

Bethany Presbyterian Church, Johnstown, PA
February 11th, 2024 Transfiguration of the Lord
“Souper Bowl of Caring”

CALL TO WORSHIP **

L: Here, we gather as the faithful of God,

P: seeking to listen to what God has to say to us.

L: Here, we gather as faithful followers of Jesus,

P: hoping that not only our faces, but our very lives, might reflect him to others.

L: Here, we gather as the Spirit's faithful children,

P: seeking to praise God's name in every moment.

HYMN “O Worship the King” vs 1&2 #10

CALL TO RECONCILIATION**

L: We long to be on the mountaintops of glory, but our lives are found in the valleys of hurtful words spoken aloud, of taking the dreams of others and dashing them to the ground. Let us confess our sins to the One who always listens, and transfigures us into forgiven people. Join me as we pray, saying,

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

P: For one it is fear, for another it might be greed; for one it might be lust, for others it may be success - but we all have those 'gods' of this world which draw us away from you, God of our lives. The seductions around us cry out so loudly, we are not able to hear you calling to us. The longing we have to impress you blinds us to your mercy already wrapping us in its embrace.

Your forgiveness is a mystery wrapped in your love and revealed to us in this and every moment, Cloud of Grace. Open our hearts so we may listen to you whispering our name, even as we would follow Jesus Christ, your Beloved, into our world.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

L: Into the shadows of our lives, Jesus shines the grace of God, so we might see the glory of forgiveness.

P: Forgiven - by God's mercy;

made whole - by God's love;

sent to serve others - by God's hope.

Thanks be to God! We are transformed people.

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**

Take the gifts we offer to you, Revealing God, roll them up and strike the poverty, the hunger, the despair of others so they might walk in your joy and wonder, in your hope and peace. This we pray in Jesus' name, Amen.

LESSONS FROM THE SCRIPTURE

First Lesson	2 Kings 2:1-12	p.319
Second Lesson	2 Corinthians 4:3-6	p.1005
Gospel Lesson	Mark 9:2-9	p.876

MESSAGE Denise Ann Todero CP

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostle's Creed

HYMN “Open My Eyes, That I May See” #381

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 "In My Heart There Rings a Melody " #522

BENEDICTION**

L: Go now to where the God of sunrises awaits.

P: We will take the light of hope with us.

L: Go now to the valleys where Jesus awaits.

P: We will seek to respond to all the calls to serve.

L: Go now to where the Spirit's glory awaits.

P: We will set aside our lives for others around us.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE "May The Lord"

**** © Rev. Thom Shuman**

ORGANISTS: John Griffin and Elaine Bilger

COMMISSIONED RULING ELDER: Denise Ann Todero

WORSHIP LEADER: Tomi Nosko

If you have never heard the mountains singing, or seen the trees of the field clapping their hands, do not think because of that that they don't.

Ask God to open your ears so you may hear it, and your eyes so you may see it, because, though few men ever know it, they do, my friend, they do.....McCandlish Phillips

* * * * *

We see God all around us: The mountains are God's thoughts upheaved, the rivers are God's thoughts in motion, the oceans are God's thoughts imbedded, the dewdrops are God's thoughts in pearls.....Sam Jones

* * * * *

Prayer begins by talking to God, but it ends by listening to Him. In the face of Absolute Truth, silence is the soul's language.Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen

And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses; and they were talking to Jesus. Mark 9:4



**Bethany Presbyterian Church
Blaine Street at Chandler Avenue
Johnstown, PA**

Offering: 2/4
Attendance: 21
Local 456.60
Benev. 31.65
Improv. 26.75
First Fruits 20.00
Total 535.00

Sunday February 11th
 Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Souper Bowl of Caring

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

First Fruits (Per Capita) for 2024 is \$44 per member. Please use the special envelope provided with your offering envelopes or mark the donation First Fruits when placing it in the offering plate.

Today is Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday. There will be a soup and sandwich luncheon after morning worship. A free will offering is being collected to benefit the West End Food Pantry.

An Ash Wednesday Service will be held here at Bethany on Wednesday February 14th at 7 p.m. All are invited to attend.

Sign Ups For 2024 Lay Leaders and Flower/Bulletin Sponsorships are now being accepted. If you are interested, please see the back bulletin board for more information. You can also order flowers/bulletins on the church website.



Concerns: Keep the following people in your prayers...	
Lois Henry	Linda Hayes
Dawna Sheets	Nancy Thomas
Jeanne Lehman	Rich Horner
Marie Whorl	Bob & Judy Varner
Bev Holbay	Dave & Karen Vivis
Lena Azzoli	Chuck Schmidt
Mark Todero	Joshua Holbay Family
Carl Newfield	Samuel Holbay
Jim Sellers	Loretta Davidson
Beverly Rager	Irene Barefoot Bischof
Mikey Ferante	Rodney Gramling
Jill Sheets	All Shut- Ins
Lori Martin	All in Nursing Homes
Pat Pecora	All First Responders
David Hayduk	All Service Men & Women
Richard Holbay	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 814-248-8174 or email her at datodero55@gmail.com. **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!