

**Bethany Presbyterian Church**  
**MORNING WORSHIP**  
**October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023    19<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost**

**CALL TO WORSHIP\*\***

L: From north and south, from east and west, we come:

**P: God's people called to the Table where simple grace nourishes us.**

L: From down the street to across town, from single households to apartment dwellers:

**P: God's people are called to community, where we live and serve one another.**

L: From every class, every race, every status; from little one with sippy cups to elders with overflowing hearts:

**ALL: God's people are called to witness to God's hope, to offer peace to a shattered world.**

**HYMN OF PRAISE "All Things Bright and Beautiful" #578**

**CALL TO RECONCILIATION\*\***

We are good at rules: making them and then breaking them. Paul reminds us that, when we gain Christ Jesus as our Lord and Savior, we receive exactly what we need - forgiveness, grace, hope. Let us confess our sins to God that we might know God's healing love for us!

**UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION\*\***

**If we were to name all the gods we have before you, Rock of Redemption, we would be here a very long time. We elevate politicians into saviors, though they are as broken as we are. We misuse your name so much during the day, we have trouble speaking to you in prayer at night. We are so busy; we do not notice how creation witnesses to your goodness and grace.**

**Forgive us, God our Hope. Help us to let go of what we value most, so we may open our emptiness, our hearts, our lives to the healing and loving presence of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.**

**SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

L: Persistently, patiently, lovingly, God pours out grace and joy into our lives, healing our brokenness, forgiving our sin.

**P: Loved, we are sent to love; forgiven, we are freed to forgive; graced, we can offer our gifts to everyone we meet.**

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**

**LESSONS FROM THE SCRIPTURES**

**Old Testament**

**Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20**

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**New Testament**

**Philippians 3:4b-14**

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**Gospel**

**Matthew 21:33-46**

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**MESSAGE**

**Denise Ann Todero, CP**

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - The Apostle's Creed**

**HYMN**

**"The Solid Rock"    vs: 1,3 &4    #404**

**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 "Where He Leads Me"

#373

**CHARGE AND BLESSING\*\***

L: Go out from this place of peace, to serve a hurting world.

**P: We go, knowing that the God of peace will be with us.**

L: Go where there is disunity among Christians, and bring God's reconciliation.

**P: We go, knowing that the God of peace will be with us.**

L: Go where there is injustice and brokenness, to bring God's way of peace.

**P: We go, knowing that the God of peace will be with us.**

**CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

"God Be With You" #602

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**ORGANISTS: John Griffin and Elaine Bilger**

**COMMISSIONED PASTOR: Denise Ann Todero**

**WORSHIP LEADER: Brenda Molnar**

*We are not part of a nice neat creation, set in motion by a loving God; we are part of a mutinous world where rebellion against God is the order of the day.*

*Samuel M. Shoemaker, cofounder of Alcoholics Anonymous*

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*All the way through the Bible man is rebellious.*

*Adam and Eve rebelled in the Garden of Eden against God.*

*Cain rebelled against the teachings of God.*

*The Tower of Babel was nothing but a rebellion.*

*Lot rebelled against Abraham.*

*Esau rebelled against Jacob.*

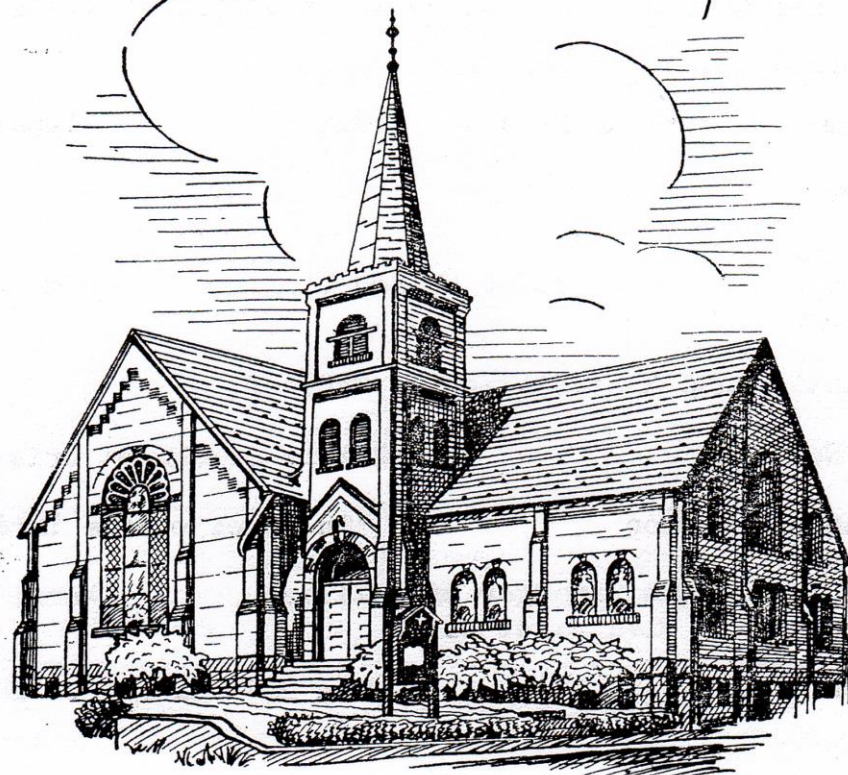
*Absalom rebelled against David.*

*And every one of us today is a rebel.*

*Earth is a planet in rebellion against God.*

*Billy Graham*

# BETHANY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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**Offering: 10/01**  
**Attendance: 21**  
**Local 731.50**  
**Benev. 50.60**  
**Improv. 42.90**  
**Total 825.00**

**Sunday October 8th**  
 Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.

**Sunday October 15th**  
 Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.

**Our Christian Sympathies** are extended to the families of Buzz Lehman and Bonnie Penrod who passed away this week.

**Items For The Newsletter** are due by Sunday October 29<sup>th</sup>. This edition will cover November-December. Items can be placed in the offering plate or sent to Ed Sheets.

**Mark Your Calendars!** Pine Springs Camp will hold their annual Friends Dinner on Sunday October 29<sup>th</sup> from 3:30-6:30 p.m. inside the Refuge Dining Hall at the Camp. Call the camp at (814) 629-9834 or visit [www.pinesprings.org](http://www.pinesprings.org) for more information.

**Weekly Flower and Bulletins** for 2023 are still available for most weeks. The cost is \$25 per week for flowers and \$10 per week for bulletins. If you purchase flowers and bulletins for the same week the cost is \$30. To reserve a week, sign up on- the back bulletin board or fill out the form on the church website.



Concerns: Keep the following people in your prayers...	
Pastor Denise & Pete	David Hayduk
Lois Henry	Linda Hayes
Dawna Sheets	Nancy Thomas
Jeanne Lehman	Rich Horner
Marie Whorl	Kim Redvay
Bev Holbay	Dave & Karen Vivis
Wendy Manges	Chuck Schmidt
Mark Todero	Linda Orlidge
Carl Newfield	Samuel Holbay
Bobbie Johnson	The Penrod Family
Beverly Rager	All Shut- Ins
Mikey Ferante	All in Nursing Homes
Sheri Pavic	All First Responders
Jessie Rager	All Service Men & Women
Jill Sheets	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 814-248-8174 or email her at datodero55@gmail.com.  
**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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