

Bethany Presbyterian, Johnstown, PA
MORNING WORSHIP November 16, 2025
Proper 28

CALL TO WORSHIP **

L: Let us gather to listen to God's Holy Word.

P: Word of God, speak to us as we gather with childlike faith.

L: Reveal your ageless wisdom as the Word is proclaimed.

P: Your servants are listening.

HYMN "For the Beauty of the Earth" #560

CALL TO RECONCILIATION**

L: When we sin, we have someone who pleads with the Father on our behalf—Jesus Christ, the righteous one. And Christ himself is the means by which our sins are forgiven, and not our sins only, but also the sins of the entire world. Let us confess our sins before God and one another.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Forgiving God, we confess that we're quick to notice the faults of others while overlooking our own. We're hasty to accuse but slow to extend grace. We throw stones instead of offering forgiveness. Forgive us, Lord. Teach us to live out the grace You have poured into our lives. Call us to deeper holiness and greater humility. Shape us into people of integrity, so that our words and actions may reflect Your love. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

L: Friends, who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ prays for us. Christ reaches out with endless love and mercy. Friends, believe the good news:

P: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and made ready to love and serve. Alleluia. Amen.

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, bless these our gifts with your love, your strength, and your presence. May the ministries these offerings support be a sign of this love, strength, and presence within this congregation and throughout the entire world. Amen.

LESSONS FROM THE SCRIPTURES

Old Testament

Psalms 100:1-5

New Testament

1st Thessalonians 5:12-18

Message BE THANKFUL IN ALL CIRCUMSTANCES
Bob Sheehan CRE

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH "THE APOSTLES' CREED"

HYMN "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" #559

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 "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart" #562

BENEDICTION/SENDING**

L: Always be thankful. Let the words of Christ, in all their richness, live in your hearts and make you wise. Use his words to teach and counsel each other. Sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs to God with thankful hearts.

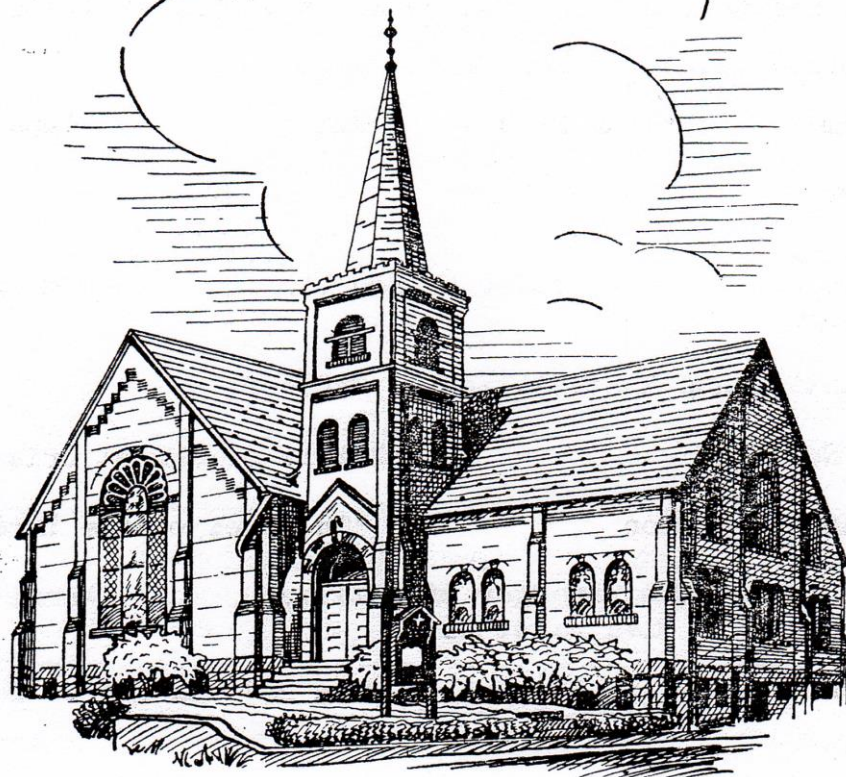
P: All that we do and say, will be as a representative of the Lord Jesus Christ, all the while giving thanks through Him to God the Father. Amen.

ORGANISTS: John Griffin and Elaine Bilger

"I believe that appreciation is a holy thing--that when we look for what's best in a person we happen to be with at the moment, we're doing what God does all the time. So in loving and appreciating our neighbor, we're participating in something sacred."

— Fred Rogers

BETHANY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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Offering: 11/09
Attendance: 12
Local 389.00
Benev. 27.00
Improv. 22.00
Total 438.00

Sunday November 16th
 Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.

Sunday November 23rd
 Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
**Christmon Service/
 Decorating for Christmas**

Orders for Christmas Poinsettias are now being accepted. The cost is \$10 each and orders are due by Sunday December 7th. Please use the order form found in your bulletin. You can also place an order on the church website.

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.

Come Help Us decorate the sanctuary for the Christmas Season and celebrate our Christmon Service next Sunday (November 23rd). A light breakfast will be served and we will be decorating before and after the service. All are encouraged to attend.

Celebrate the first Sunday in Advent with us on Sunday November 30th. Communion will be served during Worship.

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.

Come Join In Food, Fun, and Fellowship! The annual Church Christmas Party will be held on Sunday December 14th after Worship. Those attending are asked to bring a covered dish to share. Feel free to bring your family and friends.



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	All Shut- Ins
Linda Hayes	All in Nursing Homes
Jessie Rager	All First Responders
Bill & Patty Gramling	All Service Men & Women
Mike & Charlotte Jean	All Healthcare Professionals

To Place Announcements Or Concerns List Names in the bulletin please email bethanyjtown@hotmail.com.

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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.

Military Christmas Care Packages

We are collecting items to send to our local service men and women who were recently deployed to the southern boarder. The following are some of the items we are collecting. If you are interested in donating, you can bring items to the church. Thank you in advance for your support!

- Small Hand Sanitizers
- Individual Wet Wipes
- Sunscreen
- Bug Spray
- Powdered Gatorade and Propel Packets
- Bath Poofs
- Small Shampoo
- Small Body Wash
- Deodorant
- Disposable Rubber Gloves
- Chapstick
- Toothbrushes & Toothpaste
- Disposable Razors
- Feminine Hygiene Products
- Hand Lotion

Christmas Poinsettia Order Form

Orders are now being accepted for Christmas Poinsettias. The cost is \$10 each and orders are due by Sunday December 7th. Orders and payment can be placed in the offering plate or mailed to the church.

Name:

of Poinsettias _____ x \$10 Each = \$_____ Total

In Memory Of:

In Honor Of:

Other:

Given By: