

Bethany Presbyterian Church, Johnstown, PA
MORNING WORSHIP
November 2, 2025

CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: We come to worship our God, to listen to the One who calls us here.

P: We come trusting God to lead us in the coming days, as surely as were our grandparents in the faith.

L: We come to worship our God, to shout with joy to the God of all people.

P: We come to the Creator of all things, to be bathed in the waters of life.

L: We come to the Feast of God's faithful, to be fed by the One who never forsakes us.

P: We come to worship our God, to sing aloud to the One who saves us.

HYMN "Come, Christians, Join to Sing" #108

CALL TO RECONCILIATION**

L: Despite all the ways we speak of sin - failures, mistakes, intended acts, Scripture tells us that we are stubborn-hearted, wanting only our way. But if we pause to listen to God, if we open our mouths (and our hearts) to confess our sin, God will fill our emptiness with forgiveness and hope. Let us pray together, as we say,

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

ALL: We are always uncomfortable, Watching God, when you notice how we want to sit in the seats of honor. We can be so proper, so good, so well-off, that it is easy to imagine we are superior to the poor. We are so busy completing our 'To Do' list each day, that we forget to do good when we have the chance.

Forgive us, Welcoming God. Fill our emptiness with your grace and humility that we would spend our lives alongside Jesus, our Lord and Savior, throwing a party for the poor, the damaged, the prisoner, the lost, the oppressed.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

L: This is the good news: after what God has done for us, what can anyone or anything do to us? We are new people, graced by our loving God.

P: Forgiven, embraced, welcomed by our God, we will offer open hearts and serving hands to everyone we meet.

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

Prayer of Dedication**

#625

Yesterday, today, and tomorrow, we are offered opportunities to reach out to those who are in need of hope, healing, and friendship. This is why you pour out your blessings upon us, trusting that we will share from our abundance to bless others, even as we have been blessed. Receive the gifts we offer, multiply them, and use them in the work of grace and justice. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

LESSONS FROM THE SCRIPTURES

Old Testament	Habakkuk 1:1-4;2:1-4	p.811
New Testament	2 Thessalonians 1:1-4,11-12	p.1032
Gospel	Luke 19:1-10	p.912

MESSAGE: Rev. Randy Knupp

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH -The Apostles' Creed

HYMN "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken" #278

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 "O How I Love Jesus" #529

BENEDICTION/SENDING**

L: Having listened to God's words, we are sent to serve others.

P: Today and tomorrow, we will follow where God leads.

L: Having joined in songs of praise and hope, we will carry these gifts into the world.

P: Today and tomorrow, we will serve beside Jesus.

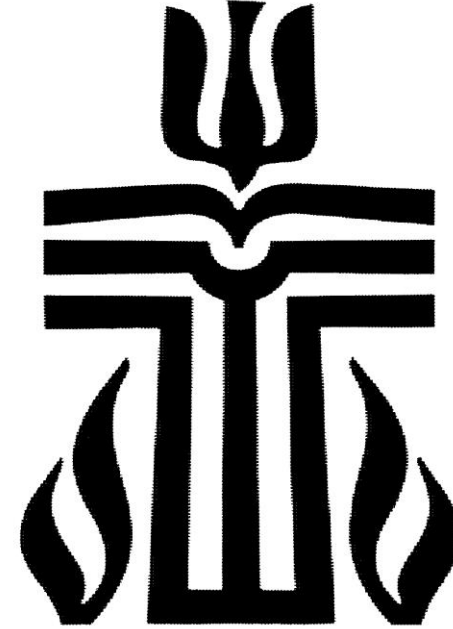
L: Having been filled with the Spirit of justice, we will go to be with all who struggle.

P: Today and tomorrow, we will bring justice and peace to those around us.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE "God Be With You" #602

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Offering: 10/26
Attendance: 12
Local 332.50
Benev. 23.00
Improv. 19.50
Total 375.00

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

Sunday November 9th
 Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.



The Flowers & Bulletins Today are given by John Griffin in loving memory of Cindy for their anniversary.

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	

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