



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

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MORNING WORSHIP
January 15th, 2017 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: We wait patiently for our God.

P: We will sing, we will sing new songs of the One who calls us here.

L: We will not chase after other gods.

P: We will sing, we will sing new songs of the One in whom we can trust.

L: We will tell of all God has done for us.

P: We will sing, we will sing new songs of the One whose salvation is for all.

***HYMN OF PRAISE "Jesus Priceless Treasure" #413**

CALL TO RECONCILIATION*

L: It is clear that God wants to hear our prayers and forgive us, for God is willing to lean close to our hearts to listen to our failures, our poor choices, all the things we have done wrong. Please join me, as we pray together, saying,

***UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)**

ALL: You are faithful, Patient God, even as we continue to live in the shadows of life. We could delight in your hopes for us, but choose to do things our way. We could serve the most vulnerable around us, but long to pal around with the powerful. We could share the glad news of deliverance, but prefer to swap stories and gossip.

There is none like you, Redeemer of all your children. You lean over to listen to our prayers, and whisper forgiveness to our souls. You lift us out of the holes we dig for ourselves, and set us on hope's solid ground. You strengthen our weak faith with the life, grace, and love of Jesus Christ, our Lord, our Savior.

***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**

#625

***Prayer of Dedication**

LESSONS FROM THE SCRIPTURES

Old Testament Lesson Isaiah 49:1-7 p.629

New Testament Lesson 1 Corinthians 1:1-9 p.991

Gospel John 1:29-42 p.922

MESSAGE

Denise Ann Todero, CRE

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

"The Apostle's Creed"

***HYMN "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" #410**

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 "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say" #414**

***BENEDICTION**

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

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

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ORGANISTS: John Griffin and Elaine Bilger

COMMISSIONED RULING ELDER: Denise Ann Todero

WORSHIP LEADER: Brenda Molnar

*God made Sun and Moon to distinguish seasons, and day and night,
and we cannot have the fruits of the earth but in their seasons:
But God hath made no decree to distinguish the seasons of His mercies....
In Heaven it is always Autumn, his mercies are ever in their
maturity.....John Donne*

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*God is the God of the humble, the miserable,
the oppressed, and the desperate, and of those who are brought even to
nothing; and his nature is to give sight to the blind,
to comfort the broken-hearted, to justify sinners, to save the very
desperate and damned.....Martin Luther*

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*Ultimately, this is what you go before God for: You've had bad luck and
good luck and all you really want in the end is mercy.
.....Robert Frost*

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*The modern soul is not going to find peace so long as he is locked up
inside himself, mulling around in the scum and sediment of his unconscious
mind, a prey of the unconscious forces whose nature and existence he
glorifies.....Fulton J. Sheen*

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*A great many people are trying to make peace, but that has already been
done. God has not left it for us to do; all we have to do is to enter into
it.....Dwight L. Moody*

Offering: 1/8
Attendance: 19

Sunday January 15th
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.

Local	703.05
Benev.	48.70
Improv.	41.25
Christmas	<u>100.00</u>
Total	893.00

Sunday January 22nd
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Installation of Elders

Worship Leaders are needed for 2017. If you are interested in helping, please sign up on the back bulletin board.

Installation of Elders will be held next Sunday during worship.

District IV Enrichment Day will be held on Saturday January 28th at Westmont Presbyterian Church. For more information, see the flyer on the back table.

Session will meet on Sunday January 29th after morning worship.

Per Capita for 2017 is \$25 per member. An envelope for it is provided in your box of offering envelopes, or you can place it in the offering plate with a note that states it is for the Per Capita.

Weekly Flowers are available for 2017. The cost is \$24 per week. If you would like to sign up for a week or weeks, please sign up on the back bulletin board.

Concerns: Keep the following people in your prayers...	
Don & Marlene Bennett	Bill & Patty Gramling
Michael Robert Rose III	Bill Kegg
Darlene Rager	Justin Korenoski
Phyllis Pfuhl	Kathy & Robert Wilks
Harry & Lillian Thiel	Marlene Rager
Lois Henry	Logan Weaver
Melinda Mendoza	Karen Fox
Jim Runkle Sr.	Larry Holbay
Katherine Minahan	George Hockenberry
The Fockler Family	Lilyana Newfield
Jack Forsha	Sharon Weaver
Dan Kresko	Melissa Zeisman
Olivia & Patrick Bragdon	Elizabeth Kern
Dick Dunkle	Wanda Keifer
Lenore Runkle	Eddie Mendez
Anne Fattman	Cindy Griffin
Buzz Lehman	All Shut- Ins
Andy Serafin	All in Nursing Homes
William Ribblett	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.