

Bethany Presbyterian Church, Johnstown, PA
MORNING WORSHIP
August 18th, 2024 13th Sunday After Pentecost

CALL TO WORSHIP **

L: For cool mornings and rumbling afternoon storms,
for amazing days and even more ordinary evenings,
for deep friendships and shallow wading pools:

P: we give thanks to God!

L: For the laughing God who tickles us with joy,
for the broken-hearted Love who joins in our struggles:

P: we give thanks to God at all times!

L: For the Bread of heaven who feeds us hope,
for the Spirit of grace who teaches us to dance:

P: we give thanks to God at all times and for everything!

***HYMN "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" #43**

CALL TO RECONCILIATION*

L: We would follow Jesus, but sometimes it seems that we do not know how to go out in faith, or come in out of the shadows of life. The One who has sent the Bread of life to us is the God who is just and true, longing to grace us with mercy. Please join me, as we pray together, saying,

*** UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION ****

We try to be so careful, Faithful God, yet we make so many mistakes. We think we are so wise, yet do not understand the simple wonder of a child. We spend so little time in your presence, and ask why we do not know your dreams for us. We long to be good, upright people, but find our hearts tripping over the temptations of the world.

Have mercy, Covenant Keeper, and be gracious to us. As you continue to teach us of your hopes, your dreams, your love for us, may we practice what we learn, as we follow our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, in faith.

***SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON*

L: Out of our lives laced with foolish mistakes and unwise choices, God is able to weave a tapestry of grace, forgiveness, and healing.

P: God has sent redemption for all, God has fed us with the healing bread of life. At all times, and for every grace, we give thanks to God in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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*

By your grace, Holy God, our gifts become the bread which feeds the hungry, become the water which drought ravaged lands need, become a community for the lonely, become medical missions for those battling disease and worries. By your grace, Holy God, may we offer more and more as you feed us with the Bread of life. Amen.

LESSONS FROM THE SCRIPTURES

Old Testament Lesson	1 Kings 2: 10-12, 3:3-14	p.292
New Testament Lesson	Ephesians 5:15-20	p.1020
Gospel Lessons	John 6:51-58	p.929

MESSAGE Denise Ann Todero, CP

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – The Apostle's Creed**

***HYMN "Open My Eyes, That I May See" #381**

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 "Now Thank We All Our God" #556**

BENEDICTION/SENDING**

L: YOU ARE grace and wonder, God of our lives,

P: and so, we will go to offer mercy to everyone we meet to share your good news in every place.

L: YOU ARE the Bread of Life, Jesus of our hearts.

P: and so, we will go to feed those whose stomach ache for food, and whose souls hunger for hope and justice.

L: YOU ARE the Wisdom which builds communities, Holy Spirit,

P: and so, we will go to gather all rejected by our society, to welcome them into our hearts and lives.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE "God Be With You"

God be with you till we meet again;
By His counsels guide, uphold you,
With His sheep securely fold you;
God be with you till we meet again

God be with you till we meet again;
'Neath His wings protecting hide you,
Daily manna still provide you;
God be with you till we meet again.

