

Bethany Presbyterian Church, Johnstown, PA
MORNING WORSHIP
April 22nd, 2022 2nd Sunday of Easter

CALL TO WORSHIP **

L: Praise God with clapping hands; praise God with hands comforting a child.

P: Praise God with silent hearts; praise God with hearts broken by the world.

L: Praise God with electric guitars; praise God with soft piano chords.

P: Praise God with be-bop and hip-hop; praise God with rhythms that don't stop.

L: Praise God with a Hallelujah chorus; praise God with a Gregorian chant.

P: Praise God with dancing steps; praise God with feet walking for justice

HYMN "Christ Arose" #216

CALL TO RECONCILIATION**

L: When we keep our faults and failures locked safely away, we have no need to confess. But God comes into our hearts when we least expect, so we can be filled with forgiveness, with hope, with peace. Please join me as we pray, saying,

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God of empty tombs and empty people: when we hesitate to speak of your hope, forgive us, and give us voice. When we find it difficult to love another, forgive us, and give us new compassion. When we want to stand with the high and mighty, forgive us, and put us next to the poor and oppressed. When we stay locked behind our fears and doubts, forgive us, and send us out to share your grace. When we cannot believe your Word of new life, forgive us, and fill us with your joy.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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

Prayer of Dedication

#625

LESSONS FROM THE SCRIPTURES

First Lesson	Acts 5:27-32	p.951
Second Lesson	Revelation 1:4-8	p.1072
Gospel Lesson	John 20:19-31	p. 945

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles' Creed

HYMN "He Lives" #220

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 ss "Crown Him With Many Crowns" #234

BENEDICTION/SENDING**

L: God sends us forth with songs of joy in our hearts.

P: We will go to sing of wonder to all who are empty of life even as we gather them close to our hearts.

L: Jesus calls us to step out of our fears into lives of witness.

P: We will go to breathe peace into all the broken places around us.

L: The Spirit teaches us new dance steps of grace.

P: We will go to take our sisters and brothers by the hand to dance in the streets of the kingdom.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE "Let There Be Peace"

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ORGANISTS: John Griffin and Elaine Bilger

COMMISSIONED RULING ELDER: Denise Ann Todero

WORSHIP LEADER: Brenda Molnar

*Most of us, in our desire for meaningful faith, seem to be
saying to God:*

"Show me, and I'll believe!" This approach never works.

*God has made it very clear to us,
in the life and teaching of his Son Jesus, that the process
must be reversed.*

*He is saying to us: "Believe in me, and I'll show you."
John Powell, S.J.*

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*The resurrection of Christ is the chief proof of the Christian
faith.*

*It is the truth which lies at the very foundation of the Gospel.
I don't believe there's a facet in ancient history that is so well
proven as this resurrection.*

*The Bible reveals how the whole early church went up and
down the country preaching the resurrection of Jesus Christ.*

*This was what shook the Roman Empire—
that a man had risen from the dead, that He was alive,
that death could not hold Him.*

Billy Graham

Peace be with you.



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

Offering: 04/17
Attendance: 19
Local 529.00
Benev. 36.00
Improv. 31.00
OGHS 90.00
Total 686.00

Sunday April 24th
 Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.

Sunday May 1st
 Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.

Flower and Bulletin Sponsorships for 2022 are available for most Sundays. If you are interested, please sign up on the back bulletin board.

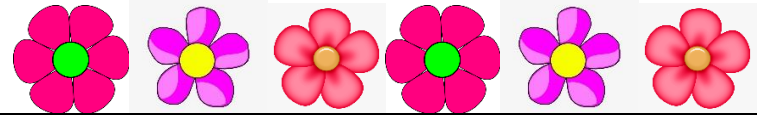
Donations for the West End Food Pantry can be placed in the bins by the Blaine St. entrance. All non-perishable food items are appreciated, especially as we approach the holiday season.

---HAPPY ANNIVERSARY---

This week marks the 125th Anniversary of the official establishment of our church.

In 1886, the Presbyterian Sabbath School was organized under the sponsorship of the First Presbyterian Church of Johnstown. It was their desire to develop a Home Missions project that led them to become the "mother church". Mr. James Barron, an elder in the church and a Dr. Campbell Sheridan became the leaders in the organization of the school and in the erection of the Laurel Avenue Chapel.

In February 1897, the chapel congregation decided to petition the Presbytery for permission to become a separate, self-supporting church organization. On **April 29, 1897** permission was granted and the Laurel Avenue Presbyterian Church was officially organized with a membership of 131 persons. The first minister of the congregation was Rev. J.O.C. McCracken who was installed on June 29, 1897. The name changed to Bethany in April 1914.



Concerns: Keep the following people in your prayers...	
Pastor Denise	Ruby Porch
Don Bennett	Christine Paratore
Phyllis Pfuhl	David Hayduk
Harry Thiel	Martha Minahan
Lois Henry	Susie Keefer
Dawna Sheets	Chloe Kern
Al & Linda Hockenberry	Jim Kuntz
Buzz & Jeanne Lehman	David Demo
Bob & Marie Whorl	Linda Hayes
Bev Holbay	Don Merritts
Wendy Manges	Mike Whorl
Mark Todero	David Varner
Diane Brewer	Jim Golby
The Todero Family	All Shut- Ins
Shirley Gavazoni	All in Nursing Homes
Linda & Richard Oaks	All First Responders
David Vivis	All Service Men & Women
Tyler & Julie Kalp	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 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.

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