

Bethany Presbyterian Church, Johnstown, PA

MORNING WORSHIP

November 13th, 2022 33rd Sunday In Ordinary Time

CALL TO WORSHIP **

L: This day! This day we will give thanks to God, who cradles us in the waters of baptism.

P: This day! This day we will trust in the One who has saved us, who strengthens us.

L: This day! This day we dance to the fountain of life, drinking deeply of salvation's goodness.

P: This day! This day we praise our God for every blessing; telling everyone of God's amazing grace in our lives and in our world.

L: This day! This day we sing God's praises; testifying to all creation of our God.

P: This day! This day our songs are filled with joy, for God is with us, this day and in all the days to come!

HYMN "The Solid Rock" #404

CALL TO RECONCILIATION**

L: God does not take our sins and stick them up on a shelf, in order to remember them - God forgets them! God does not hold them against us, but forgives us! Join me as we pray to the One who delights in us, as we say,

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

P: We confess that our lives weaken us, Strengthening God. We do not exercise our faith as we should, and so fatigue easily. We see houses as investment property, not as homes built on love, hope, and dreams. We whimper our petty complaints about our friends and families, rather than shouting our hosannas to heaven for the gift of their lives.

You are our hope, Tender God, so forgive us. Create in us new hearts, and fill us with new energy to serve our sisters and brothers, bringing them to the deep wells of salvation, where they can fill their parched souls, even as we have

been led to them by Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

L: Rather than remaining white hot, God's anger melts into streams of living water, washing us clean of our sins and refreshing our spirits with hope and joy.

P: This day! This day we give thanks to the God who is our strength and our salvation.

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

Old Testament Isaiah 65:17-25 p.644

New Testament 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13 p.1033

Gospel Luke 21:5-19 p.915

MESSAGE Denise Ann Todero, CP

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - The Apostles' Creed

HYMN "Peace Like a River" #498

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 "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" #463

BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE "Let There Be Peace"

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ORGANISTS : John Griffin and Elaine Bilger
COMMISSIONED PASTOR: Denise Ann Todero
WORSHIP LEADER: Brenda Molnar

No Christian escapes a taste of the wilderness on the way to the Promised Land.....Evelyn Underhill

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If I were asked to give what I consider the single most useful bit of advice for all humanity, it would be this: Expect trouble as an inevitable part of life, and when it comes, hold your head high, look it squarely in the eye and say, "I will be bigger than you. You cannot defeat me." Then repeat to yourself the most comforting of all words, "This too shall pass." Maintaining self-respect in the face of a devastating experience is of prime importance.

.....Ann Landers

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Circumstances may appear to wreck our lives and Gods plans, but God is not helpless among the ruins. Our broken lives are not lost or useless. God's love is still working. He comes in and takes the calamity and uses it victoriously, working out his wonderful plan of love.....Eric Liddell, the subject of the movie, Chariots of Fire



Offering: 11/06
Local 433.60
Benev. 30.00
Improv. 25.40
Total 489.00

Sunday November 13th
 Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.

Sunday November 20th
 Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.



The Flowers and Bulletins Today are given in memory of loved ones by Jessie Rager.

We Have Once Again Adopted A Family to help during the Christmas season. Items the family needs have been placed on tags in the back of the sanctuary. If you would like to assist, simply take the tag(s) you wish to help with, purchase the items on the tag(s), and bring the wrapped gifts back (with the tag(s) attached) to the church by December 18th. Please contact Ray Sheets with any questions.

Join Us before Morning Worship on Sunday November 27th as we decorate the sanctuary for the Advent Season. All are encouraged to attend.

The Church Christmas Party will be held on Sunday December 11th after Morning Worship. Those attending are asked to bring a covered dish to share. If you plan on attending, we ask that you sign up on the back bulletin board so we know how many to prepare for. All are welcome so feel free to invite your friends, family, and neighbors!

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.

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