p.m. The service will be held at Whalley Chapel on the Pitt-Johnstown Campus. All are invited to attend.

Sign up for Remind alerts via text or email. To sign up, visit <https://www.remind.com/join/bethanypc> or text @bethanypc to 81010. Once sign up you will receive event reminders, important information, and prayer list updates via text or email.

Weekly flowers and bulletin sponsorships are available for Sundays in 2018. For more information, or to sign up, see the back bulletin board or click the link at www.bethanyjohnstown.com.

Newsletters are available on the back table. Be sure to pick up a copy today.



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

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.

Easter Flowers

In Memory Of

Loved Ones

Betty Jean Smith

Leora Mae Holbay

Loved Ones

Loved Ones

Barbara Emerick Miller

John & Clara Griffin

Harry & Mildred Emerick

Cherie Glessner

Ralph Clemenson

Loved Ones

Louis & Mary Barclay

Dick & Alma Todero

Shirley & Harry Weaver

Loved Ones

The Craigs

Joe Arcuri Jr.

Given By

Donald H. & Marlene Bennett

Larry & Beverly Holbay

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Linda Orlidge

David Hayduk

John & Cindy Griffin

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John & Cindy Griffin

Betty Clemenson & Family

Jessie Rager

Pastor Denise & Pete

Pastor Denise & Pete

Pastor Denise & Pete

Sandy & Laura Huchel and Bobbie Johnson

Connie Arcuri

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In Honor Of

Cindy Griffin

Our Children & Grandchildren

Given By

John Griffin

Pastor Denise & Pete

Raise The Roof Spaghetti Dinner

Saturday May 5, 2018 4-7 p.m.

Bethany Presbyterian Church

Take Outs Available

Basket/Prize Raffle Held During Dinner

Tickets: Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$3 for Kids Under 12. If you would like to purchase tickets or can take some tickets to sell, contact Ray Sheets. Tickets will also be available at the door on the day of the dinner.

Donations: We appreciate all donations of supplies for the dinner, items for the basket/prize raffle and monetary donations. Donations can be dropped off at the church prior to the dinner. We are also asking for help soliciting donations from local businesses for the basket/prize raffle. If you know a business that would be interested in providing a basket/prize, feel free to contact them directly or let us know and we can contact them. Donors will be recognized on our website, on signage at the dinner, and on our Facebook page. Donation request forms are available on the back table or on the church website.

Volunteers: Volunteers will be needed for a variety of tasks before and during the dinner. Contact Ray Sheets or Pastor Denise if you are willing to help out.