

The
best way
to get
even is to
forgive
as you have
been 
forgiven.

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Bethany Presbyterian Church, Johnstown, PA
MORNING WORSHIP
February 19th, 2017 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

CALL TO WORSHIP **

L: We are called to turn the other cheek,

P: so we will seek to be vulnerable in our lives of faith and service.

L: We are called to go the extra mile,

P: so we will walk with those around using the journeys of hope as well as fear.

L: We are called to love those who make that so hard,

P: so we will rely on the One who loves us to fill us with that special grace.

***HYMN**

"Immortal, Invisible"

#25

CALL TO RECONCILIATION*

L: Because we belong to God, we can turn our gaze away from all that tempts us, and see the One who loves us always. Let us turn our hearts towards God, as we speak of our foolishness and failures. Please join me as we pray together, saying,

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION*

We may try to trick ourselves, but we cannot fool you, Wise God. We tell lies about others, and profane your name. We hold onto grudges as if they were the most precious of jewels. We steal another's identity when we ridicule who they are, and we boast about all we are without a nod toward you, who have blessed us.

No matter how often we hurt you, God of grace, you show us your merciful nature. As you seek to teach us your ways, may we pay close attention. As you love us despite our foolish choices, may we be more compassionate toward others. As we seek to follow Jesus, may we be willing to go as far as he will take us, even into that place of hope and peace, which is the realm of your heart.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

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 Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18 p. 101

New Testament 1 Corinthians 3:10-11, 16-23 p.992

Gospel Matthew 5:38-48 p.839

MESSAGE

Denise Ann Todero, CRE

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

"The Apostle's Creed"

***HYMN**

"Living for Jesus"

#372

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

BENEDICTION/SENDING*

L: Go now, beloved of God!

P: We will go to love all we meet.

L: Go now, followers of Jesus!

**P: We will go the distance with
the One who shows us the way.**

L: Go now, companions of the Spirit!

**P: We will go, sharing peace and hope
with the world.**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE "May the Lord"**

**Those who are able please stand.*

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ORGANISTS: John Griffin and Elaine Bilger

COMMISSIONED RULING ELDER: Denise Ann Todero

WORSHIP LEADER: Tina Varner

*If we could read the secret history of our enemies, we should find in each
man's life sorrow and suffering enough to disarm all hostility.*

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

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*If I am even with my enemy, the debt is paid; but if I forgive him, I oblige
him for ever.*

William Penn

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*I choose my friends for their good looks, my acquaintances for their good
characters, and my enemies for their intellects.
A man cannot be too careful in the choice of his enemies.*

Oscar Wilde

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*The Bible tells us to love our neighbors, and also to love our enemies;
probably because they are generally the same people.*

G.K. Chesterton

Offering: 2/12
Attendance: 28

Sunday February 19th
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.

Local	664.95
Benev.	46.05
Improv.	39.00
Roof	<u>50.00</u>
Total	800.00

Sunday February 26th
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Coffee Hour After Worship

Ash Wednesday Service will be held here at the church on Wednesday March 1st at 7 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

Coffee Hour will be held next Sunday after worship.

Weekly Flowers are available for 2017. The cost is \$24 per week. If you would like to sign up for a week or weeks, please sign up on the back bulletin board.

The Coffee Hour/Communion Setup list is posted on the back bulletin board. If you are interested in helping by organizing a coffee hour or helping set up communion, please sign up.

Training and Enrichment Workshops for Ruling Elders (and others who might benefit) will be held on March 11, 2017 from 9:00 to 4:00 at the Maplewood Presbyterian Church in Greensburg. Topics covered will be Presbyterian Polity and Spiritual Formation. If you are planning to be there for lunch the cost is \$7.00. Please RSVP to the Presbytery office at 724.837.6737



Concerns: Keep the following people in your prayers...	
Don & Marlene Bennett	Bill & Patty Gramling
Michael Robert Rose III	Bill Kegg
Darlene Rager	Justin Korenoski
Phyllis Pfuhl	Kathy & Robert Wilks
Harry & Lillian Thiel	Marlene Rager
Lois Henry	Logan Weaver
Melinda Mendoza	Matthew Gramling
Jim Runkle Sr.	Larry Holbay
Katherine Minahan	George Hockenberry
The Fockler Family	Lilyana Newfield
Jack Forsha	Sharon Weaver
Dan Kresko	Melissa Zeisman
Olivia & Patrick Bragdon	Elizabeth Kern
Dick Dunkle	Wanda Keifer
Lenore Runkle	John & Cindy Griffin
Anne Fattman	Jake Johnson
Buzz Lehman	Charles Molnar
Andy Serafin	All Shut- Ins
William Ribblett	All in Nursing Homes
Gary Close	All Service Men & Women

To Place Announcements Or Concerns List Names in the bulletin contact Ed Sheets at 539-3495 or email at esheets91@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.