



Bethany Presbyterian Church

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Bethany Presbyterian, Johnstown, PA
MORNING WORSHIP October 21st, 2018
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

CALL TO WORSHIP **

L: Welcome! There are many places you could be this morning, but you have chosen to be here:

P: where we learn how to live in God's Kingdom.

L: Welcome to this place - full of music, of words, of prayer - yet also filled with danger:

P: where we encounter a Wisdom we cannot always understand.

L: Welcome to God's House, the most dangerous place in town:

P: where we talk about and with God, and are reduced to silence so we may hear the call to discipleship.

***HYMN "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" #464**

CALL TO RECONCILIATION*

L: We do not pray in order to alleviate our guilt, but to express our gratitude to God. For we know all the things we have said and done that we shouldn't, and all those words we could have spoken, all those actions we could have undertaken, but did not. Despite such lives, God still loves us, surrounding us with mercy and hope, waiting to restore us to new life.

Please join me, as we pray together saying,

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Creation's Heart, we look around and see how we fall short in our attempts at faithfulness. We often do things, not because it is what you call us to do, but in hopes of earning points with you. We can become so self-absorbed, we cannot see the suffering and struggles of friends, family and strangers. We are so desperate to get to the front of the line, we push aside the very ones you seek to honor.

Forgive us, Holy One. Remind us that the cup we are offered overflows with grace, that the waters of baptism cleanse and make us new, and that Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, is the One who calls us to service, standing by our side, as we seek to be faithful disciples.

***SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON*

L: The One who poured the foundations of creation fills us with grace and hope. The One who numbered the clouds, tips over rain barrels of living water into our parched souls.

P: The One who writes anthems for the early morning stars, fills us with songs of joy. The One who provides food for all living things, feeds us with mercies which come fresh and new each day.

L: Friends, Believe the Good News

ALL: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen

***GLORIA PATRI**

#579

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**

#592

Prayer of Dedication*

May our gifts lay a foundation of hope for all in despair; may they brighten the shadows of those who wander alone; may they cause the voiceless to join the morning stars in singing your praises. This we pray in Jesus' name, Amen.

LESSONS FROM THE SCRIPTURES

Old Testament

Job 38:1-7, 34-41

p.460

New Testament

Hebrews 5: 1-10

p.1046

New Testament

1 John 5:4

p.106

Message "Victory"

Brad Dayton UPJ Campus Ministries

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH "THE APOSTLE'S CREED"**

***HYMN "I'll Go Where You Want Me to Go" #444**

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 "Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said" #393**

BENEDICTION/SENDING*

L: God sends us forth as workers for justice.

P: To cover the oppressed with a flood of compassion.

L: Jesus invites us to work humbly by his side.

P: We would respond, 'Here we are; where do you need us?'

L: The Spirit hands us garments woven with strands of love and light.

P: We will clothe everyone we meet with these garments of grace.

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE "Let There be Peace"**

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

***** © Rev. Thom Shuman***

ORGANISTS: John Griffin and Elaine Bilger

COMMISSIONED RULING ELDER: Denise Ann Toderro

WORSHIP LEADER: Karen Soliday

*The holiest moment of the church service is the moment when God's
people—strengthened by preaching and sacrament—
go out of the church door into the world to be the church.*

We don't go to church; we are the church.

.....Ernest Southcott

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We all have something to give.

So if you know how to read, find someone who can't.

If you've got a hammer, find a nail.

If you're not hungry, not lonely, not in trouble—

seek out someone who is.

.....The first President Bush, in a State of the Union address

Offering: 10/14

Attendance: 20

Local 528.40

Benev. 36.60

Improv. 31.00

Total 596.00

Sunday October 21st

Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.

Sunday October 28th

Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.

**Coffee Hour/Packing Treat Bags
After Worship**

The Bulletins Today are sponsored by Bev Holbay.

This Morning we welcome Brad Dayton and students from the Pitt Johnstown Protestant Campus Ministry. All loose offering today will be given to the Pitt Johnstown Protestant Campus Ministry.

We Will Be distributing treat bags for trick or treat again this year. If you would like to donate candy for the bags, please bring it to the church by next Sunday. Monetary donations are also being accepted, but we ask that these are provided today. We will be packing the bags next Sunday after Worship and all are invited to help.

Flower and Bulletin Sponsorships are available for the remainder of 2018. If you would like to sign up for one or both for a week, sign up on the back bulletin board or by clicking the link on the church website.

As we approach the holiday season, the West End Food Pantry is in need of items to stock their shelves. Items they will be looking for include canned fruits and vegetables, stuffing mix, cranberry sauce, instant mashed potatoes, and other holiday staples. If you would like to donate, items can be placed in the bins by the Blaine St. entrance.



Concerns: Keep the following people in your prayers...	
Don Bennett	Larry & Bev Holbay
Michael Robert Rose III	Lilyana Newfield
Darlene Rager	Sharon Weaver
Phyllis Pfuhl	Elizabeth Kern
Harry & Lillian Thiel	John & Cindy Griffin
Lois Henry	Rachael Wilks
Katherine Minahan	Logan Weaver
Olivia & Patrick Bragdon	A Friend
Dick Dunkle	Gary Bellack
Lenore Runkle	Cathy Zakucia
Andy Serafin	Richard Kibsey
John Morgan	Irene Barefoot Bischof
Joshua Holbay	Carol Bennett Ulery
Nancy Dimitt	Kimber Leigh Orlidge
Joyce Horn	Justin Korenoski
Elaine & Ken Bilger	Beth Runkle
Bill & Patty Gramling	Marie Hudson
Marie Kotar	Willie Davis
Bill Kegg	All Shut- Ins
Gloria Sorensen	All in Nursing Homes
Randy Knupp	All First Responders
Kathy & Robert Wilks	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.