



Palm Sunday

March 25, 2018

Bethany Presbyterian Church

Bethany Presbyterian Church, Johnstown, PA
MORNING WORSHIP
March 25th, 2018 Palm/Passion Sunday

Lenten Candle Lighting Liturgy: Wood

CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: We come to prepare for the holiest of weeks.

**P: We will journey through praise, with joy on our lips;
we will travel through betrayal and death, cradling hope deep in our hearts**

L: Jesus leads us through this week, and we will follow,
for he is the life we long for, he is the Word who sustains us.

**P: We wave palm branches in anticipation, we lay our love before him, to
cushion his walk**

L: Setting aside all power, glory, and might, he comes: modeling humility and
obedience for all of us.

**P: Hosanna! Hosanna! Blessed is the One who brings us
the kingdom of God.**

THE PALMS: Mark 11:1-11

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***HYMN "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"**

#174

CALL TO RECONCILIATION*

When the parade is over, do we pick up our lives, brush them off, and live in the old
way? Do we toss our palm branches aside, so we can grasp the seductions of the
world? As we begin the journey through the holiest of weeks, let us speak the truth, as
we confess

to our God, praying together,

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION*

**Ever constant Love, mixing love and hope together,
you pave the way to the kingdom, but we prefer to stub
our toes on the potholed roads of temptation. You will
touch the cup of grace to our parched lips, but we seem
to hunger for the ashy taste of bitterness. You beg us to
learn the songs of salvation, but we hum along with the
chorus death plays in the background of our lives.**

**Have mercy upon us, God of Holiness. As you come
to us, you bring healing for our brokenness, peace for
our troubled lives, hope for our doubting minds. May
we empty ourselves of everything which keeps us from**

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *(from Philippians 2:5-11)*

L Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus.

P Who, being in the form of God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant being made in human likeness.

L And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death, even death on a cross.

P Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name.

L That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

P And every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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 "In Christ There Is No East or West" #285**

***SENDING/BENEDICTION**

L: Go out into the world in as God's people.

P: We will journey with praise on our lips.

L: Go out into the world as followers of Jesus.

P: We will join the parade of the broken, the lost, the hopeless, for that is where Jesus may be found.

L: Go out into the world as the Spirit's peace.

P: We will share the warm breath of reconciliation with all we meet.

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (All wave Palms)**

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" 1st verse #174

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

*****© Rev. Thom Shuman***

Lenten Candle Lighting Liturgy – Rev. Mindi

ORGANISTS: John Griffin and Elaine Bilger

COMMISSIONED RULING ELDER: Denise Ann Todero

WORSHIP LEADER: Tina Varner

Offering: 03/18
Attendance: 30

Local	688.00
Benev.	47.65
Improv.	<u>40.35</u>
Total	776.00

Sunday March 25th
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Coffee Hour After Worship

Sunday April 1st
Breakfast/Basket Auction 9 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.

The Flowers and Bulletins today are sponsored by Don & Marlene Bennett.

Easter Breakfast will be held next Sunday at 9 a.m. If you plan on attending, please sign up on the back bulletin board before you leave today, so we know how many to prepare for.

The annual Easter Basket Auction will be held next Sunday following the Easter Breakfast. If you would like to donate a basket or prize, you can bring it to the breakfast next Sunday. Please include a description and minimum starting bid, if possible.

Items for the Newsletter are due today. Please give/send all newsletter items to Ed Sheets. This edition will cover April-June, so submit your spring recipes, stories, etc.

Maundy Thursday Service will be held on Thursday March 29th at Grace Lutheran Church. The service begins at 7 p.m. and all are invited to attend.

Good Friday service will be held on Friday March 30th from 12-3 p.m. at Calvary United Methodist Church.

The Raise The Roof Spaghetti Dinner will be held on Saturday May 5th from 4-7 p.m. here at Bethany. Tickets for the dinner to purchase or sell are available from Ray Sheets. Donation letters for the basket/prize raffle and flyers are available on the back table. Please consider taking tickets to sell, some donation letters to get prizes for the basket/prize raffle, or some flyers to hang up to promote the dinner. Thank you in advance for your help.



Concerns: Keep the following people in your prayers...	
Don Bennett	Bill Kegg
Michael Robert Rose III	Justin Korenoski
Darlene Rager	Kathy & Robert Wilks
Phyllis Pfuhl	Larry & Bev Holbay
Harry & Lillian Thiel	George Hockenberry
Lois Henry	Lilyana Newfield
Katherine Minahan	Sharon Weaver
Jack Forsha	Elizabeth Kern
Olivia & Patrick Bragdon	John & Cindy Griffin
Dick Dunkle	Rose Marie Oravetz
Lenore Runkle	Charles Molnar
Andy Serafin	Rachael Wilks
Betty Clemenson	Logan Weaver
Diann Makin	Jane Barefoot Volscko
Bill Shroyer	A Friend
John Morgan	Gary Bellack
Joshua Holbay	Cathy Zakucia
Nancy Dimitt	Sally McGrath
Joyce Horn	All Shut- Ins
Larry Lloyd	All in Nursing Homes
Bill & Patty Gramling	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.