

**Bethany Presbyterian, Johnstown, PA
MORNING WORSHIP November 17, 2024
PROPER 28**

CALL TO WORSHIP **

L: Come, let us give thanks to God!

P: We gather together to praise the One who strengthens the weak, and hears the prayers of the forgotten.

L: Come, let us give thanks to Christ!

P: We gather together to sing of the One who calls us to serve those who are hungry and alone at this time of year.

L: Come, let us give thanks to the Spirit!

P: We gather together to exalt the One who provokes us to love not only our family and friends, but the guest among us.

HYMN "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" #1

CALL TO RECONCILIATION**

Longing for the touch of God, we cry out; humbled by the awareness of our human nature and brokenness, we bring our prayers of confession to God, praying together,

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

We have to admit, Holy Listener, that we are more likely to be irritated by the lives of others, rather than being provoked to love them. When we are called to encourage those around us, too often our actions and words discourage them. Offered lives of peace and hope, we wander around filled with anxiety and despair.

Forgive us, Rock of Redemption. Cleanse our hearts, so we might be more loving; keep us on the path of faithfulness, so we might find those whom we are called to serve; give us your words, so we might confess your hope offered to all who are broken, who are lost, who cry out to you. This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

L: This is the good news: God gives us hope, God gives us peace, God gives us joy so we may share these gifts with everyone we meet.

P: Thanks be to God, who has forgiven us and provoked us to love others and to serve all who are around us.

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 with a virtual hug or handshake or wave saying "The peace of Christ be with you")

REDEDICATION OF SELF AND SUBSTANCE

Offertory

Doxology

#625

Prayer of Dedication**

We who are full can now give bread to others. We who are well-off can reach out to raise up the poor. We who have everything can offer a seat of honor to those who have nothing. We who are blessed by you, Exalted God, can be blessings to others. And so we pray that the gifts we have may give hope to the despairing, give strength to the weak, and justice to the oppressed. Amen

LESSONS FROM THE SCRIPTURES

Old Testament

1 Samuel 2:1-10

p.235

New Testament

Hebrews 10:11-14,19-25

p.1049

Gospel Lesson

Mark 13:1-8

p.881

Message

Tammy Noss

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH "THE APOSTLE'S CREED"

HYMN "The Solid Rock" #404

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

BENEDICTION/SENDING**

L: Go forth now as God's people.

**P: We will go to offer joy to those in misery,
to remember all who have been forgotten.**

L: Go forth now as sisters and brothers of Jesus.

**P: We will go to offer the best rooms of our hearts to the
lonely, to pick up all those we have knocked down.**

L: Go forth now as hearts of the Spirit.

**P: We will go to share a double portion of grace with the
empty, to invite others to walk the paths of faith with us.**

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.

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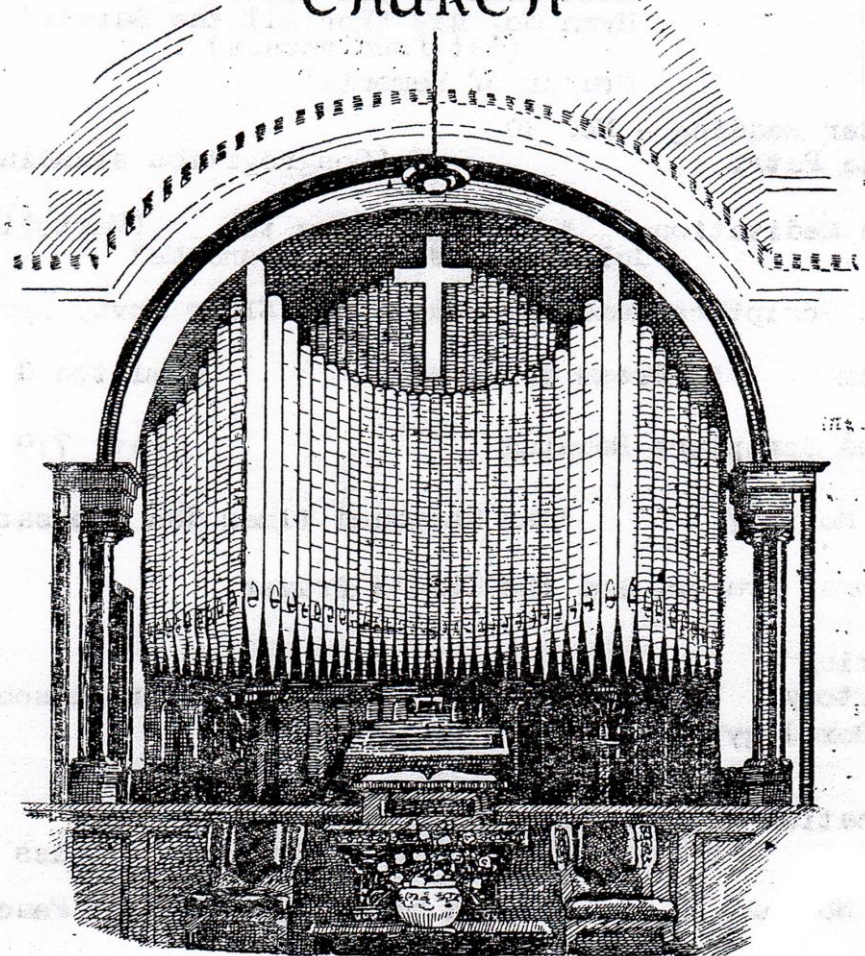
*It is a magician's bargain: give up our souls, get power in return.
But once our souls, that is, ourselves, have been given up,
the power thus conferred will not belong to us.
We shall in fact be slaves and puppets
of that to which we have given our souls.*

C.S. Lewis

*If you wish your children to be Christians
you must really take the trouble to be Christians yourselves.
Those are the only terms upon which the home
will work the gracious miracle.*

Woodrow Wilson

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