

Bethany Presbyterian Church, Johnstown, PA

MORNING WORSHIP

December 26th, 2021 1st Sunday after Christmas Day

CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Snow-capped mountains and sand castles on beaches,

P: comets flashing across the night, meteors crashing into moons

L: Dolphins playing tag in the ocean and trout resting on river bottoms.

P: storks nesting on chimney tops, and doves cooing in the mornings,

L: Children making angels in the snow, teenagers knotting in hallways.

P: grandparents watching favorite movies, nervous singles on a first date,

L: All creation joins in one song:

ALL: Praise the Lord!

HYMN "O Come, All Ye Faithful" #145

CALL TO RECONCILIATION**

L: Before we put away the ornaments and put the tree out by the curb, before we toss the cards and wrapping paper into the recycling bin, before we store the movies and music back in the closet, let us confess how quickly we forget the true meaning of this holy season, as we offer our prayers to our God, saying,

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION*

ALL: How patient You are with us, Loving Creator, and how hard we find it to put up with the foolishness of others. In humility, You became one of us, and we keep wanting everything to be about us. You model a life of meekness in service to others, and we are convinced life is all about power and success. All creation sings of Your kindness, while we hurl angry words at those we say we care about the most.

Yet, rather than becoming frustrated with us, Joy of Christmas, You continue to forgive us. Clothe us with Your

love, we pray, so we might be more compassionate towards others. Touch us with Your grace, so we might become more gentle people. Fill us with that peace which longs to reside in our hearts, even as we seek to continue our journey with the Child of Bethlehem, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

L: In these moments, let God's peace dwell in your hearts. For God gives us hope, gives us peace, and gives us new life in the forgiveness of God's grace.

P: We will be thankful, for in receiving God's forgiveness, we are enabled to live as faithful followers of Jesus Christ.

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 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**

#625

You bless us with an abundance of gifts, God of this holy season, not as a reward for doing good, but as a means to reach out with healing to the broken, to clothe those who shiver in winter, and to bless others with the hope which has been ours. As we offer our gifts to you, we do so in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

LESSONS FROM THE SCRIPTURES

Old Testament Lesson	1 Samuel 2:18-20,26	p.235
New Testament Lesson	Colossians 3:12-17	p.1027
Gospel Lesson	Luke 2:41-52	p.890

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

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 " Good Christian Men, Rejoice" #151

BENEDICTION/SENDING **

L: Let us go to praise our God!

P: We will sing of God's hope as we offer compassion to the hurting.

L: Let us go to praise the Brother of the poor!

P: We will offer psalms of passion as we seek to lift others to new life.

L: Let us go to praise the Spirit of humility.

P: We will join in canticles of conciliation and peace for our broken world.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE "Joy to the World" #125

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ORGANISTS: John Griffin and Elaine Bilger

COMMISSIONED PASTOR: Denise Ann Todero

WORSHIP LEADER: Ray Sheets



when
you
CHOOSE
joy

You feel good
& when you feel
good, YOU do good
& when YOU do good
it Reminds others
of what joy feels like
& it just
might inspire
them to do
the same.

Offering: 12/19
Attendance: 32
Local 722.00
Benev. 50.00
Improv. 42.00
Christmas 30.00
Total 844.00

Sunday December 26th
 Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.

Sunday January 2nd
 Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.

Thank You to everyone who helped with the Church Christmas Party and Christmas Eve Service.

Offering Envelopes for 2022 are on the back table. Be sure to pick yours up before you leave today.

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	Bob Marsh
Bev Holbay	All Shut- Ins
Nora Dixon	All in Nursing Homes
Mark Todero	All First Responders
Diane Brewer	All Service Men & Women
The Todero Family	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.

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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In Memory of Rick Gill by Brenda Molnar

In Memory of The Barefoot Family by Carl & Linda (Barefoot)
Thomas and Irene (Barefoot) Bischof

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Huchel, and Laura Huchel

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