Bethany Presbyterian, Johnstown, PA MORNING WORSHIP August 24, 2025 Proper 16

CALL TO WORSHIP **

L: As a deer longs for flowing streams, our souls long for you, O God.

P: Our souls thirst for God, for the living God.

L: Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted within me?

P: Hope is in God, for we shall again praise the Lord, our help and our Redeemer.

HYMN "Now Thank We All Our God" #556

CALL TO RECONCILIATION**

L: We come to You to acknowledge and confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed. We have not loved You with all our heart and soul, with all our mind and strength, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Forgiving God, we find it difficult to imagine that we could indeed be your children through faith. We can't believe that we could belong to Christ and be heirs of the promise made to Abraham and his offspring. Forgive us and help our unbelief; rekindle our imagination. Tame our rebellion. Bring us back to ourselves and to you. Amen

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

L: Friends, in Christ Jesus, we are all children of God through faith; we are no longer subject to this world. We are heirs according to the promise and made free in Jesus Christ.

P: We believe the good news of the gospel. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

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 give you thanks for all your blessings you have given us. Use these gifts we offer as a sign of your great love for the world, so that all may know and share in the abundance of your grace. Amen.

LESSONS FROM THE SCRIPTURES

Old Testament Psalm 16:1-11 New Testament Luke 9:51-66

Message WALKING WITH JESUS Bob Sheehan CRE

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH "THE APOSTLES' CREED"

HYMN ""Lift High the Cross #304

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 "Jesus Calls Us" #375

BENEDICTION/SENDING**

L: We have been given all that is good for proclaiming God's presence and God's love.

P: The world is thirsting for this good news.

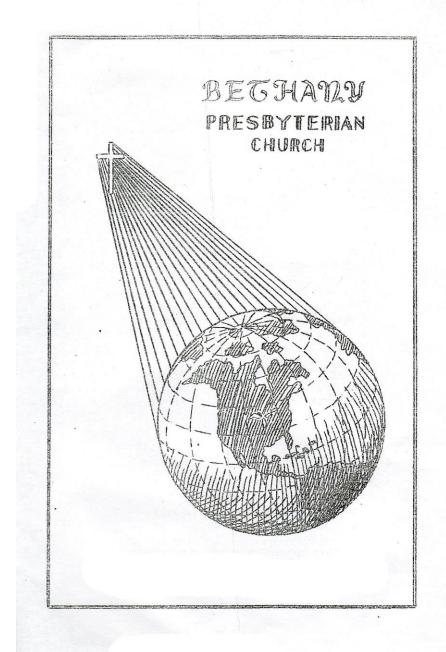
L: People struggle for words of hope and peace.

P: As we have been blessed, we now go to be a blessing in God's Name.

WORSHIP LEADER: TOMI NOSKO

A PRAYER FOR TEACHERS

O Lord, you who have called and equipped the teachers in our community, we pray for them today. Watch over them, provide for them, guide them, sustain them. May you be their sun and shield, so that they might do the work that you have entrusted to them and sense your care in these uncertain times. In Jesus' name. Amen.



Offering: 08/17	Sunday August 24th
Attendance: 15	Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Local 450.00	
Benev. 32.30	Sunday August 31st
Improv. 27.70	Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Roof <u>40.00</u>	
Total 575.00	

This Morning we welcome Bob Sheehan as our guest speaker for Morning Worship.

Visit the Westmont Presbyterian Church Farmer's Market, held in their church parking lot every Saturday from 9am-12pm. The market features a variety of produce and other items.

Session will meet today following Morning Worship.

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 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.









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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	Irene Barefoot Bischof
Beverly Rager	Tammy & Louie Noss
Frank Cassat	Jim Kuntz
Nancy Kahl	All Shut- Ins
Linda Hayes	All in Nursing Homes
Matt Molnar	All First Responders
Bill Gramling	All Service Men & Women
	All Healthcare Professionals

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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.