



“And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. 16 ‘For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.’”

Bethany Presbyterian Church

March 11, 2018

Bethany Presbyterian Church, Johnstown, PA
MORNING WORSHIP
March 11th, 2018 4th Sunday in Lent

Lenten Candle Lighting Liturgy: Sand

CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: In this place, the community of faith is reminded of the promise:

P: God's love endures forever!

L: In spite of our impatient grumbling, despite our attraction to the shadows:

P: Christ's light shines in us!

L: When we think our hands are empty, when we have no music in our souls:

P: the Spirit fills us with glad songs, and creates us for good works!

***HYMN "Come Thou Font of Every Blessing" #2**

CALL TO RECONCILIATION*

By nature, we are impatient, irritated, grumbling, disobedient children, always demanding our way. But God, who is good and kind and gentle, comes to transform us, by grace, into the people we are meant to be. Let us open ourselves to the One who overflows with love for us, as we confess our sins to God.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION*

ALL: The Light of the world has come, Ceaseless Creator, but we admit we love the shadows all around us. For there, we can boast of our achievements, rather than point to your grace; there, we can grumble of our unhappiness with you, instead of singing your praises; there, we can give into our natural anger, and not be touched by your call to be agents of peace and hope.

Forgive us, Eternal Love: lead us from the shadows of sin into the light of your joy; raise us up, as your children, so we may kneel in service to others; shower us with the grace, the hope, the peace you have brought to us through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

***SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON*

L: Let the community of faith say so:

P: God's love endures forever!

L: Let those gathered in grace say so:

P: God's love endures forever!

L: Let those gathered from all parts of the world say so:

P: God's love endures forever!

L: This is the good news for us:

P: God's love endures forever.

Thanks be to God.

L: Friends, Believe the Good News

ALL: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen

***GLORIA PATRI**

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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*

As we have been gathered in this place because of the faithfulness of those who have gone before us, so we pray that the gifts we offer in these moments might be used to reach out to those in all corners of the world who need hope, who hunger for food and justice, who yearn for peace, and who long for your graceful presence in their lives. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

LESSONS FROM THE SCRIPTURES

First Lesson	Numbers 21:4-9	p.134
Second Lesson	Ephesians 2:1-10	p.1017
Gospel Lesson	John 3:14-21	p.924
MESSAGE	Denise Ann Toderro, CRE	

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – The Apostle’s Creed

***HYMN “What Wondrous Love is This” #177**

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 “Amazing Grace” #202**

BENEDICTION*

L: As you leave this place, remember you are God's community in the world:

P: for God's love endures forever!

L: As you leave this place, remember you are alive with Christ:

P: for Christ's light shines in the deepest shadows!

L: As you leave this place, remember the gifts God offers to you:

**P: for the Spirit fills us with good works to do,
and glad songs to sing to the world!**

***POSTLUDE**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE “May The Lord”**

**Those who are able please stand.*

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Lenten Candle Lighting Liturgy – Rev. Mindi

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COMMISSIONED RULING ELDER: Denise Ann Todero

WORSHIP LEADER: Tina Varner

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*In other religions, one must be purified before he can knock at the door;
in Christianity, one knocks on the door as a sinner, and He Who answers to
us heals.....Fulton J. Sheen*

Offering: 03/04
Attendance: 25

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

Local	1240.35
Benev.	85.90
Improv.	<u>72.75</u>
Total	1399.00

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

As we approach Easter, the West End Food Pantry is in need of non-perishable food items. Items can be placed in the boxes near the Blaine St. Entrance. Monetary donations for the food pantry can be placed in the offering plate or given to Ray Sheets.

Easter Flower orders are now being taken. Please see the flyer in your bulletin for more information.

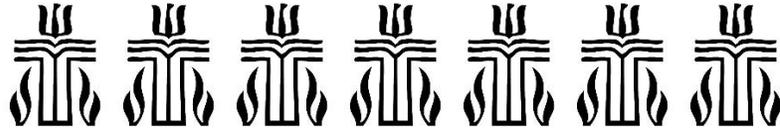
Easter Breakfast will be held on Easter Sunday at 9 a.m. If you plan on attending, please sign up on the back bulletin board, so we know how many to prepare for.

The annual Easter Basket Auction will be held on April 1st following the Easter Breakfast. If you would like to donate a basket or prize, we ask that you bring it in by Palm Sunday (March 25th). Please include a description and minimum starting bid, if possible.

Items for the Newsletter are due by March 25th. Please give/send all newsletter items to Ed Sheets. This edition will cover April-June, so submit your spring recipes, stories, etc.

The next Lenten Luncheon will be held this Wednesday at St. Paul's Lutheran Church. The luncheon begins at noon and all are welcome to attend.

Maundy Thursday Service will be held on Thursday March 29th at Grace Lutheran Church. The service begins at 7 p.m. and all are invited to attend.



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

Easter Flowers

Orders are now being accepted for Easter Flowers. Order forms and money can be placed in the offering plate or mailed to the church. The deadline for flower orders is Sunday March 18th.

NAME:

_____ # of Lilies @ \$9 Each = \$_____

_____ # of Tulips @ \$7 Each = \$_____

_____ # of Hyacinths @ \$7 Each = \$_____

IN MEMORY OF:

IN HONOR OF:

GIVEN BY:

FLOWERS CAN BE PICKED UP ON EASTER SUNDAY. ORDER
DEADLINE: SUNDAY MARCH 18th