

Bethany Presbyterian Church, Johnstown, PA
MORNING WORSHIP
September 4th, 2022 23rd Sunday In Ordinary Time

CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: We gather in the presence of God:

P: who knows us when we wake up and when we go to sleep, and in all the moments in between.

L: We gather in the house of God:

P: who has created a family for us, here as well as in places all over the world.

L: We gather to be the people of God:

P: who appeals to us to follow in love, in faith, in service.

HYMN "Lift High the Cross" vs 1,2,3 #371

CALL TO RECONCILIATION**

L: Our sins are not to be hidden from God. Rather, we bring them into the Light and lay them on the Table, trusting in the One who shaped us for goodness and will transform our brokenness into wholeness. Please join me as we pray, saying,

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

ALL: Searching God, we are so attached to our possessions, we have trouble sharing them. We are so connected to our pleasures that we cannot feel the pain of those around us. We are so stuck on ourselves, we cannot sense our souls slipping away into the shadows.

Most merciful God: loosen us from the grip of the world, so we may feel your healing touch. Sever us from our sin, so your Spirit might bind us to you. Reshape us, redeem us, renew us, so we may take up our crosses and follow our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

L: The God who calls us is the God who created us; the God who formed us is the God who forgives us. This is the Good News - we are God's new creation.

P: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are reshaped, renewed, forgiven. Thanks be to God.

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**

Some bear crosses hollowed out by hunger, some carry crosses called injustice. Sometimes our abundance is a cross which we struggle to bear. But as we learn to follow you, as we seek to be as generous as you, we discover that we can gift others with hope, with grace, and with peace. Receive our offerings this day, so they might bless your children in every way imaginable. This we pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

LESSONS FROM THE SCRIPTURES

Old Testament	Jeremiah 18:1-11	p.666
New Testament	Philemon 1-21	p.1043
Gospel	Luke 14:25-33	p.908

MESSAGE

Denise Ann Todero, CP

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles' Creed

HYMN

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

#410

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: It is God who has formed us as a community of faith.

P: Now, we will go to find and serve our sisters and brothers.

L: It is Jesus who has knit us together as partners in grace.

P: Now, we will go to bear the burdens of those around us.

L: It is the Spirit who gives us the words we need.

P: Now, we will go to speak for justice and hope for all.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE "May the Lord"

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ORGANISTS: John Griffin and Elaine Bilger

COMMISSIONED PASTOR: Denise Ann Todero

WORSHIP LEADER: Tina Varner

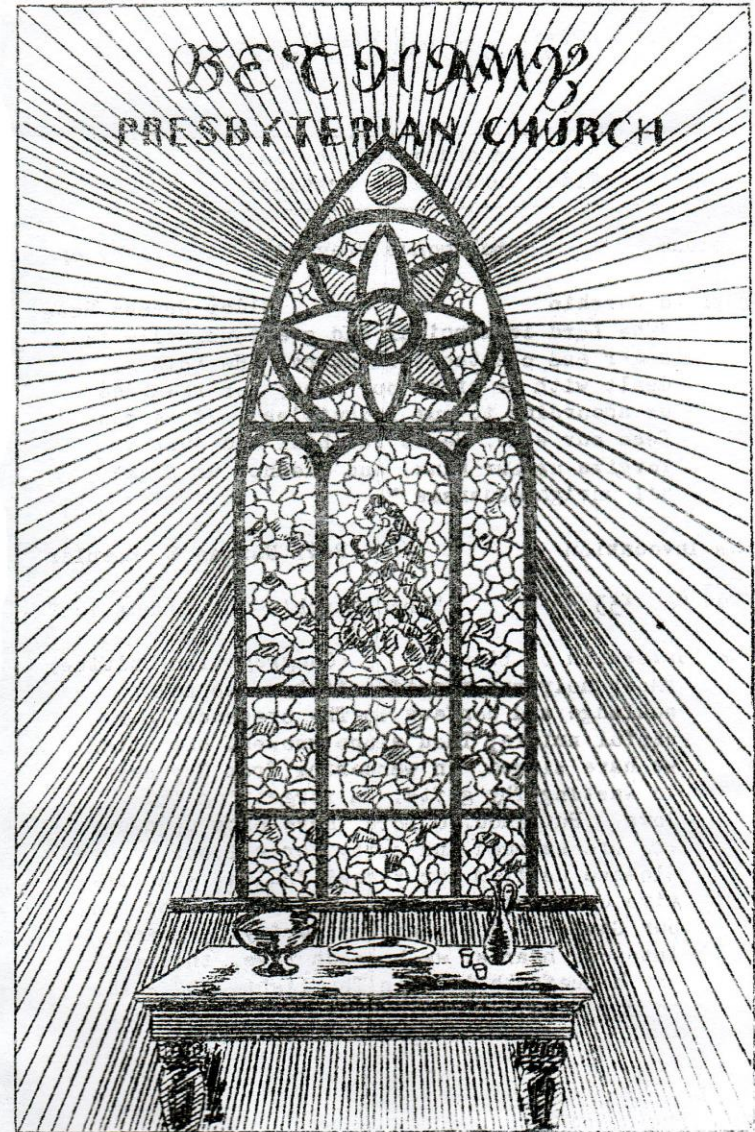
*To be crucified means,
first, the man on the cross is facing only one direction;
second, he is not going back;
and third, he has no further plans of his own.*

A.W. Tozer

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*While the spirit of the time makes evangelism easier,
it makes discipleship much more difficult.*

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Offering: 08/29
Attendance: 16
Local 565.70
Benev. 39.15
Improv. 33.15
Roof 60.00
Total 698.00

Sunday September 4th
 Morning Worship 10:00 a.m.

Sunday September 11th
 Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.



Morning Worship will change to 10:30 a.m. starting Sunday September 11th.

Session will meet on Sunday September 18th after Morning Worship.

The Presbyterian Women's Group will begin meeting again on Monday September 26th at First Presbyterian Church in downtown Johnstown. Light refreshments will be served at 1 p.m. followed by a brief lesson and a business meeting. All are invited to attend.

Pine Springs Camp will host their Women in the Woods Retreat from Sept. 30 to Oct. 1. For more information, pick up a brochure on the back table.

Flower and Bulletin Sponsorships for 2022 are available for most Sundays. If you are interested, please sign up on the back bulletin board.

Donations for the West End Food Pantry can be placed in the bins by the Blaine St. entrance. All non-perishable food items are appreciated, especially as we approach the holiday season.

Concerns: Keep the following people in your prayers...	
Pastor Denise	Ruby Porch
Don Bennett	Christine Paratore
Phyllis Pfuhl	David Hayduk
Lois Henry	Susie Keefer
Dawna Sheets	Chloe Kern
Buzz & Jeanne Lehman	Jim Kuntz
Bob & Marie Whorl	Tyler & Julie Kalp
Bev Holbay	Linda Hayes
Wendy Manges	Mike Whorl
Mark Todero	David Varner
Diane Brewer	Jim Golby
The Todero Family	Loretta Davidson
Shirley Gavazoni	Stacey Wyandt
Linda & Richard Oaks	All Shut- Ins
David Vivis	All in Nursing Homes
Dick Brewer	All First Responders
Sean Rován	All Service Men & Women
	All Healthcare Professionals

To Place Announcements Or Concerns List Names in the bulletin contact Ed Sheets at 539-3495 or email at bethanyjtown@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.

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