

Bethany Presbyterian, Johnstown, PA
MORNING WORSHIP November 24th, 2024
Christ The King

CALL TO WORSHIP **

L: Praise is due you, O God, for you answer our prayers.

P: We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your holy temple.

L: We go through the gates with thanksgiving, and into the courts with praise.

P: You are good; your steadfast love endures forever, and your faithfulness is for all generations.

HYMN "Come, Ye Thankful People Come" #559

CALL TO RECONCILIATION**

L: All of us have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God.

Let us confess our sins
before God and seek God's mercy.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Merciful God, we confess that we are willing to say that Jesus is King, but we fail to bow our knees before Him. Instead we give our allegiance to the material goods of this world. Grant us the humility to bow before you so that we may be loyal servants in your kingdom. Through your Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords, forgive us and have mercy upon us as we renew our commitment to you. Amen

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

L: Let us approach the throne of grace with confidence, proclaiming Jesus as Lord of all.

P: He rescued us and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves.

L: Through the crucified body of Christ the King our sins are forgiven.

ALL: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen

GLORIA PATRI

#623

CHURCH NEWS

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

(Please greet your neighbor with a hug or handshake or wave saying "The peace of Christ be with you")

REDEDICATION OF SELF AND SUBSTANCE

Offertory

Doxology

#625

Prayer of Dedication**

Almighty God, we offer ourselves to you in response to Christ's call. Out of the abundance of your love we offer these gifts to you. Accept the fruits of our labor as we lay them before you. To you belongs the glory and honor forever and ever. Amen.

LESSONS FROM THE SCRIPTURES

Old Testament

Jeremiah 23:1-6

New Testament

John 18:33-37

Message CHRIST OUR KING Bob Sheehan CRE

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH "THE APOSTLES' CREED"

HYMN

"Rejoice, the Lord Is King!" #228

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

PRESENTATION OF CHRISMONS

HYMN "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" **#173**

BENEDICTION/SENDING**

L: Our mission in life is to not only claim Jesus Christ as our Lord and King, but to make his kingdom a reality among us.

P: Let us bring it to those around us by our words and deeds.

L: The way to do this is to live as he lived: for others, in love and service.

P: We will go in peace to love and serve the Lord, giving shape to his kingdom. Thanks be to God!

History of Chrismons

Chrismons are Christmas decorations with Christian symbols on them. They help Christians to remember that Christmas is the celebration of Jesus's birthday. They are often used on Christmas Trees in Churches and Christians homes.

They were first made by Frances Kipps Spencer at the Ascension Lutheran Church in Danville, Virginia. She also thought of the word, Chrismon, which is a combination of Christ and monogram (meaning symbol). The idea quickly spread to other churches. It is traditional that Christian groups can make their own Chrismons with their favorite symbols on.

Each year a 20ft (6 metre) Christmas Tree is decorated in the Ascension Lutheran Church, as Mrs Spencer intended, and visitors come and the hear the story of Jesus explained through her original Chrismons and a few gifts from around the world.

Chrismons are traditionally colored white and gold. White is the liturgical (or Church) color for Christmas and symbolises that Jesus was pure and perfect. Gold symbolises His Majesty and Glory.



Offering: 11/17
Attendance: 19
Local 1081.75
Benev. 74.80
Improv. 63.45
Mem Fund 175.00
Total 1395.00

Sunday November 24th
 Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Christmon Service

Sunday December 1st
 Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
1st Sunday in Advent/Communion

Orders For Christmas Poinsettias are now being accepted. The cost is \$10 each and orders are due by next Sunday (December 1st). Order forms and payment can be placed in the offering plate. You can also order online using the form on the church website.

Join Us Next Sunday (December 1st) as we celebrate the First Sunday in Advent. Communion will be served during the service.

The Annual Church Christmas Party will be held on Sunday December 15th after Morning Worship. Those attending are asked to bring a covered dish to share. If you plan on attending, please sign up on the back bulletin board so we know how many to prepare for. All are invited to attend.

The West End Food Pantry is still in need of staples to keep their shelves stocked as the holidays approach. 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.



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	Randy Maurer
Mikey Ferante	Edward Spinda
Jill Sheets	Jim & Iva Jean
Frank Cassat	Dan Saylor
JR Bilger	Taylor Short
Linda Hayes	All Shut- Ins
Missy DiPlacido	All in Nursing Homes
Jim Kuntz	All First Responders
Krista Molnar	All Service Men & Women
Bobbie Johnson	All Healthcare Professionals

To Place Announcements Or Concerns List Names in the bulletin please email bethanyjtown@hotmail.com.

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NAME:

OF POINSETTIAS _____ @ \$10 EACH = \$ _____

IN MEMORY OF:

IN HONOR OF:

OTHER:

GIVEN BY: