

Bethany Presbyterian Church, Johnstown, PA
MORNING WORSHIP
May 26th, 2024 Trinity Sunday

CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: God, who flung the stars into the night sky, rejoices over all creation, especially us!

P: Come to us, Laughing God, and gladden our hearts with your goodness and grace.

L: Christ, the Word of joy and life, fills all creation with hope, especially us!

P: Come to us, Brother and Savior, and reclaim our hearts as your own.

L: The Spirit, who breathes life into emptiness, gives all creation the gift of peace, especially us!

P: Come to us, Spirit of Gentleness, and refresh us with the dew of delight.

***HYMN "Come, Thou Almighty King" #267**

CALL TO RECONCILIATION*

Called to be God's people, we know how often we act as spoiled and petulant children. Yet, like a mother, God looks past our mistakes to see our hearts. Like a father, God lifts us to our feet to put us back on the path to life. Let us bring our prayers to the One who listens, and then forgives us with unceasing grace.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION*

In the mystery of creation, Imaginative God, you shaped beauty and goodness, yet we damage it by our selfishness and anger. In the mystery of life, Child of Hope, you became one of us, yet all too often we turn our back on you. In the mystery of peace, Breath of Life, you would gentle our natures, yet we cling tenaciously to our bitterness and hurt.

In the mystery of grace, Holy God, you forgive us our sins, that we might embrace others. In the mystery of mercy, you touch our lips that we might speak gently to others. In the mystery of hope, you claim us as family, sisters and brothers of the One who brought new life for all, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

***SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON*

L: Here, in this moment and in this place, the Spirit of gentleness moves in our midst. Mercy, hope and joy are the gifts of God to each and every one of us.

P: No longer lost, we have found our way home, surrounded by God's peace, by God's grace, by God's love.

L: Friends, Believe the Good News

ALL: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen

***GLORIA PATRI #623**

CHURCH NEWS

GRADUATE COMMISSIONING

***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 Lesson Isaiah 6:1-8 p.591

New Testament Lesson Romans 8:12-17 p.983

Gospel Lesson John 3:1-17 p.924

Message Denise Ann Todero, CP

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

***HYMN "In Christ There Is No East or West" #285**

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: Let us go now, crying 'Glory!' to our God.

P: We will go to rebuild the world with justice and hope.

L: Let us go now, to bring others into Jesus' presence.

P: We will go to bring them to the Gateway to grace.

L: Let us go now, to play the music of the Spirit to those around us.

P: We will go to invite others to join in the dance of the Beloved Community.

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

"God Be With You"

#602

**Those who are able please stand.*

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COMMISSIONED PASTOR: Denise Ann Todero

WORSHIP LEADER: Ray Sheets

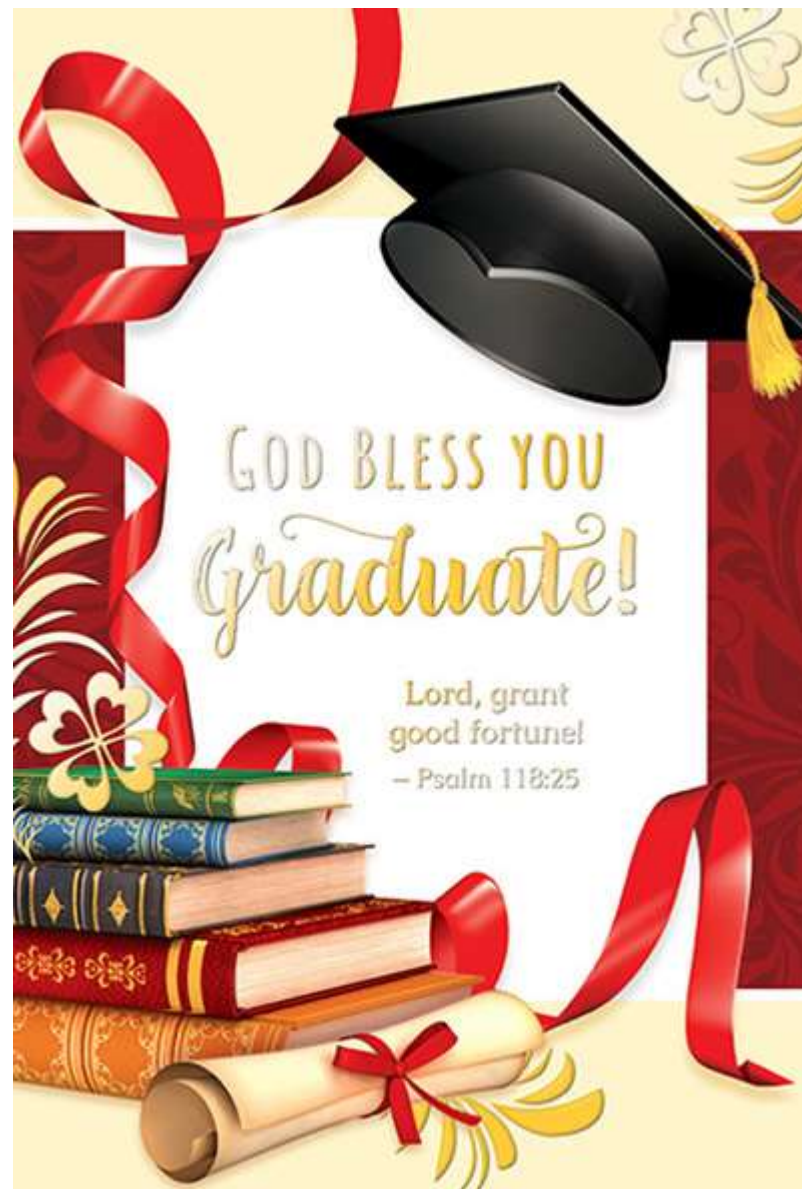
Great changes do not begin on the surface of society, but in prepared hearts: in people, who, by communion with God, rise above the apathy of the age, and speak with living vital energy, and give life to the community and tone to the public mind.

Edward Beecher

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Jesus' call to be born again or born from above is a call for change at a fundamental level. It is a re-making of who we are. Most of us are more comfortable with change at a cosmetic level—a superficial rather than a fundamental change. The syndicated columnist, Mike Royko, once wrote tongue-in-cheek that he planned to make some changes in his life. He planned to improve his appearance by wearing clean shorts and socks that matched. He also planned to wear one necktie to Italian restaurants and another to Chinese restaurants so that he wouldn't get stains that clashed.

Jesus calls for more!



Offering: 05/19
Attendance: 19
Local 385.70
Benev. 26.70
Improv. 22.60
Total 435.00

Sunday May 26th
 Morning Worship 10:00 a.m.
Coffee Hour After Worship

Sunday June 2nd
 Morning Worship 10:00 a.m.

The Flowers Today are given in celebration of Lily Ana Newfield's graduation and her bright future ahead by the Congregation of Bethany Presbyterian Church.

Ed Sheets is in need of small shipping boxes (ex: Amazon boxes). If you have some you would like to get rid of, they can be placed on the table in the adult Sunday School Room across from the Memorial Parlor. Thank you for your assistance!

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.

Pine Springs Camp has a variety of programs and camping options. For more information, visit www.pinesprings.org or search for Pine Springs Camp on Facebook.



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

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