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

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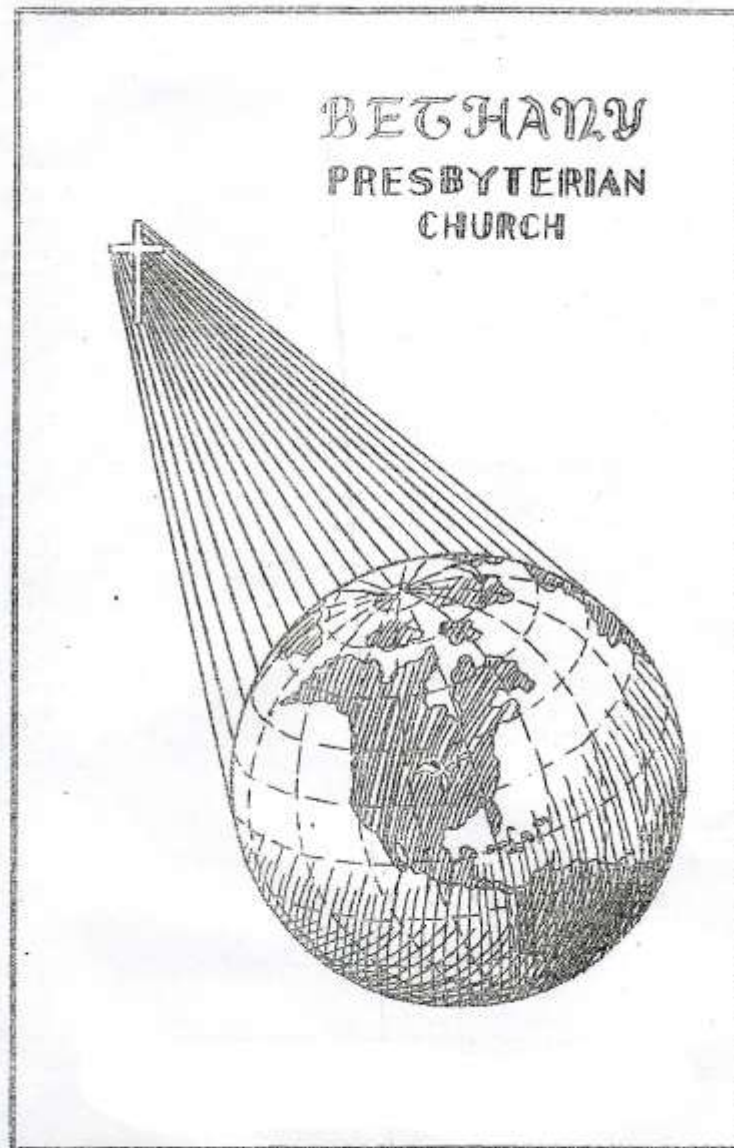
ORGANISTS : John Griffin and Elaine Bilger

COMMISSIONED PASTOR: Denise Ann Todero

WORSHIP LEADER:

*Christ always lives where there is room for him.
If there is room in your heart for Christ, he lives there;
if there is room in a law office for Christ, he lives there;
if there is room on a locomotive engine, he will be there;
if there is room in a baggage car, he will be there.*

-- Sam Jones



Offering: 08/11
Attendance: 23
Local 791.70
Benev. 54.85
Roof 33.00
Improv. 46.45
Total 926.00

Sunday August 18th
 Morning Worship 10:00 a.m.

Sunday August 25th
 Morning Worship 10:00 a.m.



The West End Food Pantry is still in need of staples to keep their shelves stocked during the summer months. Non-perishable food donations can be placed in the bins by the main entrance. Monetary donations can be placed in the offering plate. Thank you for your support.

Ed Sheets would like to thank everyone who has donated boxes and bags over the last few weeks. A box has been placed in the back of the sanctuary for anyone who would like to continue bringing in bags and/or small boxes.

Sign Ups For 2024 Lay Leaders and Flower/Bulletin Sponsorships are still being accepted. If you are interested, please see the back bulletin board for more information. You can also order flowers/bulletins on the church website.

Concerns: Keep the following people in your prayers...	
Lois Henry	Nancy Thomas
Dawna Sheets	Dave & Karen Vivis
Jeanne Lehman	Joshua Holbay Family
Marie Whorl	Dominic Serratore
Bev Holbay	Loretta Davidson
Mark Todero	Irene Barefoot Bischof
Carl Newfield	Rodney Gramling
Beverly Rager	Bob Kinsey
Mikey Ferante	Randy Maurer
Jill Sheets	Edward Spinda
Betty Clemenson	Jim & Iva Jean
Pat Pecora	All Shut- Ins
Linda Orlidge	All in Nursing Homes
Frank Cassat	All First Responders
JR Bilger	All Service Men & Women
Linda Hayes	All Healthcare Professionals
Missy DiPlacido	

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 814-248-8174 or email her at datodero55@gmail.com.

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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