



Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday

Bethany Presbyterian Church

Sunday February 2, 2020

Bethany Presbyterian Church, Johnstown, PA
MORNING WORSHIP
February 2nd, 2020 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time
"Souper Bowl of Caring"

CALL TO WORSHIP **

L: When we seek justice for the other,
when we love kindness more than ever,

P: we live as God asks us to live.

L: When we walk humbly through life,
when we offer mercy to those who hurt us,

P: we are the blessing God hopes we will be.

L: When we are willing to look foolish by following Jesus,
when we choose weakness rather than power,

P: we reflect the One who is in our midst.

***HYMN "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing " #2**

CALL TO RECONCILIATION*

L: If we want to truly live in God's presence, we must live as God's faithful people. Let us begin by
confessing all the mistakes we have made, the wrongs we have done, the people we have hurt. Join me as we pray together, saying,

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION*

P: What have we done to you, dear God? We dishonor you every time we treat another with disrespect. We shatter your heart when we find it easier to break our word, then to take the risk to keep it. We fill your ears with the gossip, lies, and slander we speak about those around us.

**You are wise enough to forgive our foolishness;
you are strong enough to overcome our weakness;
you are loving enough to heal the hurt we cause to you and to others. And so you give us new hope and new life in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON*

L: What has God done to us - shown mercy! What has God done for us - forgiven us! This is the good news for us.

P: We will not boast, for it is not our doing. We will give thanks to God for such grace and hope.

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*

May we always be foolish enough to offer our gifts to you, Generous God, for you use them to bring justice to the oppressed, to bring laughter to those who mourn, and to offer wonder to little children. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

LESSONS FROM THE SCRIPTURES

Old Testament Lesson Micah 6:1-8 p. 805

New Testament Lesson 1 Corinthians 1:18-31 p.991

Gospel Matthew 5:1-12 p.837

MESSAGE

Denise Ann Todero, CP

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

"The Apostles' Creed"

***HYMN "He Leadeth Me"**

#461

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 Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing #601**

BENEDICTION/SENDING*

L: We have been nourished by God's grace and hope,

**P: and so we will go to those who hunger for justice,
as well as to those who thirst for reconciliation.**

L: We are called to follow the One who is weak and powerless,

**P: and so we will bring healing to the broken among us,
as well as comfort to those who grieve in every moment.**

L: We learn what is right and good from the Holy Spirit,

**P: and so we will go as fools to be blessings to the wise,
as well as to do not what is easy, but what is difficult.**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE "God Be With You" #602**

****Those who are able please stand.***

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ORGANISTS: John Griffin and Elaine Bilger

COMMISSIONED PASTOR: Denise Ann Todero

WORSHIP LEADER: Karen Soliday

The one thing we must see is that the Beatitudes by which Jesus begins this sermon are not a mild and sentimental collection of platitudes. They are a frontal challenge to almost everything we assume about "the way it is" in the world.

The only way they make sense is if Jesus Christ himself is able to sustain the blessings that he pronounces.

When that fact becomes our fact, and when we become convinced that Jesus Christ has the authority to support his promises, then the word "blessed" not only invites us to find the right path but also to welcome the path we find.

We now have the biblical doctrine of success.

.....Earl Palmer, *The Enormous Exception*

God doesn't bless us just to make us happy;
He blesses us to make us a blessing.....Warren Wiersbe

Offering: 01/26
Attendance: 18
Local 1080.75
Benev. 74.86
Improv. 63.40
Total 1219.00

Sunday February 2nd
 Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
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Sunday February 9th
 Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Session Meeting

Our Christian Sympathies are extended to Jim Stormant on the death of his sister.

Today is Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday. Everyone is invited to stay after Morning Worship for a luncheon. An offering will be collected with the proceeds going to the West End Food Pantry.

Per Capita (First Fruits) for 2020 is \$30 per member. Feel free to give more if you are able, as these funds support the work of the Presbyterian Church on local, national, and worldwide levels. 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.

Enrichment Day will be held on Saturday February 8th from 12:15 to 4:15 p.m. at Westmont Presbyterian Church. See Pastor Denise if you are interested in attending.

Session will meet on Sunday February 9th following Morning Worship.

2020 Lay Leader sign ups are now being accepted. If you are interested in volunteering, please sign up on the back bulletin board. Take a month for yourself or share with someone else. See Pastor Denise for more information.

Flower and Bulletin Sponsorships are now available for 2020. The cost of flowers is tentatively set for \$24 per week and the cost to sponsor the bulletin for a week is \$10 (\$6 if sponsoring the flowers in the same week. If you are interested, please sign up on the back bulletin board.



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

Don & Marlene Bennett	The Holbay Family
Michael Robert Rose III	Elizabeth Kern
Phyllis Pfuhl	Rachael Wilks
Harry & Lillian Thiel	Logan Weaver
Lois Henry	Richard Kibsey
Andy Serafin	Gwen Hartnett
Elaine Bilger	Marie Hudson
Kathy & Robert Wilks	Linda Hayes
Monica Benko	Leslie Clemenson
Pastor John Hickman	Pete Barclay
Denny Hammers	Carl Thomas
Rodney Varner	All Shut- Ins
Dawna Sheets	All in Nursing Homes
Maryann Ackman	All First Responders
David Varner	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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