

Bethany Presbyterian Church, Johnstown, PA
MORNING WORSHIP
September 21, 2025

CALL TO WORSHIP **

L: We gather together to celebrate the joy in our lives.

P: God's love fills our hearts to overflowing with laughter.

L: We gather, in God's presence, to find comfort and hope for our pain.

P: God's grace wipes away our tears and knits us together as one people.

L: We gather together, in God's presence, to worship God in faith and truth.

P: Alleluia! Amen!

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

CALL TO RECONCILIATION**

L: Before we speak, God knows our needs, yet our words open our hearts to God's grace. Let us prepare ourselves for God's healing as, in words and silence, we tell of all that separates us from God and one another. Please join me as we pray.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

First of all, Everlasting God, we must confess how we have not lived as your people. We serve many masters - work, wealth, power, addictions - yet find no hope in them. We hear the cries of the poor, and shut the doors of our hearts to them. We ridicule those who expose their hopes and dreams to us.

Forgive us, Compassion's Heart, and heal us of our brokenness. Make us well, so that by our healing, we might be the hope and love others need in their lives, even as Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, brought these gifts to us, calling us to be faithful with the grace, peace, and joy entrusted to us.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

L: Now that we have let go of the pain, the bitterness, the anger of our lives, let us be kind, tender-hearted, and gentle towards each other, forgiving as God has forgiven us.

P: We are God's beloved children, and will model God's grace and love in our hearts. Thanks be to God! We are forgiven!

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 Jeremiah 8:18-9:1 p.657

New Testament 1Timothy 2:1-7 p.1034

Gospel **1 John 4: 7-10**

MESSAGE "Living a Life of Love" Reverend Ed Wagner

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - The Apostles' Creed (Back of Hymnal)

HYMN "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" #8

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 "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" #410

BENEDICTION/SENDING**

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE "Let There Be Peace"

****© *Rev. Thom Shuman***

ORGANISTS: John Griffin and Elaine Bilger

**Make all you can, save all you can,
give all you can.**

John Wesley

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**It's good to have money and the things that money can buy,
but it's good, too, to check up once in a while and make sure
you haven't lost the things that money can't buy.**

George Horace Lorimer

**“Do you remember
The 21st night of
September?
Love was changin' the
minds of pretenders,
While chasin' the clouds
away”**

-Earth, Wind, and Fire

Offering: 09/14
Attendance: 14
Local 399.00
Benev. 27.60
Improv. 23.40
Roof 31.00
Total 481.00

Sunday September 21st
 Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.

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

This Morning we welcome Rev. Ed Wagner as our guest speaker for Morning Worship.

Pine Springs Camp will hold their Women in the Woods Retreat on October 3rd and 4th. More information can be found by visiting <https://www.pinesprings.org/women-in-the-woods>.

World Communion Sunday will be held on Sunday October 5th during Morning Worship. All are invited to attend and celebrate this special service.

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	Tammy & Louie Noss
Beverly Rager	Jim Kuntz
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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Donations of non-perishable foods and cleaning products for the West End Food Pantry can be placed in the bins by the Blaine St. entrance. Monetary donations can be placed in the offering plate. Thank you for your support.