

Bethany Presbyterian Church, Johnstown, PA
MORNING WORSHIP
September 25th, 2022 26th Sunday In Ordinary Time

CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: The word has come for us from God:

P: who promises to shelter us under the wings of hope and grace.

L: The word has come to us from Jesus:

P: who encourages us to remember the good news we have received.

L: The word flows to us from the Spirit:

P: who reminds us to place our hope and trust in God.

HYMN "For the Beauty of the Earth" #560

CALL TO RECONCILIATION**

I: In God's presence, our lives are exposed, our words are shown for their hollowness, our need is revealed. Let us confess who we are, as we ask God to embrace us with grace and hope.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)**

We need to confess, God of Abraham and Lazarus, how often we are not content with the simple gifts and lives you offer. Tempted by everything, we can become insensitive to those who have nothing. Encouraged by the world to accumulate more, we may miss the chance to gather your goodness and godliness. Chasing after all which has no value, we may not have the energy to pursue the faith, the love, the gentleness you have for us.

Forgive us, God of Reversals. You have sent the One who speaks the words we need to listen to in order to have life. Help us to remember how you have redeemed us, and in remembering, may we make that good confession that Jesus Christ is our Lord and Savior, now and forever.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

L: This is the good news that comes from God: I will hear your prayers, I will answer with hope and peace, I will deliver you from your sins.

p: God has covered us with grace; under God's hope we will find shelter.

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**

May our gifts this day go to serve those who need healing, those who are hungry, those who need a friend or community, and those who are on the other side of that chasm we call indifference. We may not always notice them, but you do, and so we pray that they might be touched by your grace and hope. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

LESSONS FROM THE SCRIPTURES

Old Testament	Jeremiah 32:1-3a,6-15	p.681
New Testament	1Timothy 6:6-19	p.1036
Gospel	Luke 16:19-31	p.910

MESSAGE Denise Ann Todero, CP

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - The Apostles' Creed

HYMN "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" #435

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 "Oh Jesus I Have Promised" #369

BENEDICTION/SENDING**

L: God sends us from this place with a word of hope.
P: We will offer the shelter of grace to all in need.
L: Jesus sends us out with the word of life.
P: We will seek to share community with those we will meet.
L: The Spirit sends us into a world which longs for justice.
P: We will trust that God's freedom will be offered to all people.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE "Let There Be Peace"

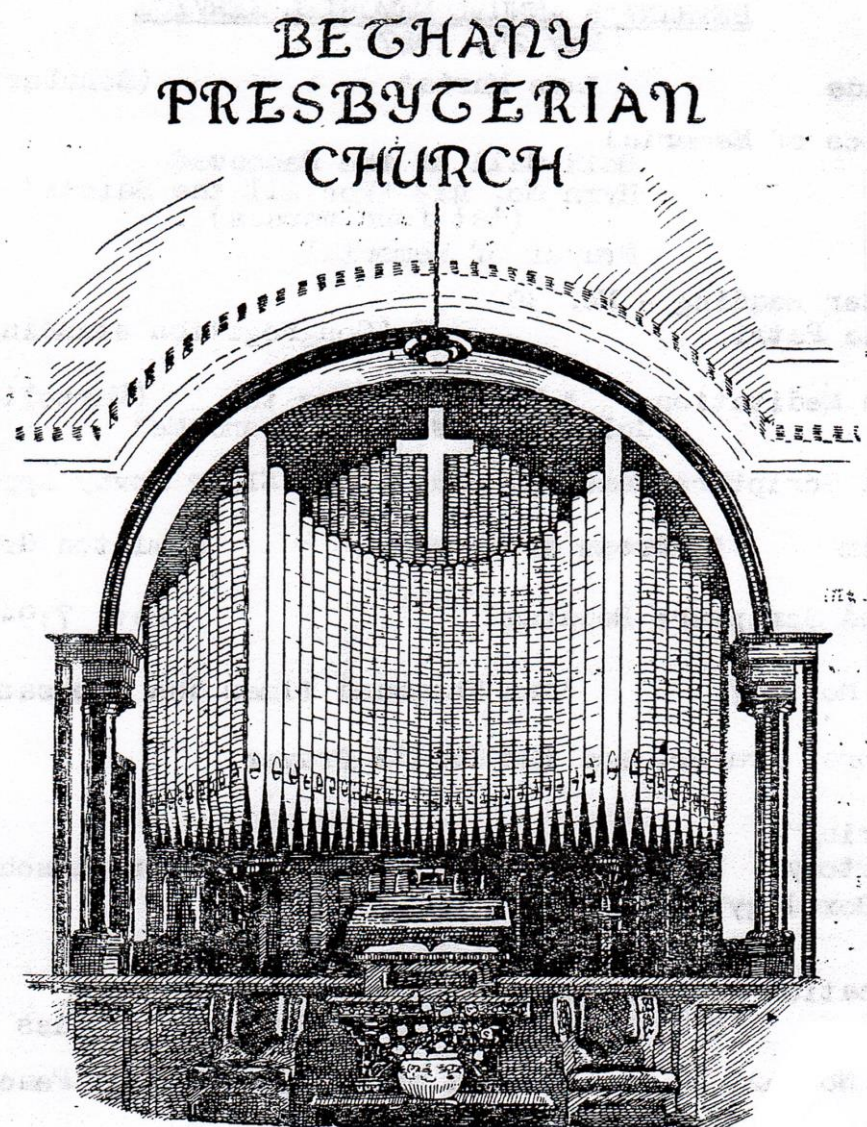
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COMMISSIONED PASTOR: Denise Ann Todero
WORSHIP LEADER: Tina Varner

God loves us *in* our sin, and *through* our sin, and goes on loving us, looking for a response.....Donald Coggan

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Though you are one of the teeming millions in this world, and though the world would have you believe that you do not count and that you are but a speck in the mass, God says, "I know you.".....David Martyn Lloyd-Jones



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Sunday September 25th
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.

Sunday October 2nd
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
World Communion Sunday

Our Christian Sympathies are extended to the family of Don Bennett, who passed away on September 12th. Don was a longtime member of our congregation and will be missed.

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
Phyllis Pfuhl	Christine Paratore
Lois Henry	David Hayduk
Dawna Sheets	Susie Keefer
Buzz & Jeanne Lehman	Chloe Kern
Bob & Marie Whorl	Jim Kuntz
Bev Holbay	Tyler & Julie Kalp
Wendy Manges	Linda Hayes
Mark Todero	Mike Whorl
Diane Brewer	David Varner
The Todero Family	Jim Golby
Shirley Gavazoni	Loretta Davidson
Linda & Richard Oaks	All Shut- Ins
David Vivis	All in Nursing Homes
Dick Brewer	All First Responders
Sean Rovon	All Service Men & Women
Carl Thomas	All Healthcare Professionals
The Family of Justin Korenoski	

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.

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