

**Bethany Presbyterian Church, Johnstown, PA**  
**MORNING WORSHIP**  
**September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**CALL TO WORSHIP\*\***

L: We gather in the presence of God:

**P: who knows us when we wake up and when we go to sleep, and in all the moments in between.**

L: We gather in the house of God:

**P: who has created a family for us, here as well as in places all over the world.**

L: We gather to be the people of God:

**P: who appeals to us to follow in love, in faith, in service.**

**HYMN                    "Lift High the Cross"                    vs 1,2,3                    #304**

**CALL TO RECONCILIATION\*\***

L: Our sins are not to be hidden from God. Rather, we bring them into the Light and lay them on the Table, trusting in the One who shaped us for goodness and will transform our brokenness into wholeness. Please join me as we pray, saying,

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

**ALL: Searching God, we are so attached to our possessions, we have trouble sharing them. We are so connected to our pleasures that we cannot feel the pain of those around us. We are so stuck on ourselves, we cannot sense our souls slipping away into the shadows.**

**Most merciful God: loosen us from the grip of the world, so we may feel your healing touch. Sever us from our sin, so your Spirit might bind us to you. Reshape us, redeem us, renew us, so we may take up our crosses and follow our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.**

**SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON\*\***

L: The God who calls us is the God who created us; the God who formed us is the God who forgives us. This is the Good News - we are God's new creation.

**P: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are reshaped, renewed, forgiven. 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**

**#625**

**Prayer of Dedication\*\***

Some bear crosses hollowed out by hunger, some carry crosses called injustice. Sometimes our abundance is a cross which we struggle to bear. But as we learn to follow you, as we seek to be as generous as you, we discover that we can gift others with hope, with grace, and with peace. Receive our offerings this day, so they might bless your children in every way imaginable. This we pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

**LESSONS FROM THE SCRIPTURES**

|                      |                         |               |
|----------------------|-------------------------|---------------|
| <b>Old Testament</b> | <b>Jeremiah 18:1-11</b> | <b>p.666</b>  |
| <b>New Testament</b> | <b>Philemon 1:1-21</b>  | <b>p.1043</b> |
| <b>Gospel</b>        | <b>Luke 14:25-33</b>    | <b>p.908</b>  |

**MESSAGE**

**Tammy Noss**

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose. We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor**

rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers,  
nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will  
be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus  
our lord. Amen

**HYMN**      **"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"**      **#410**

**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**

**BENEDICTION/SENDING\*\***

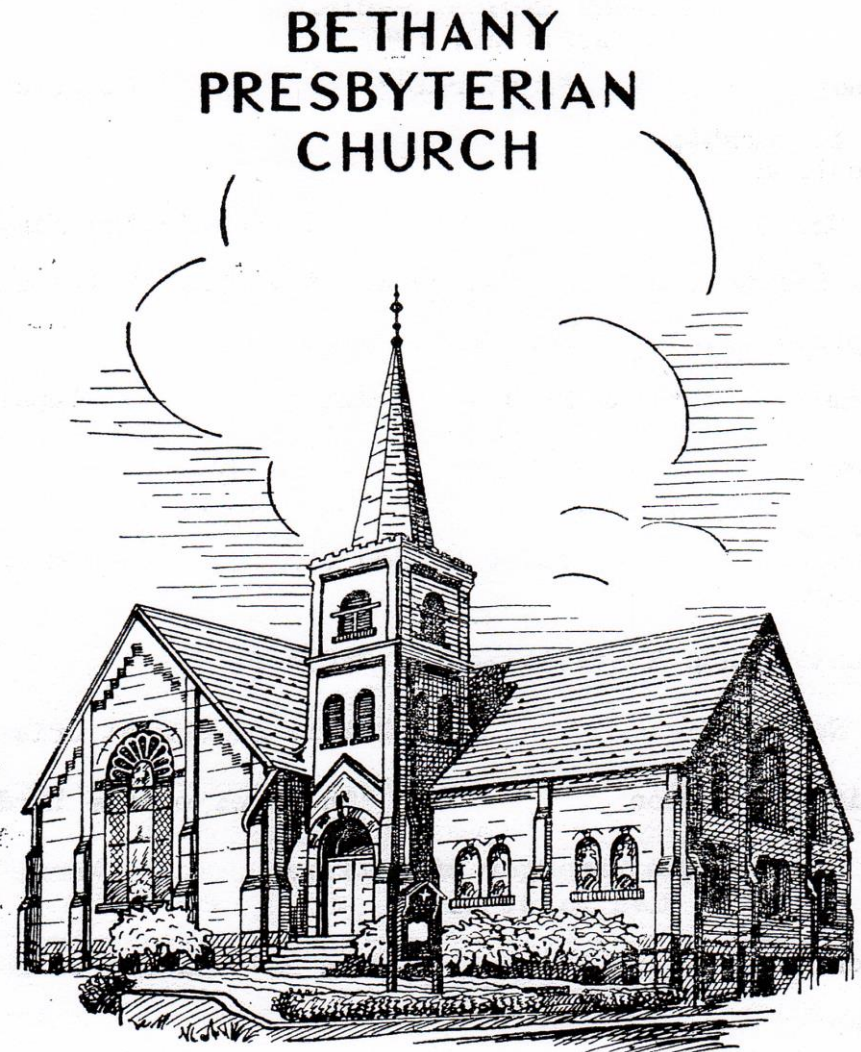
L: It is God who has formed us as a community of faith.  
**P: Now, we will go to find and serve our sisters and brothers.**  
L: It is Jesus who has knit us together as partners in grace.  
**P: Now, we will go to bear the burdens of those around us.**  
L: It is the Spirit who gives us the words we need.  
**P: Now, we will go to speak for justice and hope for all.**

**CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE "Pass It On"**      **#309**

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**WORSHIP LEADER: Ray Sheets**

**ORGANISTS: John Griffin and Elaine Bilger**



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**Offering: 08/31**  
**Attendance: 12**  
**Local 705.00**  
**Benev. 48.80**  
**Improv. 41.20**  
**Total 795.00**

**Sunday September 7th**  
 Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.

**Sunday September 14th**  
 Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.

**This Morning** we welcome Tammy Noss as our guest speaker for Morning Worship.

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

**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.



| Concerns: Keep the following people in your prayers... |                              |
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| 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         |
| Jessie Rager   | All First Responders         |
| Bill Gramling  | All Service Men & Women      |
| Mike & Charlotte Jean                                  | 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.