



If any want to
become my followers,
let them deny themselves
and take up their cross
and follow me.

Mark 8:34

Bethany Presbyterian Church

Johnstown, PA

September 16, 2018

Bethany Presbyterian Church, Johnstown, PA
MORNING WORSHIP
September 16th, 2018 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

CALL TO WORSHIP **

L: We are not our own:

P: so, neither our will nor our wisdom should get in the way of God's hopes for us.

L: We are not on our own:

P: so, we should not choose what is easiest or the most gratifying way to live.

L: We are not our own, we are God's:

P: so, let us choose to live for God, and serve all of God's children.

L: We are not on our own, as we walk the streets of God's kingdom:

P: so, as far as is possible, we will forget ourselves and follow Jesus Christ.

***HYMN "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart" #145**

CALL TO RECONCILIATION*

L: We all make mistakes, many of them. We hurt ourselves, we hurt others, we hurt God with our words and deeds, with our silence and inaction. Let us confess to God our sins, trusting in the One who blesses us with mercy.

*** UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION ****

P: Spring of Wisdom, we confess that we have not denied ourselves and followed. We turn our backs on your outstretched hands of grace, and stumble into the arms of the world. We speak poisonous gossip about others, rather than tell of their glory as your child. We fire off words that find no rest until they pierce another's heart.

Forgive us, Rock and Redeemer. Give us speech which flows like cool water through another's parched spirit; give us silence with which to witness your wonders; give us words to proclaim Jesus is the Christ, our Lord and our Savior, the One who leads us to life.

***SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON*

L: With gentleness, God speaks to us; with graciousness, God forgives us; with joy, God embraces us.

P: With our lips, we praise God; with our words, we thank God; with our silence, we find God in our hearts.

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**

LESSONS FROM THE SCRIPTURES

Old Testament Proverbs 1:20-33

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New Testament James 3:1-12

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Gospel Mark 8:27-38

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MESSAGE Denise Ann Todero, CRE

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

***HYMN "In the Cross of Christ I Glory"**

#84

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 "Near to the Heart of God"**

#527

Offering: 09/09
Attendance: 22
Local 1018.70
Benev. 70.55
Improv. 59.75
Total 1149.00

Sunday September 16th
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Session Mtg. After Worship

Sunday September 23rd
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Coffee Hour After Worship

Session will meet today after Morning Worship.

Items For The Newsletter are due by September 23rd. This edition will cover October-December. Feel free to submit fall/winter recipes, stories, etc. Please submit all items to Ed Sheets.

Thank You to everyone who helped organize the West End Hymn Sing last Sunday.

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.



Concerns: Keep the following people in your prayers...	
Don Bennett	Kathy & Robert Wilks
Michael Robert Rose III	Larry & Bev Holbay
Darlene Rager	Lilyana Newfield
Phyllis Pfuhl	Sharon Weaver
Harry & Lillian Thiel	Elizabeth Kern
Lois Henry	John & Cindy Griffin
Katherine Minahan	Rachael Wilks
Jack Forsha	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
Ken Bilger	Beth Runkle
Bill & Patty Gramling	All Shut- Ins
Marie Kotar	All in Nursing Homes
Bill Kegg	All First Responders
Gloria Sorensen	All Service Men & Women
Randy Knupp	

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.

Sept. 16 is...

Synod Sunday!

The Synod of the Trinity celebrated its 300th anniversary during this week one year ago. On our special day, we invited congregations in our region to celebrate with us by taking photos and videos of the birthday parties that were being held in our honor and share them with us.

During the Synod's birthday week we are continuing to rejoice for all of the blessings we have received by again celebrating with you on this special "Synod Sunday."



The reverse side of this insert explains a little more about what your Synod does and how we connect with you. We are also asking that you not only celebrate your Synod, but also the work being done by your presbytery and those who represent your region.

Below, you will find information about your presbytery, its leadership and the representatives who support your congregation. Their work is valuable to your congregation as well as the entire Synod of the Trinity region. Pray for continued service and faithful vision on their behalf.

Fast Facts

Presbytery of Redstone

Organized: Sept. 19, 1781

Congregations: 69

Counties: Cambria, Fayette, Somerset, Westmoreland

Executive Presbyter/Stated Clerk: Skip Noftzger

Moderator: Joshua Scully

Synod Commissioners: Lori Bass-Riley, Sheila Farrar



Use this QR code to donate to the mission and ministry of the Synod of the Trinity in its work to support presbyteries and congregations.

What does your Synod do?

Not sure exactly what the Synod of the Trinity does and how it connects with you, your congregation and your presbytery? Here are just a few examples of ways your Synod is working in your region:

Supporting

Through the Synod's granting process, we are:

- assisting presbyteries and congregations with missional partnerships locally and globally
- fostering innovation as it reaches toward lasting change
- aiding and encouraging student ministries and vocational exploration

Connecting

Because of a commitment to "being more together," we are:

- actively seeking and telling stories of human interest, mission, ministry and faith from across our Synod and beyond so that we all might encourage, resource and energize one another
- responding to requests for shared training such as a yearly COM and CPM gatherings, PJC training and disaster preparedness work with PDA

Challenging

Because we understand a part of our role to be that of challenging congregations and presbyteries to grow in their faithfulness, we are:

- hosting conversations that compel us to consider the call of Christ as we engage difficult civil and social issues around us, and move to action
- highlighting the work of new worshipping communities and encouraging presbyteries to see possibilities for faith community
- affirming and supporting the work of camp, campus and other places ministering to the present and future church

Partnering

Through direct resourcing available to the region, we are:

- offering tools and training for video conferencing, challenging our partners to "meet" in new ways
- continuing in a special relationship with MissionInsite to encourage use of demographic tools by congregations and presbyteries

Simply put, we are Being More Together