



Baptism of the Lord Sunday

Bethany Presbyterian Church

Sunday January 7th 2018

**Bethany Presbyterian, Johnstown, PA
January 7th, 2018 Baptism of the Lord**

CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: On that first day, when time began:

P: you gave birth to creation; light danced through the darkness; the waters of hope flowed free and clear.

L: On that first day at the Jordan, when redemption began:

P: you spoke of life for all your children, as your Child stepped into the waters of forgiveness, dancing in hope with his cousin, John.

L: On this first day of the week, when we begin anew:

P: you call us to faithfulness, as we open our hearts to you, your voice claiming us as your own.

***HYMN "Come Holy Spirit, Dove Divine" #320**

CALL TO RECONCILIATION*

You and I are now the ones who step forth out of the safe waters of baptism, to bring hope, to share a word of grace, to carry healing into the brokenness of the lives around us. Let us confess how we still struggle to follow in faith wherever Jesus leads us. Join me as we pray, saying,

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION*

Timeless God, you cast Light into sin's dark places and call us your Beloved. Forgive us: when we still linger in the shadows; when we treat others in hurtful ways; when we speak ill of your friends.

As he knelt in the waters of Jordan, you proclaimed Jesus as your Child, pointing to him as the way to you. Forgive us: when we put ourselves ahead of him; when we think he is no longer needed; when we fail to see him in the broken of our world.

Baptized and blessed in your living waters, you would have us be your servants in our time. Forgive us: when we fail to welcome the stranger; when we refuse to forgive as we should; when we believe we are too good to kneel down and tie the shoes of the lost, the least, the last, the little.

***SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON*

L: Touched by the waters of life, fed at the feast of grace and hope, embraced in the warmth of God's love and hopes - this is good news!

P: Blessed by baptism's tears, called to servanthood by the Beloved, filled with the peace of the Spirit, we are indeed God's people - redeemed, restored, refreshed to serve.

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**

LESSONS FROM THE SCRIPTURES

Old Testament Lesson

Genesis 1:1-5 p.1

New Testament Lesson

Acts 19:1-7 p.966

Gospel Lesson

Mark 1:4-11 p.867

MESSAGE

Denise Ann Toderro, CRE

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – The Apostle's Creed

***HYMN "Spirit of the Living God" (sing twice) #247**

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.**

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

L: May the Creator of heaven and earth be with you.

P: And also with you!

L: People of God, lift up your hearts.

P: We lift them to the One who gave his Heart to heal us.

L: Let us give thanks to the One who made everything and called it 'good'.

P: How right it is to give our thanks and praise to the One who calls us 'Beloved.'

Into the shadows of silence.....

in every time and place, we sing of your love:

P: Holy, holy, holy! Creator of Light and life. Heaven and earth sing forever of your love and joy. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the One who comes to be baptized by water and the Holy Spirit. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessedness is your nature.....

and the hope which is ours in that mystery we call faith:

P: Bathed in your tears, Christ died for us; washed in the resurrection waters, Christ rose for us; bringing the waters of life to us, Christ will come again.

***HYMN**

"God Be With You"

#602

BENEDICTION*

L: Go into the world as God's beloved children.

P: We will go to share the gift of grace which flows from God's heart.

L: Go into the world as baptized sisters and brothers of Jesus.

P: We will go to bring the light of hope to all in despair.

L: Go into the world as those filled with the Holy Spirit.

P: We will go to hear the whispered yearnings for peace and reconciliation.

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE "May The Lord"**

(printed on the inside back cover of the Hymnal)

****Those who are able please stand.***

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ORGANISTS: John Griffin and Elaine Bilger

COMMISSIONED RULING ELDER: Denise Ann Todero

WORSHIP LEADER: Tina Varner

Offering: 12/31
Attendances: 14

Local	554.00
Benev.	38.50
Improv.	<u>32.50</u>
Total	625.00

Sunday January 7th
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
New Year Pork & Sauerkraut Lunch
Baptism of the Lord Sunday

Sunday January 14th
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.

The Bulletins Today are sponsored in memory of Harry & Lavona Sheets by Ray & Dawna Sheets.

Weekly flowers will be available for Sundays in 2018. The cost is \$24 each and date(s) can be reserved on the back bulletin board or on the church website. NEW IN 2018!!! You can now sponsor the bulletin for a week. Sponsor it yourself or in honor/in remembrance of someone. The cost is \$10 per week or \$6 if you purchase flowers for the same week. To reserve a week, sign up in the back of the sanctuary or fill out the form on the church website (www.bethanyjohnstown.com).

Sign Ups for 2018 Lay Leaders, Coffee Hours, and Communion Setup are now being accepted. If you would like to volunteer, please sign up on the back bulletin board.

Installation of Officers will be held on January 21st during Worship. Session will meet on January 21st after Worship.

Suggested 2018 Per Capita is \$25 per person. These funds help support the mission and work of our Presbytery. Feel free to provide additional funds if you are able.

Enrichment Day will be held on Saturday January 27th at Westmont Presbyterian Church. Registration forms are available on the back table for those who are interested.

We will be taking down the Christmas decorations on Sunday January 14th after Morning Worship. Please come and help to put the decorations away.



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 Holbay
Lois Henry	George Hockenberry
Jim Runkle Sr.	Lilyana Newfield
Katherine Minahan	Sharon Weaver
Jack Forsha	Elizabeth Kern
Olivia & Patrick Bragdon	Wanda Keifer
Dick Dunkle	John & Cindy Griffin
Lenore Runkle	Rose Marie Oravetz
Andy Serafin	Charles Molnar
Ken Bilger	Rachael Wilks
Diann Makin	Logan Weaver
Bill Shroyer	Jane Barefoot Volscko
John Morgan	A Friend
Joshua Holbay	All Shut- Ins
Nancy Dimitt	All in Nursing Homes
Joyce Horn	All Service Men & Women
Bob & Marie Whorl	

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.