

Bethany Presbyterian Church, Johnstown, PA
MORNING WORSHIP
October 26, 2025 30th Sunday In Ordinary Time

CALL TO WORSHIP **

L: This is the day the Lord has made:

P: a day for praise and prayer; a day for gratitude and generosity.

L: This is the time God has given us:

P: a time for singing and silence; a time for speaking and listening.

L: This is the life to which God calls us:

P: a life of humility and service; a life of faith and trust.

HYMN "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" #26

CALL TO RECONCILIATION**

L: When we pray to God, do we do so with pride in what wonderful people we are, or with that humble hope which recognizes how we have not lived as God's children, and how we need God's forgiveness and grace in our lives? Join me as we pray to our God, saying,

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

ALL: Watching God, like the Pharisee, we think we can stick our thumbs into life, pull out a prayer, and congratulate ourselves for being such good Christians. Then, we remember the harsh words we have spoken this week, the hurt we have inflicted on someone we loved, the lack of compassion we failed to offer to someone who needed our help.

Forgive us, God of Grace, and deal gently with us. May we become more like the tax collector - humble, penitent, acknowledging our faulty lives to you. Then, may we receive the mercy promised to us through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

L: Forgiven and healed, we open ourselves to the grace, the peace, the hope offered to us through our loving God. This is the good news we have received!

P: Graced and blessed, we are able to live our lives for others, taking them by the hand to reach that finish line called the Kingdom.

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

Prayer of Dedication

#625

LESSONS FROM THE SCRIPTURES

Old Testament	Joel 2:23-32	p.788
New Testament	2 Timothy 4:6-8,16-18	p.1039
Gospel	John 6: 48-70	p.929

MESSAGE "The Followers of Jesus" Ray Sheets

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - The Apostles' Creed

HYMN

"Because He Lives"

#213

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 "Seek Ye First" #42

BENEDICTION/SENDING**

L: We have offered praise and prayer to our God,

P: who sends us out to offer peace and hope to others.

L: We have heard the call of Jesus in the silence and singing,

P: and we will join him in speaking for the voiceless.

L: Filled by the Spirit with faith and trust,

P: we go to serve others, humbly and lovingly

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE "Let There Be Peace"

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ORGANISTS: Mr. John Griffin and Mrs. Elaine Bilger

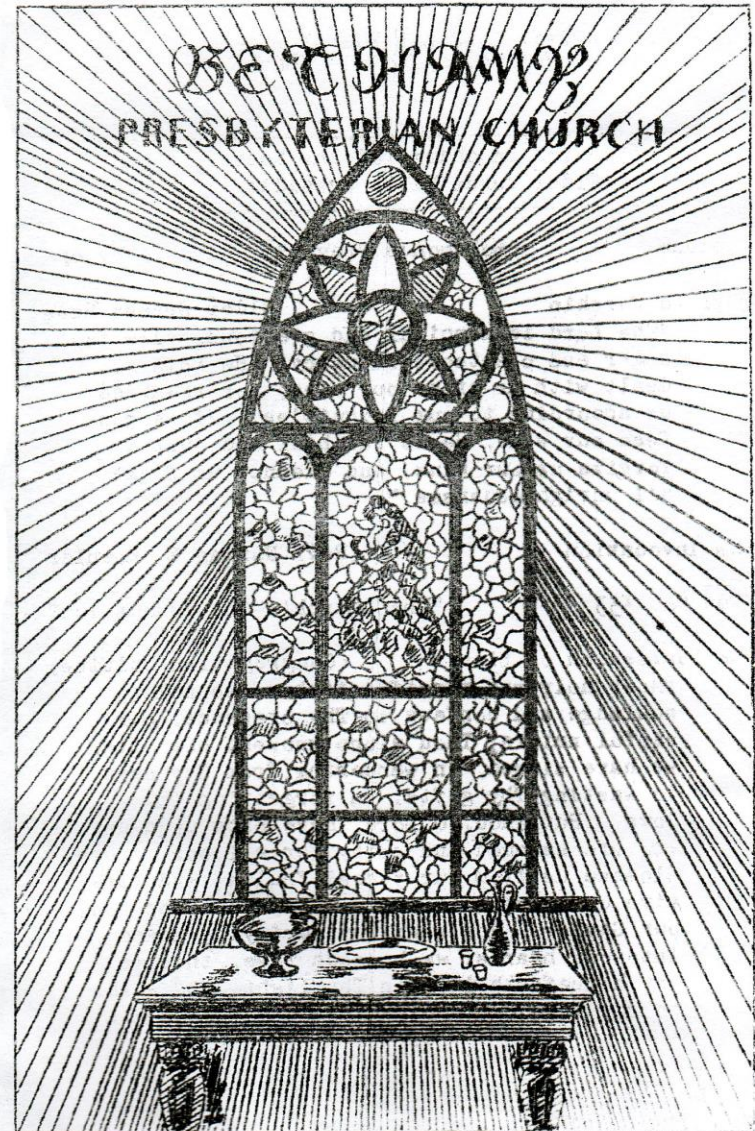
*I am certain that there will be three surprises in
heaven.*

*First of all, I will see some people there whom I never
expected to see.*

*Second, there will be a number whom I expect to be
there who will not be there.*

*And, even relying on His mercy,
the biggest surprise of all may be that I will be there.*

.....Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen



Offering: 10/19
Attendance: 16
Local 386.00
Benev. 26.40
Improv. 22.60
Roof 40.00
Total 475.00

Sunday October 26th
 Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.

Sunday November 2nd
 Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.

The West End Food Pantry is in need of non-perishable food items to keep their shelves full. Donations can be placed in the boxes by the Blaine St. entrance. Monetary Donations can be placed in the offering plate. The pantry will likely see increased need over the coming weeks, so all donations are appreciated.

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.

Sign Ups for 2025 Lay Leaders are still being accepted. If you are interested in helping out, please sign up on the back bulletin board.

Orders are still being taken for 2025 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.



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	All Shut- Ins
Nancy Kahl	All in Nursing Homes
Linda Hayes	All First Responders
Jessie Rager	All Service Men & Women
Bill & Patty Gramling	All Healthcare Professionals
Mike & Charlotte Jean	

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

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