

Bethany Presbyterian Church, Johnstown, PA
MORNING WORSHIP
January 16th, 2022 2nd Sunday after Epiphany

CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: We come this day, Precious God, as people in need of your steadfast love:

P: with you is the fountain of life; in your Light we see light.

L: We gather this day, Water-changing God, as people looking for signs:

P: with you is the fountain of grace; in your Hope we see hope.

L: We worship this day, Gifting God, as people who confess Jesus as our Lord:

P: with you is the fountain of joy; in your Life we see life.

HYMN OF PRAISE "For the Beauty of the Earth" #560

CALL TO RECONCILIATION**

L: We cannot claim ignorance of our sins, for we know how we have not lived as God's people. But God refuses to forsake us, waiting to forgive us and call us as God's children. Please join me as we pray, saying,

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION*

ALL: Delight of the Ages, we cannot remain silent, but must speak of the ways we misuse your gifts. In our desire to have more and more, we cause more damage to your good creation. In our obsession with ourselves, we have desolated that lives of those around us. When we hoard what you have given us, we cannot be a blessing to other people.

Forgive us, Restless God, so we might be restored to life. May your steadfast love save and strengthen us to share our gifts with others, even as you have shared the Gift of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

L: God delights in you. So much, that God will not rest until you are at peace. God will not remain silent, but will call you by name: 'My Delight.'

P: God's steadfast love extends to the heavens, and reaches down to touch our hearts.

L: Friends, Believe the Good News

ALL: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen

GLORIA PATRI

#623

CHURCH NEWS

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS – SESSION-Class of 2024

Linda Orlidge, Bev Holbay, Bob Whorl

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

REDEDICATION OF SELF AND SUBSTANCE

Offertory Doxology #625

Prayer of Dedication**

Sometimes, we believe the gifts we offer do not matter. But when they are combined with all the other gifts – of healing, of hope, of compassion, of your heart – they can become rivers of grace and justice flowing through the lives of everyone around us. We offer our gifts to you in this hope, as we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Old Testament Lesson Isaiah 62:1-5 p.641

New Testament Lesson 1 Corinthians 12:1-11 p.999

Gospel Lesson John 2:1-11 p.923

MESSAGE

Denise Ann Todero, CP

THE APOSTLES' CREED

HYMN

"Blessed Assurance"

#345

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 "Take My Life" #379

BENEDICTION/SENDING**

L: God sends us out to the lonely, the forsaken.

P: We will go to gather them up into the heart of love.

L: Jesus sends us out to throw a party for those
who nibble at the stale crusts offered by the world.

**P: We will go to sit with those who have no family,
to fill their lives with hope and grace.**

L: The Spirit sends us forth, as transformed people,
as those who have been given new names.

**P: We will go to those sunk deep in the muck of life,
Who long for new days, for new joy, for new wonder.**

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE "Let There Be Peace"

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ORGANISTS: John Griffin and Elaine Bilger

COMMISSIONED PASTOR: Denise Ann Todero

WORSHIP LEADER: Tina Varner

A voluntary dedication,
a daily assignment of all work and play and activity for the glory of
God can make anything genuine prayer,
whether it is digging ditches,
doing the dishes,
selling insurance,
or even playing golf,
which is often the same as digging ditches.

John W. Lynch



Sunday January 16th
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.

Sunday January 23rd
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.

The Annual Congregational Business Meeting will be held today following Worship. All members are encouraged to stay for the meeting.

Per Capita for 2022 is \$38 per member. These funds are crucial for the work of the church at the local, regional, and national levels so we encourage you to consider contributing more if possible. Please use the special offering envelope for your Per Capita contribution. Thank you in advance for your support.

Sign Ups for 2022 Lay Leaders are now being accepted. Take a month for yourself or share a month with someone. If you are interested in helping out, please sign up on the back bulletin board. Contact Pastor Denise for more information.

Flower and Bulletin Sponsorships for 2022 are now being accepted. 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
Don Bennett	Christine Paratore
Phyllis Pfuhl	David Hayduk
Harry Thiel	Jessie Rager
Lois Henry	Susie Keefer
Ray & Dawna Sheets	Bob & Kathy Wilks
Al & Linda Hockenberry	Chloe Kern
Buzz & Jeanne Lehman	Jim Kuntz
Bob & Marie Whorl	All Shut- Ins
Bev Holbay	All in Nursing Homes
Nora Dixon	All First Responders
Mark Todero	All Service Men & Women
Diane Brewer	All Healthcare Professionals
The Todero Family	

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.

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.

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