

Bethany Presbyterian, Johnstown, PA
January 21st, 2024
3rd Sunday after Epiphany

CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: The Word of the Lord came,

P: hope for all people cradled in his arms.

L: the Word of the Lord comes,

P: calling us out of our comfort zones, to go where grace is needed most.

L: The Word of the Lord will come,

P: gathering all the outsiders and insiders into one community of the kingdom.

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

CALL TO RECONCILIATION**

L: Now is the appointed time. Pour out your hearts to God, bringing those harmful words you spoke, the chances to help you turned your backs on, and the foolish choices of your lives. Offer them to the One who longs to hear us, trusting that God will forgive us.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

ALL: Our comfortable lives convince us we do not need to follow Jesus, Steadfast God. Our work provides for our wants, so we have no need for your grace. Our friends are found through social media, so we do not need your community. Our fear of the beliefs and cultures of others makes us sure that we do not need to share your grace with them.

Forgive us for dragging our feet as Jesus' disciples, Compassionate God. May we get up from our comfort zones and step out in faith. May we go to all the uncomfortable places to bring hope. May we proclaim with our lips, but especially with our lives, that the kingdom of love is near, brought by Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

***SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

L: Now, after we confess, we hear the good news proclaimed: God hears our words, God sees our changed hearts, God's steadfast love is poured out upon us!

P: We will trust in God, in whom our salvation rests. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Amen.

L: Friends, Believe the Good News

ALL: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen

GLORIA PATRI

CHURCH NEWS

ORDINATION and INSTALLATION OF ELDERS

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Do you believe in God, the Father almighty?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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**

May these gifts we offer show we recognize your claim upon us,

Holy God. Use them so your grace, your love, and your hope may be shared with everyone who needs them. Amen.

LESSONS FROM THE SCRIPTURES

Old Testament Lesson	Jonah 3:1-5, 10	p.801
New Testament Lesson	1 Corinthians 7:29-31	p.995
Gospel Lesson	Mark 1:14-20	p.867
MESSAGE	Denise Ann Todero, CP	

HYMN "He Leadeth Me" #461

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 "Where He Leads Me" #373

BENEDICTION/SENDING**

L: Now, take the word of God into the world.

P: we will place hope in the arms of others.

L: Now, take the word of Jesus into the world.

P: We will follow to serve beside him in all the broken places.

L: Now, take the word of the Spirit into the world.

P: We will bring others near to the kingdom where all are welcome.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE "Let There Be Peace"

(printed on the inside back cover of the Hymnal)

ORGANISTS: John Griffin and Elaine Bilger

COMMISSIONED PASTOR: Denise Ann Todero

WORSHIP LEADER: Ray Sheets

***Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee,
preaching the Gospel of God.***

Mark 1:14



**Bethany Presbyterian Church
Blaine Street at Chandler Avenue
Johnstown, PA**

Offering: 1/14
Attendance: 9
Local 908.00
Benev. 62.75
Improv. 53.25
First Fruits 220.00
Total 1128.00

Sunday January 21st
 Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Installation of Officers /
 Congregational Business Meeting

Sunday January 28th
 Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.



Installation of Officers and the Congregational Business Meeting will be held today during Morning Worship. Thank you to everyone who helped organize and set up breakfast before Worship today.

First Fruits (Per Capita) for 2024 is \$44 per member. Please use the special envelope provided with your offering envelopes or mark the donation First Fruits when placing it in the bulletin

Session will meet Sunday February 4th following Morning Worship. Please see Pastor Denise or Linda Orlidge with any agenda items.

The Annual Souper Bowl of Caring service and luncheon will be held on Sunday February 11th. All are invited to attend. Look for more information coming soon.

Sign Ups For 2024 Lay Leaders and Flower/Bulletin Sponsorships are now 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.

The West End Food Pantry is in need of non-perishable food items and cleaning products to help restock the shelves. Donations can be placed in the baskets by the Blaine St. Entrance. Monetary donations can be placed in the offering plate.

Concerns: Keep the following people in your prayers...

Lois Henry	Linda Hayes
Dawna Sheets	Nancy Thomas
Jeanne Lehman	Rich Horner
Marie Whorl	Bob & Judy Varner
Bev Holbay	Dave & Karen Vivis
Lena Azzoli	Chuck Schmidt
Mark Todero	Joshua Holbay Family
Carl Newfield	Samuel Holbay
Jim Sellers	Loretta Davidson
Beverly Rager	Irene Barefoot Bischof
Mikey Ferante	All Shut- Ins
Jill Sheets	All in Nursing Homes
Lori Martin	All First Responders
Pat Pecora	All Service Men & Women
David Hayduk	All Healthcare Professionals
Richard Holbay	

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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