

Bethany Presbyterian, Johnstown, PA
MORNING WORSHIP February 15, 2026
Last Sunday After Epiphany

CALL TO WORSHIP **

L: Jesus invites us to come and see where God is at work.

P: We bring our questions, our longings, our hopes, our dreams and our fears.

L: Within these walls and within our hearts, God is here.

P: Let us worship the God who reaches out in love and invites us to come and see!

HYMN "Holy, Holy, Holy " **#262**

CALL TO RECONCILIATION**

L: God does not choose the wise or the powerful, but calls the lowly and the weak to receive His grace. We are aware of our need for His mercy. Let's confess our sins to the Lord, trusting not in our own righteousness, but in His

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Merciful God, we confess that we've often not waited patiently for you. We've preferred to sing our own song, to go our own way, and to put our trust in idols, institutions and individual strength rather than trusting you. We confess that it's easier to bring you sacrifices and offerings, rather than offering our lives to you. We search for delight in all the wrong places. We keep quiet about the ways we've experienced your love and presence, and we fail to invite others to come and see you. Forgive us, Lord. Abide in us until your new song of hope and redemption pours from our lips, and your love is shared in our words and deeds. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

L: God rescues us and sets us on solid ground. God has not withheld mercy from us. Trust in the steadfast love and faithfulness of God and know that we are forgiven!

P: Through Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks 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're not lacking in any gift, and we give you thanks and praise. Receive the gifts of our hearts and lives as a joyful response for your steadfast love. Use what you have given us to your glory in every place. Transform our gifts to become a beacon of hope, a word of life, and a source of healing for all of creation. Amen.

LESSONS FROM THE SCRIPTURES

Old Testament Isaiah 6:1-4
New Testament 1st Peter 1:17-21

Message LOOKING FORWARD TO LENT
Bob Sheehan CRE

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH "THE APOSTLES' CREED"

HYMN "Softly and Tenderly" #326

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 **"Open My Eyes, That I May See"** **#381**

BENEDICTION/SENDING**

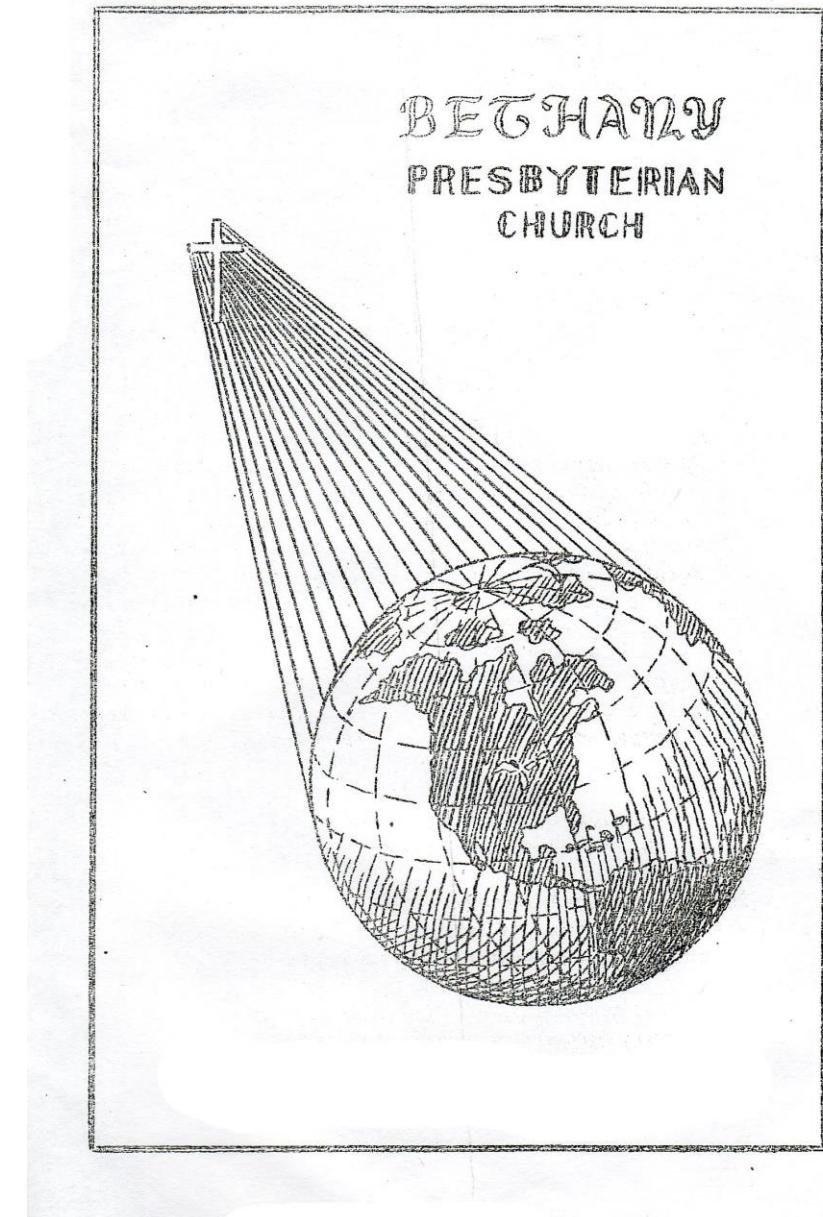
L: As we leave this place, don't just carry the memory of this service, but carry the mission of Christ. We are called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. Go and make a difference.

