

Bethany Presbyterian, Johnstown, PA
MORNING WORSHIP February 23, 2025
Seventh Sunday After Epiphany

CALL TO WORSHIP **

L: Praise the Lord! Happy are those who fear the Lord, who take great delight in God's commandments.

P: Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.

L: They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright; they are gracious, merciful, and righteous

P: For the righteous will never be moved; they will be remembered forever.

HYMN "The Church's One Foundation" #277

CALL TO RECONCILIATION**

L: Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." So let's drop the barriers between us and God and our neighbor and call out like the tax collector, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner!" confessing to God together in prayer the things that keep us hurting and broken.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Merciful God, we're quick to point the finger at others and refuse to examine ourselves. We want the rich to feed the hungry, but we don't share of what we have. We prefer charity in principle, but in practice we neglect those in need. Forgive us of our failure to live up to what we know and let us take on the burden of those who are oppressed. May we be willing to take the risks and endure the service to a needy world, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION
ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

L: Jesus Christ intercedes on behalf of human weakness before the great throne of God. Therefore, every knee shall bow, and every tongue shall confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

P: Therein lies our assurance that our sins are forgiven.

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**

Loving God, we bring to you our gifts of thanksgiving. Receive them as symbols of our wholehearted praise. Transform what we bring to you to harmonize with your wishes, and convert all our actions to be in accord with your will. Amen.

LESSONS FROM THE SCRIPTURES

Old Testament

Isaiah 58:1-9

New Testament

1st Corinthians 2:1-16

Message

Presenting The Gospel

Bob Sheehan CRE

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH "THE APOSTLES' CREED"

HYMN "More About Jesus Would I Know" #389

INSTALLATION OF NEWLY ELECTED ELDERS

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 **"Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"**
#276

BENEDICTION/SENDING**

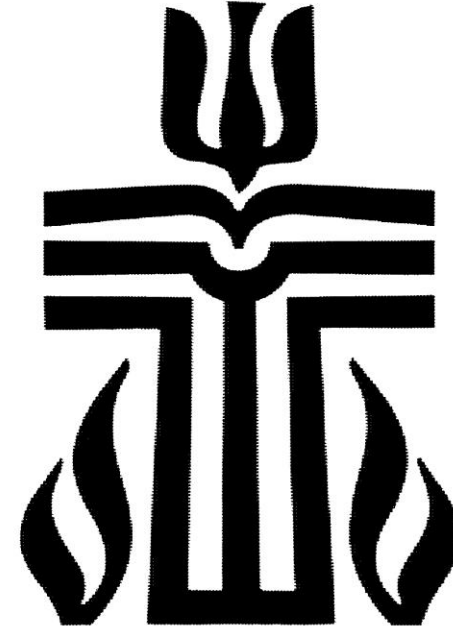
L: Pour out Your favor and peace upon our lives, O Lord.

P: May Your face shine upon us and grant us peace.

L: Bless us with wisdom and understanding as we navigate the challenges of life

P: May Your love and mercy surround us, providing comfort and strength. Amen.

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