

**-Bethany Presbyterian, Johnstown, PA  
MORNING WORSHIP October 6th, 2024  
Proper 22 World Communion Sunday**

**CALL TO WORSHIP \*\***

L: Welcome to this place:

**P: where children and seasoned citizens sit side by side,  
where heaven and earth embrace in peace,  
where God has been, is, and always will be.**

L: Welcome to this place, as we gather with all of God's children:

**P: where we find God's love, where we hear the tender  
voice of Jesus, where the Spirit teaches us new songs.**

L: Welcome to this place, where all is made ready by our God:

**P: where we bring our hunger, and find food;  
where we bring our brokenness, and find healing;  
where we bring our very selves, and find acceptance.**

**HYMN "Break Thou the Bread of Life" (VS 1 &3) #274**

**CALL TO RECONCILIATION\*\***

L: We marginalize peace, yet it is the horizon towards which we journey. We are divided from others, not so much by belief, but by fear. On this day of unity around God's Table with our sisters and brothers throughout the world, let us confess how we have not lived as God's beloved children. Please join me as we pray, saying,

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

**ALL: We have not been your people, Preparer of Peace.  
When we could see our brother Jesus in others, we turn  
away from those who are unlike us, who scare us. When we  
could offer peace to those around us, we break our  
promises, we hoard grudges in our hearts, we pander to  
prejudice. When we could speak of hope, we fling words  
that shatter another's heart. When we could live as one with  
all people, we try to push them as far away from us as  
possible.**

**Redeem us, Lover of Peace, and pour out your grace upon  
us. May the warmth of your tenderness melt our frozen  
souls, may the balm of your words mend any broken hearts  
we have damaged, may we be as trusting and vulnerable as**

**a little child, as we follow Jesus Christ, our Lord, our  
Brother, into your kingdom of joy.**

**SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON\*\***

L: The forgiveness of God be upon you; the peace of Christ rest upon you; the grace of the Holy Spirit be the gift which is placed in your life, this day and forever.

**P: From this day to the end of eternity, we are God's  
children: citizens of God's kingdom, brothers and sisters of  
the Prince of Peace. Thanks be to God.**

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**

**#625**

**Prayer of Dedication**

**LESSONS FROM THE SCRIPTURES**

**Old Testament: Numbers 8:23**

**Pg. 122**

**New Testament: Acts 2:42-47**

**Pg. 949**

**Message Rev. James Farrer**

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *(adapted from the Belhar Confession)*

**We believe in one holy, universal Christian church, the unity  
of the communion of saints of the entire human family. And  
we believe that that this unity of the people of God must be  
manifest and active, in that we love one another; that we  
give ourselves willingly and joyfully to one another,**

**that we share one baptism together, that we eat of one bread and drink of one cup together, that we confess one name, one Lord, for one cause, with one hope, which is the height and the breadth and the depth and the love of Christ, forever and ever. Amen.**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and PASTORAL PRAYER**

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.**

**HYMN "Let Us Break Bread Together" #323**

**CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER** (*refer to Bulletin insert*)  
(*All believers are welcome to celebrate Holy Communion.*)

**BENEDICTION/SENDING\*\***

L: We will go from this place,

**P: to sit at the side of those forgotten by the world,  
as we are welcomed by their grace and God's holy presence.**

L: We will go to wherever your children gather,

**P: to be blessed by their love, as they echo Jesus' gentle voice.**

L: We will go with our hunger, and be fed;  
we will go with our brokenness, and be healed;  
we will offer ourselves, and be accepted by the Spirit,

**P: who lives and works in every person we will meet.**

**CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE "God Be With You"**

God be with you till we meet again;  
By His counsels guide, uphold you,  
With His sheep securely fold you;  
God be with you till we meet again

God be with you till we meet again;  
'Neath His wings protecting hide you,  
Daily manna still provide you;  
God be with you till we meet again.

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**ORGANISTS: John Griffin and Elaine Bilger**

**WORSHIP LEADER:**



**Offering: 09/29**  
**Attendance: 13**  
**Local 811.20**  
**Benev. 56.20**  
**Improv. 47.60**  
**Total 915.00**

**Sunday October 6th**  
 Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.  
**World Communion Sunday**

**Sunday September 13th**  
 Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.



**This Morning** we welcome Rev. Jim Farrer as our guest speaker for Morning Worship.

**The Redstone Presbyterian Women** will hold their Fall Gathering on Saturday November 2<sup>nd</sup> at Poke Run Presbyterian Church in Apollo, PA. More information can be found on the flyer by the Blaine St. Door.

**The West End Food Pantry** is still in need of staples to keep their shelves stocked as we enter the fall months. Non-perishable food donations can be placed in the bins by the main entrance. Monetary donations can be placed in the offering plate. Thank you for your support.

**Sign Ups For 2024** Lay Leaders and Flower/Bulletin Sponsorships are still being accepted. If you are interested, please see the back bulletin board for more information. You can also order flowers/bulletins on the church website.

**Concerns: Keep the following people in your prayers...**

Lois Henry	Nancy Thomas
Dawna Sheets	Dave & Karen Vivis
Jeanne Lehman	Joshua Holbay Family
Marie Whorl	Dominic Serratore
Bev Holbay	Loretta Davidson
Mark Todero	Irene Barefoot Bischof
Carl Newfield	Rodney Gramling
Beverly Rager	Bob Kinsey
Mikey Ferante	Randy Maurer
Jill Sheets	Edward Spinda
Betty Clemenson	Jim & Iva Jean
Frank Cassat	Dan Saylor
JR Bilger	All Shut- Ins
Linda Hayes	All in Nursing Homes
Missy DiPlacido	All First Responders
Randy Browning	All Service Men & Women
Jim Kuntz	All Healthcare Professionals

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