

*... and a Voice came from heaven,
“Thou art My Beloved Son.”*



**Bethany Presbyterian Church
Blaine Street at Chandler Avenue
Johnstown, PA**

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MORNING WORSHIP**

January 13th, 2019 Baptism of the Lord

CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Like the soft whisper of a little child singing to herself before anyone else in the house is awake,

P: ever so gently, God's voice cradles us with songs of wonder and awe.

L: With the persistence of teenagers and young adults, heady with the newfound freedom of questioning everything,

P: God's voice rumbles like a river through our lives, sweeping away all the boundaries between us.

L: Like the grandpa who passes on the secret to his bread, like the nana who teaches her grandkids how to drive,

P: God's voice is always reminding us that we are precious, esteemed, beloved.

***HYMN OF PRAISE "Morning Has Broken" #469**

CALL TO RECONCILIATION*

L: Broken? God promises to make us whole. Lost? God promises to come and find us, gather us up, and bring us home. Confused about tomorrow? God promises our future is grounded in love. Let us confess that, though we have heard the promises over and over, we have trouble believing them, as we pray together saying,

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)*

ALL: We know what it is like to be singed by the flames of our lives, Holy God. We look for ourselves in all the wrong places - success, power, adulation. We carve our names in the granite walls of work, hoping we will be remembered when we are gone. We have gone through the waters of baptism, but live as if they have not changed us.

We need to hear your sure word, 'do not fear,' Shaper of our lives. Our failures do not cause you to quit loving us, for you continue to claim us, gathering us up in your compassionate arms. In our baptism, we discover not the end, but the first step of our journey with Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

***SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON*

L: God's words of comfort and restoration are more powerful than any foolishness, any mistakes, any sins we commit. This is good news: we are God's people!

P: Thanks be to God! By water and word, by the Spirit of God's redeeming grace, we are marked and sealed as God's beloved children.

L:....Friends, Believe the Good News

ALL: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen

***GLORIA PATRI**

#579

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**

#592

***Prayer of Dedication**

LESSONS FROM THE SCRIPTURES

Old Testament Lesson Isaiah 43:1-7 p. 623

New Testament Lesson Acts 8:14-17 p.955

Gospel Lesson Luke 3:15-17, 21-22p.891

MESSAGE Denise Ann Toderro, CP

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – The Apostles' Creed-p.14**

(Traditional)

***HYMN "Take My Life and Let It Be"**

#391

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.**

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

(Please see bulletin insert)

***HYMN "Spirit of the Living God" #322**

BENEDICTION/SENDING*

L: Baptized, we will go to share God's love with others.

P: We will welcome those the world rejects as our sisters and brothers.

L: Baptized, we will become the grace of our Lord Jesus.

P: We will share the waters of life with everyone we meet.

L: Baptized, we will become the fellowship of the Holy Spirit.

P: We will be a community of justice, not judgment; we will be a household of hope, not an exclusive club for just a few.

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE "Let There Be Peace"**

**Those who are able please stand.*

***© Rev. Thom Shuman*

ORGANISTS: John Griffin and Elaine Bilger

COMMISSIONED PASTOR: Denise Ann Todero

WORSHIP LEADER: Tina Varner

**Baptism is a sign of initiation,
by which we are admitted into the society of the Church,
in order that, being incorporated into Christ,
we may be numbered among the children of God.**

John Calvin

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In baptism, the direction is indicated rather than the arrival.

Frederich Rest

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

May the God of glory be with you! **And also with you!**
People of God, offer your hearts to God.

We give them to the One who comes to redeem us.

Sing songs of praise and joy, Children of God.

We lift our voices to the One who journeys with us through the waters of baptism, and who feeds us at the Table of hope.

With the water of baptism reminding us of your love for us..... we lift our voices in joy and hope:

**Holy, holy, holy, Awesome Voice of life and hope.
All creation resounds with your wondrous love.
Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the One who comes to be baptized with water and the Spirit. Hosanna in the highest!**

Holy are you, God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
Bearer of grace..... we proclaim that mystery we call faith:

Baptized, Christ was called your Beloved; dying, Christ was your heart broken for us; risen to new life, Christ is the Voice which shatters all our fears; coming to gather us up, Christ will bring us home to you.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE COMMUNION *(Please hold the element until all are served, at the Pastor's lead, all will partake together, saying:)*

The body of Christ, the Bread of Heaven.

The blood of Christ, the Cup of Salvation.

Offering: 1/6
Attendance: 32
Local 760.70
Benev. 52.70
Improv. 44.60
Roof 20.00
Total 878.00

Sunday January 13th
 Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Baptism of the Lord Sunday

Sunday January 20th
 Morning Worship 10:30 p.m.

The Bulletins Today are given in memory of James Runkle by Pat and Beth Runkle.

Session will meet next Sunday after worship.

The Annual Souper Bowl of Caring will be held on Sunday February 3rd. A luncheon will be held following worship and a free will offering will be collected to benefit the West End Food Pantry. Feel free to wear your favorite teams colors as we fight hunger.

Flower and Bulletin Sponsorships are available for 2019. If you would like to sign up for one or both for a week, sign up on the back bulletin board or by clicking the link on the church website (www.bethanyjohnstown.com).

Sign Ups for 2019 Worship Leaders, Coffee Hour Set-ups, and Communion Set-ups are posted on the back bulletin board.

Upper Room Subscriptions for 2019 are \$8 for the year. If you are interested or have any questions, see Ray Sheets.

Per Capita for 2019 is \$30 per member. Feel free to give more if you are able. An envelope is provided with your offering envelopes for the Per Capita. Contributions can also be given to Ray Sheets or you can use a pew envelope and write Per Capita and your name on it.

Please Refrain from using cell phones and other electronic devices during Morning Worship. We thank you for your cooperation.



Concerns: Keep the following people in your prayers...	
Don Bennett	The Holbay Family
Michael Robert Rose III	Sharon Weaver
Darlene Rager	Elizabeth Kern
Phyllis Pfuhl	John & Cindy Griffin
Harry & Lillian Thiel	Rachael Wilks
Lois Henry	Logan Weaver
Katherine Minahan	A Friend
Olivia & Patrick Bragdon	Gary Bellack
Dick Dunkle	Cathy Zakucia
Lenore Runkle	Richard Kibsey
Andy Serafin	Irene Barefoot Bischof
Cheryl Gindlesperger	Kimber Leigh Orlidge
Nancy Dimitt	Justin Korenoski
Joyce Horn	Beth Runkle
Elaine & Ken Bilger	Marie Hudson
Bill & Patty Gramling	Linda Thomas
Marie Kotar	Bob Whorl
Bill Kegg	Linda Shoop
Gloria Sorensen	Linda Donahey
Kathy & Robert Wilks	Anna Myers
Rev. Dr. Brenda & Don Barnes	All Shut- Ins
Catherine Sabo	All in Nursing Homes
Pastor John Hickman	All First Responders
The Gallagher Family	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.

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