

**Bethany Presbyterian Church, Johnstown, PA
November 6th, 2022 32nd Sunday In Ordinary Time**

CALL TO WORSHIP (*The Book of Worship for United States Forces*)

L: Let us give thanks to God for the land of our birth with all its chartered liberties. For all the wonder of our country's story:

P: We give you thanks, o God.

L: For leaders in nation and state, and for those who in days past and in these present times have labored for the commonwealth:

P: We give you thanks, o God.

L: For those who in all times and places have been true and brave, and in the world's common ways have lived upright lives and ministered to their fellows:

P: We give you thanks, o God.

L: For those who served their country in its hour of need, and especially for those who gave even their lives in that service:

P: We give you thanks, o God.

L: O almighty God and most merciful Father, as we remember these your servants, remembering with gratitude their courage and strength, we hold before you those who mourn them. Look upon your bereaved servants with your mercy. As this day brings them memories of those they have lost awhile, may it also bring your consolation and the assurance that their loved ones are alive now and forever in your living presence.

HYMN "My Country, 'Tis of Thee" #571

CALL TO RECONCILIATION **

L: We often think God is 'out there' somewhere, distant and uncaring. But God hears our hearts, God shares our struggles, God walks with us as we try to be faithful disciples. Let us come to the One who is as close as the very breath we take in this moment to confess the brokenness of our lives. Please join me as we pray,

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

ALL: We are so easily confused by what the world tells us, Watching God, that we forget the stories of faith we heard as children. We are so fearful of tomorrow, we are not aware of your Spirit with us today. We are so busy wondering 'what if?' or 'suppose?' - we cannot hear the promises you whisper to us.

So once again, Gracious God, have mercy on us. You know our hearts so well - touch them with your grace. You see our deepest fears - heal them with your peace. You hear our secret longings - speak to them of your hope. This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

***SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

L: The One who searches our broken hearts has found the way to mend them and make us new people. The good news is that everything God has done in Christ is for us, that we might be made whole.

P: With kindness and with justice, God makes us new people. We will sing our thanks through all eternity. Great is God and greatly to be praised!

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

Prayer of Dedication

#625

LESSONS FROM THE SCRIPTURES

Old Testament	Haggai 1:15b-2:9	p.818
New Testament	2 Thessalonians 2:1-5,13-17	p.1033
Gospel	Luke 20:27-38	p.914

MESSAGE

Denise Ann Todero, CP

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH -The Apostles' Creed

HYMN "America, the Beautiful" #572

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.**

PRAYERS OF REMEMBRANCE AND INTERCESSION

L: Father, we remember the deeds of courage and the sacrifices that were made on our behalf by the men and women of our nation during the great wars of our century.

P: I remember, O Lord, how different it was for them and I pray that I may prove worthy of their offering.

L: Help us, Lord, be a people who perform our vows and keep our promises.
Help us to do justice, to resist evil, and to love our neighbors as ourselves.

P: Lord, hear our prayer

L: Compassionate and most merciful God, move us so that we do not pass
by the suffering and the helpless on the roads of life.

P: Open my eyes to recognize those who need my help.

**Cultivate in me a desire to be a friend, to share words of kindness,
to do good deeds every day.**

L: Gracious God, we pray that there may be peace in this world - the abiding
peace that comes from an equal sharing of what this earth affords.

**P: I pray for the peace that comes from caring for others, for the
peace that comes when I place you first in my life, for the peace
that comes from tolerance and from trust.**

L: Guide us, Lord, in the ways of this peace. Lead the leaders of all nations
that they may place love and truth and faithful service first in their lives,

**P: Open my heart and the hearts of men and women everywhere to
the needs of others. Make us instruments of your grace.**

L: Loving God, hear these prayers, and all the other intentions of our hearts,
minds, and souls, this day... We ask it in the name of Jesus Christ our
Savior, who taught us to pray together as one family, saying.

Our Father....

HYMN "God Be With You" #602

BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE "Let There Be Peace"

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COMMISSIONED PASTOR: Denise Ann Todero

WORSHIP LEADER: Brenda Molnar

*What will heaven be like? Well, for one thing, we will all be exempt from
federal, state and local taxes.*

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*Earth hath no sorrow that Heaven cannot heal.
Thomas Moore*



Offering: 10/30
Local 527.50
Benev. 36.55
Improv. 30.95
Total 595.00

Sunday November 6th
 Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.

Sunday November 13th
 Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.



The Flowers And Bulletins Today are given in memory of Cindy Griffin by John Griffin

Westmont Presbyterian Church invites Veterans to their annual Veterans Dinner on Saturday November 12th at 6 p.m. in their fellowship hall. Veterans are invited to bring their spouse or a guest with them. Social time begins at 5:30 p.m. with dinner being served at 6 p.m. To make a reservation, call their church office (814-536-0796) by Wednesday November 9th.

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

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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