



BETHANY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MORNING WORSHIP

NOVEMBER 3, 2019

**Bethany Presbyterian Church, Johnstown, PA**  
**MORNING WORSHIP**  
**November 3rd, 2019    31st Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**\*\*\*\*Hymns today are from the "The Hymnal"\*\*\*\***

**CALL TO WORSHIP\*\***

L: We gather in awe

**P: standing in the presence of the One who crafted the stars, the mountains, the seas.**

L: We gather in faith,

**P: trusting that the One who has held little children holds our lives in the heart of God.**

L: We gather in need,

**P: seeking the One who longs for justice to grace each and every person in creation.**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"                    #1**

**\*CALL TO RECONCILIATION\*\***

How patient is God! We run around trying to do everything our way, and God just waits. We try to buy life and happiness, and God waits. We hurt others and walk away from those in need, and God waits. God waits, and upon hearing our heartfelt prayers and cries for help, God touches us with forgiveness and new life. Come, join me as we pray to the One who waits to hear - from us!

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

**Surrounded by so many seductions, Patient God, we find it difficult to see you in our lives. Justice has a hard time surviving when there is so much persecution and affliction towards the little ones of the world. Our neighborhoods, our families, even our churches, are filled with strife and contention.**

**We cry for help, Listening God; forgive us! As we wait for your grace to fill our lives, may we open our hearts to your hope and healing, always giving thanks for Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.**

**\*SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION\*\***

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON\*\***

L: Rich, poor; young, old; sinner, saint. We are all God's children, and God transforms each of us into the people we are meant to be.

**P: Broken, we are mended; separated from others, we are made one; longing to serve, we are sent forth.**

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**

**LESSONS FROM THE SCRIPTURES**

**Old Testament Habakkuk 1:1-4;2:1-4 p.811**

**New Testament 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12 p.1032**

**Gospel Luke 19:1-10 p.912**

MESSAGE

Denise Ann Todero, CP

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (The Apostles' Creed)**

**\*HYMN "I Heard The Voice Of Jesus Say" #414**

**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**

**"Jesus Calls Us**

**#375**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** "May the Lord"

*\*Those who are able please stand.*

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**ORGANISTS: Mr. John Griffin and Mrs. Elaine Bilger**

**COMMISSIONED PASTOR: Denise Ann Todero**

**WORSHIP LEADER: Karen Soliday**

*Man's problem rises from the fact  
that he has not only lost the way,  
but he has lost the address.*

*Nicolas Berdyaev*

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*What I'm looking for is a savior—  
not someone who will just tell me what I ought to be,  
but someone who will forgive me for what I am,  
and then with his very love  
will enable me to be more than I ever believed I could be.  
It's exactly that that Jesus does.*

*Bruce Thielemann*

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*Every day God makes silk purses  
out of sow's ears.*

*Anonymous*

**Offering: 10/27**  
**Attendance: 24**  
**Local 626.85**  
**Benev. 43.40**  
**Improv. 36.75**  
**Total 707.00**

**Sunday November 3rd**  
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.  
**Session Meeting After Worship**  
  
**Sunday November 10th**  
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.

**The Bulletins Today** are sponsored by Ray & Dawna Sheets.

**Session** will meet today after Morning Worship.

**Betty Clemenson** thanks everyone for their prayers, cards, and phone calls during her recent surgery.

**The Annual Congregational Business Meeting** and Thanksgiving Dinner will be held on Saturday November 23<sup>rd</sup> in the Fellowship Hall. The meeting will begin at 5 p.m. with the dinner being served immediately following the meeting. Please sign up on the back bulletin board if you plan on attending. The deadline for sign ups is November 17<sup>th</sup>--- NO EXCEPTIONS!!!

**Laurel View Village** will hold their annual Christmas In The Village event on Saturday November 9<sup>th</sup> from 9am-3pm. More information can be found on the back bulletin board.

**We have adopted** a family for the holiday season. If you would like to help by purchasing one of the gifts they requested, please take one of the cards on the back table and bring the gift back (wrapped if possible). Contact Tina Varner for more information.



| <b>Concerns: Keep the following people in your prayers...</b> |                         |
|---|-------------------------|
| Don 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   | Beth Runkle             |
| Kathy & Robert Wilks  | Marie Hudson            |
| Rev. Dr. Brenda & Don Barnes                                  | Linda Hayes             |
| Pastor John Hickman   | Betty Clemenson         |
| John Manges   | All Shut- Ins           |
| Jayne Korenoski   | All in Nursing Homes    |
| Rodney Varner   | All First Responders    |
| Dawna Sheets  | 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](mailto:esheets91@hotmail.com) or contact Pastor Denise at 479-2382 or email her at [datodero@atlanticbb.net](mailto: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.

**Visit Our Website** ([www.bethanyjohnstown.com](http://www.bethanyjohnstown.com)) or follow us on Facebook (Bethany Presbyterian Church- Johnstown, PA) for the latest news, information and much more!

## Collection For Tomorrow's Hope

We are collecting items for the veterans at Tomorrow's Hope Veterans Shelter. The following items are needed and can be brought to the church and placed in the box until December 1<sup>st</sup>. Monetary donations can be placed in the offering plate. Contact Ed Sheets with any questions. Thank you in advance for your support!

Shampoo

Body Wash

Hand Soap

Toothpaste

Toothbrushes

Mouthwash

Dental Floss

Nail Clippers

Deodorant

Towels

Hand Sanitizer

Razors

Shaving Cream

Puzzle Books

Candy

New & Gently Worn Clothing