

Bethany Presbyterian Church, Johnstown, PA
MORNING WORSHIP January 11th, 2026
The Baptism of Our Lord

CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Baptized to begin lives of faith,

P: we would witness to all you do in our communities, in our midst, in our world.

L: Baptized to serve,

P: we would speak up for the voiceless, we would bring justice to those who have none.

L: Baptized to speak,

P: we would heal, and not hurt; we would bless, and not curse.

L: Baptized to do what is right,

P: we would not play favorites, but treat each as your Beloved.

*** HYMN "Fairest Lord Jesus" #88**

CALL TO RECONCILIATION*

L: Can you imagine a God who would rather forgive us than punish us, who calls us 'my delight,' rather than chiding us for being so foolish and wayward? This is why Jesus came, so we might know of God's tender mercy toward us. Let us confess our lives to the One who fills us with hope, as we pray together, saying,

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION*

ALL: We try to stop Jesus from coming into our lives, Patient God, for we know how disruptive he can be. He wants us to preach the gospel with our lives, but we prefer to complain how hard that is to do. He wants us to do what is right, yet wrong-doing comes so easily for us. He would like us not to give up until justice is done, but we just don't seem to have the time.

We confess because we know we need to be forgiven by you, Glory and Grace. Bathe us in the life giving waters of your mercy so we can come up from the water, ready to do good for others, to give you all the praise, to learn justice, grace, and hope from your Servant, Jesus Christ.

***SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON*

L: You are God's Beloved. You delight God's heart. Believe this good news, my friends!

P: The Spirit of God rests upon us, anointing us with mercy and peace. Thanks be to God!

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

Old Testament Isaiah 42:1-9 p. 622

New Testament Acts 10:34-43 p. 957

Gospel Matthew 3:13-17 p. 847

MESSAGE Victoria Hugill

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - The Apostles' Creed**

***HYMN "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us #462**

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: Baptized, let us go to live in faith.

P: We will bring healing to the broken and offer God's joy to those who grieve.

L: Baptized, let us go to serve.

**P: At the side of Jesus, we will serve the hungry,
we will give shelter to the homeless.**

L: Baptized, let us go to be a voice.

**P: We will echo the Spirit of calling for peace,
we will never stop speaking against injustice.**

L: Baptized, let us go to do what is right.

**P: Finding you, God in Community, Holy in One,
waiting for us to join you beside all your Beloved children**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" #286**

****Those who are able please stand.***

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ORGANISTS : John Griffin and Elaine Bilger

"When we understand our baptismal covenant and the gift of the Holy Ghost, it will change our lives and will establish our total allegiance to the kingdom of God. When temptations come our way, if we will listen, the Holy Ghost will remind us that we have promised to remember our Savior and obey the commandments of God."

- Robert D. Hales

"If you accept the belief that baptism incorporates us in the mystical body of Christ, into the divine DNA, then you might say that the Holy Spirit is present in each of us, and thus we have the capacity for the fullness of redemption, of transformation."

- Thomas Keating



Offering: 1/4 Attendance: 12 Local 359.00 Benev. 25.00 Improv. 21.00 First Fruits 55.00 Initial 25.00 Total 485.00	Sunday January 11th Morning Worship 10:30 a.m. Sunday January 18th Morning Worship 10:30 a.m. Congregational Meeting
<p>We Will Be taking down the Christmas Decorations after Worship today. Thank you to everyone who is able to stay and assist.</p> <p>A Congregational Business Meeting will be held next Sunday (January 18th) after Morning Worship. All members are encouraged to attend.</p> <p>The Suggested Per Capita (First Fruits) for 2026 is \$55 per member. Please use the special envelope provided in your box. Per Capita helps to pay for the important programs and staff at the Presbytery, Synod, and PCUSA levels.</p> <p>Mark Your Calendars! The annual Redstone Presbytery Enrichment Day will be held on Saturday February 7th at Westmont Presbyterian Church. Look for more information coming soon.</p> <p>The West End Food Pantry is in need of non-perishable food items to help restock their shelves after a busy holiday season. Donations can be placed in the boxes by the Blaine St. entrance. Monetary Donations can be placed in the offering plate. Thank you for your support.</p> <p>Ed Sheets is collecting small shipping boxes. If you have any you no longer need, you can place them on the table in the back of the chapel. Thanks in advance for your assistance.</p>	

	
Concerns: Keep the following people in your prayers...	
Dawna Sheets	Bobbie Johnson
Jeanne Lehman	Barry Ross
Marie Whorl	Dave & Karen Vivis
Bev Holbay	Joshua Holbay Family
Mark Todero	Dominic Serratore
Carl Newfield	Jim Kuntz
Beverly Rager	Jimmy Stormant
Frank Cassat	Bruce Torrence
Nancy Kahl	Randy Maurer
Glenn Campbell	Cheryl Browning
Linda Hayes	All Shut- Ins
Jessie Rager	All in Nursing Homes
Bill & Patty Gramling	All First Responders
Mike & Charlene Jean	All Service Men & Women
Eileen Rozich	All Healthcare Professionals

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

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Sign Ups for 2026 Lay Leaders are being accepted. If you are interested in helping out, please sign up on the back bulletin board.

Orders are now being taken for 2026 Flower and Bulletin Sponsorships. Order forms and more information can be found on the back bulletin board and can be placed in the offering plate. Orders can also be placed on the church website.