



Bethany Presbyterian Church

Blaine Street & Chandler Avenue

Johnstown, PA 15906

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MORNING WORSHIP
December 10th, 2017 2nd Sunday of Advent-PEACE

CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Listen to what the Lord our God says to us:

P: my hope for you is peace; salvation is my gift in every moment.

L: See what the Lord our God reveals to us:

P: righteousness is the path to the kingdom; faithfulness is the highway being built for us.

L: Tell what the Lord our God asks us to speak:

P: prepare God's way! The Christ is coming to redeem us.

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING –PEACE
(Bob and Marie Whorl)

“O Come, O Come Emmanuel” verses #1 & 2 #123

CALL TO RECONCILIATION*

L: God comes! Let us prepare the way.

God comes to forgive us! Let us prepare our hearts
as we confess our lives which are so often in exile, saying,

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)**

**We have heard that our penalty has been paid, God of Comfort,
yet we still insist on earning our way into your heart. We confess
that you are patient with us, but wish you would act quickly
against those who hurt us. We confess your word will stand
forever, but it is our words of pain and anger that cause long term
harm to others.**

**Your Messenger has come, Approaching God, crying out to us of
your forgiveness and hope. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord and
Savior, you speak to us:**

**not of punishment, but of peace;
not of judgment, but of justice;
not of a sentence, but salvation.**

***SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

L: Hear the Good News God speaks to you:

I love you; I forgive you; I restore you to new life.

P: We will not ignore the fact that God comes: not to condemn, but to comfort us; not to scold, but to speak tenderly to us of hope, of love, of joy.

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 by saying, "The Peace of Christ be With You.")

REDEDICATION OF SELF AND SUBSTANCE

Offertory

***Doxology**

#625

***Prayer of Dedication**

LESSONS FROM THE SCRIPTURES

First Lesson Isaiah 40:1-11 p.619

Second Lesson 2 Peter 3: 8-15a p.1063

Gospel Lesson Mark 1:1-8 p. 867

Message Denise Ann Todero, CRE

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostle's Creed

HYMN "O Thou Joyful, O Thou Wonderful" #119

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 LORD'S PRAYER

***HYMN**

"The Word Made Flesh"

#121

BENEDICTION/SENDING*

L: As you were present with us through your Word, O God:

P: May we be present to others who will come to us this week.

L: As you fed us with peace, Bread of Life:

P: May we grace others with your peace in the coming days.

L: As you welcomed us to your Table, Spirit of hope:

P: May we welcome those you send us who have no hope.

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE "Let There Be Peace"**

**Those who are able please stand.*

**** © Rev. Thom Shuman**

Rev. Richard Fairchild – Candle lighting liturgy

ORGANISTS : John Griffin and Elaine Bilger

COMMISSIONED RULING ELDER: Denise Ann Todero

WORSHIP LEADER: Tina Varner

**There is in repentance this beautiful mystery—
that we may fly fastest home on broken wing.**

William L. Sullivan

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**The question is not, Shall I repent? For that is beyond a doubt.
But the question is, shall I repent now, when it may save me;
or shall I put it off to the eternal world
when my repentance will be my punishment?**

Samuel Davies

Offering: 12/3
Attendance: 27

Sunday December 10th
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.

Local	1945.00
Benev.	65.55
Improv.	55.45
Roof	<u>10.00</u>
Total	2076.00

Sunday December 17th
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Christmas Party 5 p.m.

The Flowers Today are given in memory of Wallace Orlidge by Linda Orlidge

Today is the last day to place orders for Christmas Poinsettias. The cost is \$7 each. Orders and money can be placed in the offering plate or given to Ray Sheets.

The Church Christmas Party will be held on Sunday December 17th at 5 p.m. All attending are asked to bring a covered dish to share, with the church providing the meat. If you plan on attending, we ask you to sign up today so we know how many to prepare for.

The West End Hymn Sing will be held tonight at 7 p.m. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church. The Hymn Sing will have a Christmas theme and all are welcome to attend.

Sign Ups for 2018 Lay Leaders are now being accepted. If you would like to volunteer for a month, please sign up on the back bulletin board. You may sign up for a full month for yourself, or you may share a month with someone. Contact Pastor Denise with any questions.

Items For The Newsletter are due by December 31st. Items can be given or emailed to Ed Sheets.



Concerns: Keep the following people in your prayers...	
Don Bennett	Bill & Patty Gramling
Michael Robert Rose III	Bill Kegg
Darlene Rager	Justin Korenoski
Phyllis Pfuhl	Kathy & Robert Wilks
Harry & Lillian Thiel	Larry Holbay
Lois Henry	George Hockenberry
Jim Runkle Sr.	Lilyana Newfield
Katherine Minahan	Sharon Weaver
Jack Forsha	Elizabeth Kern
Olivia & Patrick Bragdon	Wanda Keifer
Dick Dunkle	John & Cindy Griffin
Lenore Runkle	Rose Marie Oravetz
Andy Serafin	Charles Molnar
Ken Bilger	Rachael Wilks
Diann Makin	Logan Weaver
Mark Rager	Jane Barefoot Volscko
Linda Hayes	A Friend
Bill Shroyer	Joyce Horn
John Morgan	All Shut- Ins
Joshua Holbay	All in Nursing Homes
Nancy Dimitt	All Service Men & Women
Bill & Linda Friebe	

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.