



And by this we know that
we have come to know him,
if we keep his commandments.
Whoever says "I know him"
but does not keep his
commandments is a liar, and
the truth is not in him.

1 John 2: 3-4

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Blaine Street & Chandler Avenue
Johnstown, PA 15906

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MORNING WORSHIP
September 25th, 2016 26th Sunday In Ordinary Time

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP **

L: The word has come for us from God:

P: who promises to shelter us under the wings of hope and grace.

L: The word has come to us from Jesus:

P: who encourages us to remember the good news we have received.

L: The word flows to us from the Spirit:

P: who reminds us to place our hope and trust in God.

***HYMN "All Things Bright and Beautiful" #578**

CALL TO RECONCILIATION*

L: In God's presence, our lives are exposed, our words are shown for their hollowness, our need is revealed. Let us confess who we are, as we ask God to embrace us with grace and hope.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION*

All: We need to confess, God of Abraham and Lazarus, how often we are not content with the simple gifts and lives you offer. Tempted by everything, we can become insensitive to those who have nothing. Encouraged by the world to accumulate more, we may miss the chance to gather your goodness and godliness. Chasing after all which has no value, we may not have the energy to pursue the faith, the love, the gentleness you have for us.

Forgive us, God of Reversals. You have sent the One who speaks the words we need to listen to in order to have life. Help us to remember how you have redeemed us, and in remembering, may we make that good confession that Jesus Christ is our Lord and Savior, now and forever.

***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 Genesis 1:26-28

p.1

Gospel John 1:1-4

p.922

MESSAGE

Pastor Rick Jones

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (The Apostle's Creed)**

SPECIAL MUSIC

Pastor Jones

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 "This Is My Father's World"**

#58

***BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

"May the Lord"

***POSTLUDE**

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

***** Rev. Thom Shuman ©***

ORGANISTS: John Griffin and Elaine Bilger

COMMISSIONED RULING ELDER: Denise Ann Todero

WORSHIP LEADER: Brenda Molnar

Prayer of the Day**

***When we fall into the traps of groundless fears, you deliver us.
When an epidemic of worry threatens to overcome us,
you protect us.***

***When harmful words are flung at us, you answer our cries for
help.***

Gracious God, we worship you.

When our lives crumble, you urge us to buy hope's fields.

***When we are tempted by wealth, you point us to those
who have nothing but share everything.***

***When we are eager to grasp senseless lies, you wrap our hands
around God's promises.***

Servant of the poor, we follow you.

***When the world silences our hope, you give us the words to make
the good confession of faith.***

***When we have lost our way and can no longer endure the
emptiness of our lives,***

you satisfy us from the abundance of God's grace and joy.

Sheltering Spirit, we seek your peace.

***God in Community, Holy in One,
our Refuge, our Trust, our Hope,
we lift our prayer to you. Amen***

Offering: 9/18
Attendance: 25

Sunday September 25th
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.

Local 267.75
Benev. 18.55
Improv. 15.70
Plate Off. 255.00
Total 557.00

Sunday October 2nd
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.

The West End Food Pantry is looking for donations of canned pineapple. Any type of canned pineapple (20 oz. preferred) can be donated. Please place all donations in the baskets by the Blaine Street entrance.

Items For The Newsletter are due today. This edition will cover October-December, so be sure to submit any holiday recipes, stories, etc. to Ed Sheets.

Please take a minute this morning to check the names currently on the prayer concerns list that is printed each week in the bulletin. If a person/person's name(s) should be kept on the list, please put a mark by their name on the sheet on the back table.

A new refrigerator has been purchased for upstairs, which will be used for coffee hours. If you would like to donate to defray the cost, see Ray or put it in the offering plate.

We will once again be handing out treats here at the church for Trick or Treat Night. If you would like to donate candy or a donation to purchase candy, please bring it by October 16th. We will be packing the treat bags after church on the 23rd. All are welcome to help.

Concerns: Keep the following people in your prayers...	
Don & Marlene Bennett	Greg Kaiser
Michael Robert Rose III	Bill & Patty Gramling
Darlene Rager	Bill Kegg
Phyllis Pfuhl	Jack Weiss
Harry & Lillian Thiel	Pat Minahan
Lois Henry	Justin Korenoski
Melinda Mendoza	Kathy & Robert Wilks
Jim Runkle Sr.	Marlene Rager
Wanda Keifer	Rob Dimitt
Katherine Minahan	John Norris
The Fockler Family	Logan Weaver
Jack Forsha	Karen Fox
Andrew Mayak	Larry Holbay
Dan Kresko	Patty Coleman
Olivia & Patrick Bragdon	Dick Brewer
Dick Dunkle	Dianna Makin
Christine Emerick	George Hockenberry
Lenore Runkle	Lilyana Newfield
Taylor Lingenfelter	Sharon Weaver
Anne Fattman	All Shut- Ins
Buzz Lehman	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.