

**Bethany Presbyterian, Johnstown, PA**  
**MORNING WORSHIP January 18, 2026**  
**Second Sunday After Epiphany**

**CALL TO WORSHIP \*\***

L: In you, O Lord, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame.

**P: In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me; incline your ear to me and save me.**

L: Be to me a strong fortress, to save me, for you are my rock and my refuge.

**P: For you, O Lord, are my hope and my trust. My praise is continually of you!**

**HYMN "God of Grace and God of Glory" #292**

**CALL TO RECONCILIATION\*\***

L: Remember that our Lord Jesus can sympathize with us in our weaknesses, since in every respect he was tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with boldness approach the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor

**UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION\*\***

**Merciful God, You call us to grow in wisdom and faith, to listen for Your voice, and to seek You above all else. Yet we confess that we often lose our way. We rush ahead in our own understanding, searching everywhere except where You are already at work. Forgive us when we grow impatient with Your timing, and when we forget that our lives belong to You. Restore in us a desire to trust You and to follow You more faithfully. Meet us in our need and help us grow in wisdom and grace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON\*\***

L: Friends, forgiveness comes from God who does not count our sins against us.

**P: The time has come at last.**

L: Now is the day of salvation!

**P: We believe the Good News. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Praise be to God!**

**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\*\***

Almighty God, we thank you for your abundant blessings. As we bring these gifts, we ask that you accept them and use them to further your kingdom. Bless the givers and the gifts, that they may bring hope to the hopeless and comfort to the sick. May our offerings be a blessing to many and bring glory to your name. Amen.

**LESSONS FROM THE SCRIPTURES**

**Old Testament Jeremiah 1:4-10**

**New Testament Luke 4:21-30**

**Message THE COMING HOME Bob Sheehan CRE**

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH "THE APOSTLES' CREED"**

**HYMN "Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak" #450**

## **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 "All Hail the Pow'r of Jesus' Name" #97**

## **BENEDICTION/SENDING\*\***

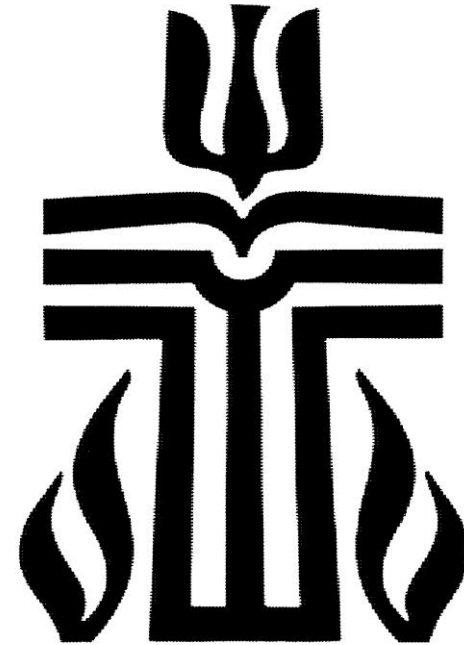
L: Let's go forth with the words of Jesus in our minds and hearts: "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. Love one another as I have loved you."

**P: We go in peace to love and serve the Lord, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**ORGANISTS : John Griffin and Elaine Bilger**

"The church exists primarily for two closely correlated purposes: to worship God and to work for his kingdom in the world...The church also exists for a third purpose, which serves the other two: to encourage one another, to build one another up in faith, to pray with and for one another, to learn from one another and teach one another, and to set one another examples to follow, challenges to take up, and urgent tasks to perform. This is all part of what is known loosely as fellowship."

- N.T. Wright



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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
Pete Barclay	

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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.

<b>Offering: 1/11</b> <b>Attendance: 16</b> <b>Local 824.65</b> <b>Benev. 57.00</b> <b>Improv. 48.35</b> <b>First Fruits 220.00</b> <b>Initial 30.00</b> <b>Total 1180.00</b>	<b>Sunday January 18th</b> Morning Worship 10:30 a.m. <b>Congregational Meeting</b>  <b>Sunday January 25th</b> Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
<p><b>The Congregational Business Meeting</b> will be held today (January 18<sup>th</sup>) after Morning Worship.</p> <p><b>The Suggested Per Capita (First Fruits)</b> 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><b>Mark Your Calendars!</b> The annual Redstone Presbytery Enrichment Day will be held on Saturday February 7<sup>th</sup> at Westmont Presbyterian Church. Information is available on the table in the back of the sanctuary.</p> <p><b>Souper Bowl of Caring</b> Sunday will be held on February 8<sup>th</sup>. Come help support the West End Food Pantry by bringing non-perishable food items or monetary donations. We will have soup and sandwiches available after Worship. Feel free to bring other snacks to share.</p> <p><b>The West End Food Pantry</b> 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><b>Ed Sheets</b> 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>	