

**Bethany Presbyterian Church, Johnstown, PA**  
**MORNING WORSHIP**

L: We gather together to celebrate the joy in our lives.

L: We gather, in God's presence, to find comfort and hope for our pain.

L: We gather together, in God's presence, to worship God in faith and truth.

**HYMN**      **"Fairest Lord Jesus"**      **#88**

L: Before we speak, God knows our needs, yet our words open our hearts to God's grace. Let us prepare ourselves for God's healing as, in words and silence, we tell of all that separates us from God and one another. Please join me as we pray.

**First of all, Everlasting God, we must confess how we have not lived as your people. We serve many masters - work, wealth, power, addictions - yet find no hope in them. We hear the cries of the poor, and shut the doors of our hearts to them. We ridicule those who expose their hopes and dreams to us.**

## SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

L: Now that we have let go of the pain, the bitterness, the anger of our lives, let us be kind, tender-hearted, and gentle towards each other, forgiving as God has forgiven us.

## L: Friends, Believe the Good News

**GLORIA PATRI #623**

## THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

## REDEDICATION OF SELF AND SUBSTANCE

## Doxology

### Prayer of Dedication\*\*

## #625

We could taunt our neighbors, or treat them to a warm welcome; we would mock those who are different or affirm them as family; we could withhold our inheritance from others, so help us to joyously and lovingly pour out our gifts and lives for others. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

<b>Old Testament</b>	<b>Jeremiah 8:18-9:1</b>	<b>p.657</b>
<b>New Testament</b>	<b>1Timothy 2:1-7</b>	<b>p.1034</b>
<b>Gospel</b>	<b>Luke 16:1-13</b>	<b>p.909</b>

**Denise Ann Toderro, CP**

**HYMN      "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"      #8**

## **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 "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" #410**

## **BENEDICTION/SENDING\*\***

God has filled us with joy and wonder.

**We will go to let it overflow in the lives of others.**

Jesus has filled us with comfort and hope.

**We will go to wipe away the tears of those around us.**

The Spirit sends us forward in faith to share the truth of God's presence in our lives.

**Alleluia! We will live everyday as God's own. Amen.**

**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**

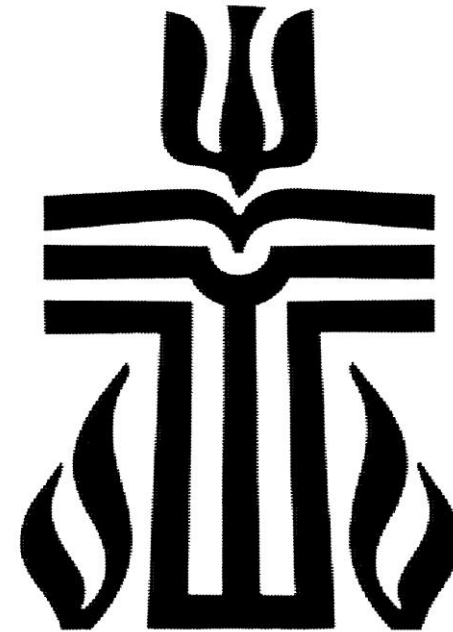
**Make all you can, save all you can,  
give all you can.**

**John Wesley**

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**It's good to have money and the things that money can buy,  
but it's good, too, to check up once in a while and make sure  
you haven't lost the things that money can't buy.**

**George Horace Lorimer**



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**Offering: 09/11**  
**Attendance: 15**  
**Local 605.00**  
**Benev. 41.55**  
**Improv. 35.45**  
**Total 682a.00**

**Sunday September 18th**  
 Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.  
**Session Meeting**

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

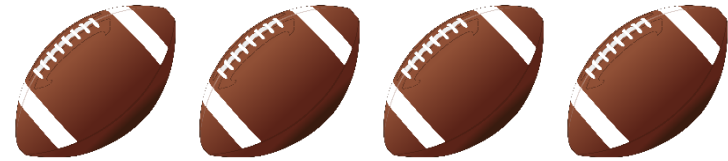
**Session** will meet today after Morning Worship.

**The Presbyterian Women's Group** will begin meeting again on Monday September 26<sup>th</sup> 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
Family of Don Bennett	Christine Paratore
Phyllis Pfuhl	David Hayduk
Lois Henry	Susie Keefer
Dawna Sheets	Chloe Kern
Buzz & Jeanne Lehman	Jim Kuntz
Bob & Marie Whorl	Tyler & Julie Kalp
Bev Holbay	Linda Hayes
Wendy Manges	Mike Whorl
Mark Todero	David Varner
Diane Brewer	Jim Golby
The Todero Family	Loretta Davidson
Shirley Gavazoni	All Shut- Ins
Linda & Richard Oaks	All in Nursing Homes
David Vivis	All First Responders
Dick Brewer	All Service Men & Women
Sean Rovon	All Healthcare Professionals
Carl Thomas	

**To Place Announcements Or Concerns List Names** in the bulletin contact Ed Sheets or contact Pastor Denise.  
**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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