

**Bethany Presbyterian, Johnstown, PA**  
**January 24th, 2021**  
**3rd Sunday after Epiphany**

**CALL TO WORSHIP\*\***

L: The Word of the Lord came,

**P: hope for all people cradled in his arms.**

L: the Word of the Lord comes,

**P: calling us out of our comfort zones, to go where grace is needed most.**

L: The Word of the Lord will come,

**P: gathering all the outsiders and insiders into one community of the kingdom.**

**HYMN        "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"**

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee,  
God of glory, Lord of love;  
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee,  
Op'ning to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;  
Drive the dark of doubt away;  
Giver of immortal gladness,  
Fill us with the light of day!

Thou art giving and forgiving,  
Ever blessing, ever blest,  
Wellspring of the joy of living,  
Ocean depth of happy rest!  
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother,  
All who live in love are Thine;  
Teach us how to love each other,  
Lift us to the joy divine.

**CALL TO RECONCILIATION\*\***

L: Now is the appointed time. Pour out your hearts to God, bringing those harmful words you spoke, the chances to help you turned your backs on, and the foolish choices of your lives. Offer them to the One who longs to hear us, trusting that God will forgive us.

**UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION\*\***

**ALL: Our comfortable lives convince us we do not need to follow Jesus, Steadfast God. Our work provides for our wants, so we have no need for your grace. Our friends are found through social media, so we do not need your community. Our fear of the beliefs and cultures of others makes us sure that we do not need to share your grace with them. Forgive us for dragging our feet as Jesus' disciples, Compassionate God. May we get up from our comfort zones and step out in faith. May we go to all the uncomfortable places to bring hope. May we proclaim with our lips, but especially with our lives, that the kingdom of love is near, brought by Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.**

**SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON\*\***

L: Now, after we confess, we hear the good news proclaimed: God hears our words, God sees our changed hearts, God's steadfast love is poured out upon us!

**P: We will trust in God, in whom our salvation rests. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Amen.**

L: Friends, Believe the Good News

**ALL: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen**

## **GLORIA PATRI**

## **CHURCH NEWS**

### **THE PASSING OF THE PEACE**

*(Please greet your neighbor with a virtual hug or handshake or wave saying "The peace of Christ be with you")*

### **REDEDICATION OF SELF AND SUBSTANCE**

**Offertory**

**Doxology**

**Prayer of Dedication\*\***

**May these gifts we offer show we recognize your claim upon us, Holy God. Use them so your grace, your love, and your hope may be shared with everyone who needs them. Amen.**

### **LESSONS FROM THE SCRIPTURES**

#### **Old Testament Lesson Jonah 3:1-5, 10**

The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, "Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you." So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!"

And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth. When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

#### **New Testament Lesson 1 Corinthians 7:29-31**

I mean, brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

#### **Gospel Lesson**

#### **Mark 1:14-20**

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news." As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

**MESSAGE Denise Ann Todero, CP**

## **HYMN                      "He Leadeth Me"**

He leadeth me, O blessed thought  
O words with heavenly comfort fraught  
Whate'er I do, where'er I be  
Still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me  
He leadeth me, He leadeth me  
By His own hand He leadeth me  
His faithful follower I would be  
For by His hand He leadeth me

Lord, I would clasp thine hand in mine  
Nor ever murmur nor repine  
Content, whatever lot I see  
Since 'tis thine hand that leadeth me  
He leadeth me, He leadeth me  
By His own hand He leadeth me  
His faithful follower I would be  
For by His hand He leadeth me

## **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: Now, take the word of God into the world.

**P: we will place hope in the arms of others.**

L: Now, take the word of Jesus into the world.

**P: We will follow to serve beside him in all the broken places.**

L: Now, take the word of the Spirit into the world.

**P: We will bring others near to the kingdom where all are welcome.**

### **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

God be with you till we meet again;  
By His coun-sels guide, uphold you,  
With His sheep securely fold you;  
God be with you till we meet again.

### **"God Be With You"**

God be with you till we meet again;  
'Neath His wings protecting hide you,  
Daily manna still provide you;  
God be with you till we meet again.

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**COMMISSIONED PASTOR: Denise Ann Todero**

**WORSHIP LEADER: Tina Varner**

***I long to accomplish a great and noble task,  
but it is my chief duty to accomplish small tasks as if they were great and noble.  
Green, the historian, tells us that the world is moved along,  
not only by the mighty shoves of its heroes,  
but also by the aggregate of the tiny pulses of each honest worker.***

***-- Helen Keller***

**Offering: 1/17**  
**Attendance: 37**  
**Local     721.65**  
**Benev.     50.00**  
**Improv. 42.35**  
**Total     814.00**

**Sunday January 24th**  
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.  
**Congregational Business Meeting/Session Meeting**

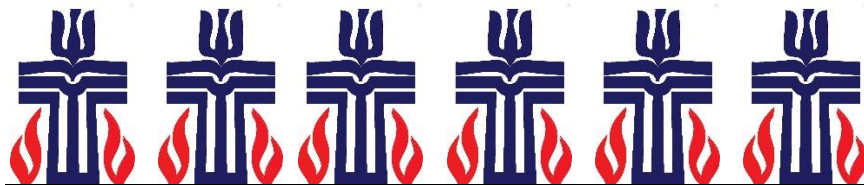
**Sunday January 31st**  
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.

**The Suggested Per Capita (First Fruits)** for 2021 is \$35 per person. Please use the envelope in your offering envelope box or mark the envelope accordingly. These funds are used to support the various functions of the Presbytery, Synod, and PCUSA, so please consider making a contribution.

**The Congregational Business Meeting** will be held today after Worship. Session will also meet today after worship.

**Flower and Bulletin Sponsorships** are available for all Sundays in 2021. The cost to sponsor flowers for a week is \$25 and the cost to sponsor the bulletin for a week is \$10. If you sponsor both the flowers and bulletin for a week the cost is \$30. Sign up on the back bulletin board at the church or by clicking the link on the church website.

**The Church Now Has** an email address. The new email is [bethanyjtown@hotmail.com](mailto:bethanyjtown@hotmail.com). Feel free to ask questions, send announcements/concerns list names, and more. We have also started an e-newsletter. If you would like to be added to the e-mail list, please send an email to the new email and you will be added.



**Concerns: Keep the following people in your prayers...**

Don & Marlene Bennett	Maryann Minahan
Phyllis Pfuhl	Elizabeth Kern
Harry & Lillian Thiel	Linda Orlidge
Lois Henry	Tomi Nosko
Dawna Sheets	Connie Arcuri
Marybeth Zahorchak	The Family of Alan Reid
Al Hockenberry	Brenda & Matt Molnar
Waylon Rummell	All Shut- Ins
Bob & Marie Whorl	All in Nursing Homes
Bev Holbay	All First Responders
Ruby Porsch	All Service Men & Women
Mike and Kim Rose	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.

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