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

"Lent is a time of going very deeply into ourselves... What is it that stands between us and God? Between us and our brothers and sisters? Between us and life, the life of the Spirit? Whatever it is, let us relentlessly tear it out, without a moment's hesitation." —Catherine Doherty

"O Lord, make this Lenten season different from the other ones. Let me find you again. Amen." —Henri Nouwen



Offering:	2/8
Attendance:	19
Local	235.00
Benev.	16.25
Improv.	13.75
First Fruits	55.00
Souper Bowl	50.00
Total	370.00

Sunday February 15th
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Session Meeting

Wednesday February 18th
Ash Wednesday Service 7 p.m.

Sunday February 22nd
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.

The Suggested Per Capita (First Fruits) 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.

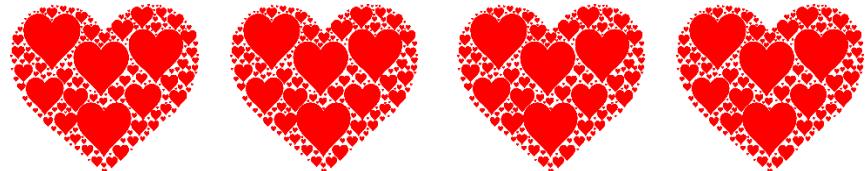
Session will meet today after Morning Worship.

An Ash Wednesday Service will be held here at Bethany this Wednesday at 7 p.m. This will be a joint service with Grace Lutheran Church. All are invited to attend.

An Ash Wednesday Luncheon will be held on March 5th at First Presbyterian Church in Downtown Johnstown. The luncheon will begin at noon in the social hall. See the flyer on the front bulletin board or call 814-536-8141 for more information or to RSVP.

The West End Food Pantry is in need of non-perishable food items to help keep their shelves stocked. 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.

Ed Sheets is collecting small shipping boxes. If you have any you no longer need, you can place them on the front pew by the Blaine St. entrance. Thanks in advance for your assistance.



Concerns: Keep the following people in your prayers...	
Dawna Sheets	Bobbie Johnson
Jeanne Lehman	Dave & Karen Vivis
Marie Whorl	Joshua Holbay Family
Bev Holbay	Dominic Serratore
Mark Todero	Jimmy Stormant
Carl Newfield	Bruce Torrence
Beverly Rager	Randy Maurer
Frank Cassat	Cheryl Browning
Glenn Campbell	Elaine Bilger
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

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

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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.