

Bethany Presbyterian, Johnstown, PA
MORNING WORSHIP
August 3rd, 2025 8th Sunday after Pentecost

CALL TO WORSHIP **

L: God of the past who whispered in the prophets' ears; who rescued us from sin's slavery:

P: we are here to thank you.

L: God of the future, who is tearing down the old world, and building your kingdom in our midst:

P: we are here because we trust you.

L: God of the present who, in the giftedness of our diversity, creates us to be one people:

P: we are here to praise you.

L: God of life that surprises us when we find it within us:

P: we celebrate your grace.

HYMN "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" #8

CALL TO RECONCILIATION**

When we could be revived by God's grace, we find ourselves fearing God's judgment, doubting God's joy in us, worrying that God has turned away from us. Let us come to the One who heals us and calls each of us by name. Please join me as we pray,

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

You hold nothing back from us, Amazing God, yet we are determined to cling to what we have accumulated. We spend so much time eating out, we cannot feel the deep ache our hunger for you causes. You invite us to set aside our old ways, and walk with you, but unknown paths fill us with fear.

Have mercy on us, Bread of Heaven. We come to the Table of grace and hope, not for our personal satisfaction, but for the joy of recognizing the One who calls us to new life, and for the grace to share this joy with everyone we meet. This we pray in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

L: Do not be afraid. More than anything else, God would rather turn fetid swamps into pools of crystal clear water; bonds of sin into cords of compassion; sinners into servants.

P: God loves us. God forgives us. God lifts us to new life.

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**

We offer not only our gifts, Compassionate God, but our time, so we might spend more moments with the lonely; our words, so the voiceless might be healed; our hands, that the hungry might be fed; our hearts, so that the rejected might find a home. We pray this in the name of Jesus. Amen.

LESSONS FROM THE SCRIPTURES

Old Testament Lesson	Hosea 11: 1-11	p.782
New Testament Lesson:	Colossians 3: 1-11	p. 1027
Gospel Lesson	Luke 12:13-21	p.905

MESSAGE: Rev. Randy Knupp

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

HYMN "Blessed Assurance"

#345

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**

L: Let us go with God to offer life to those around us.

P: We will gather up the broken to offer them healing.

L: Let us go with Jesus to wrap people in hope.

P: We will reach out to feed the hungry and shelter the homeless.

L: Let us go with the Spirit to love all those in our midst who have been forgotten.

P: We will take them in our arms and welcome them to our hearts.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE "He Touched Me" #504

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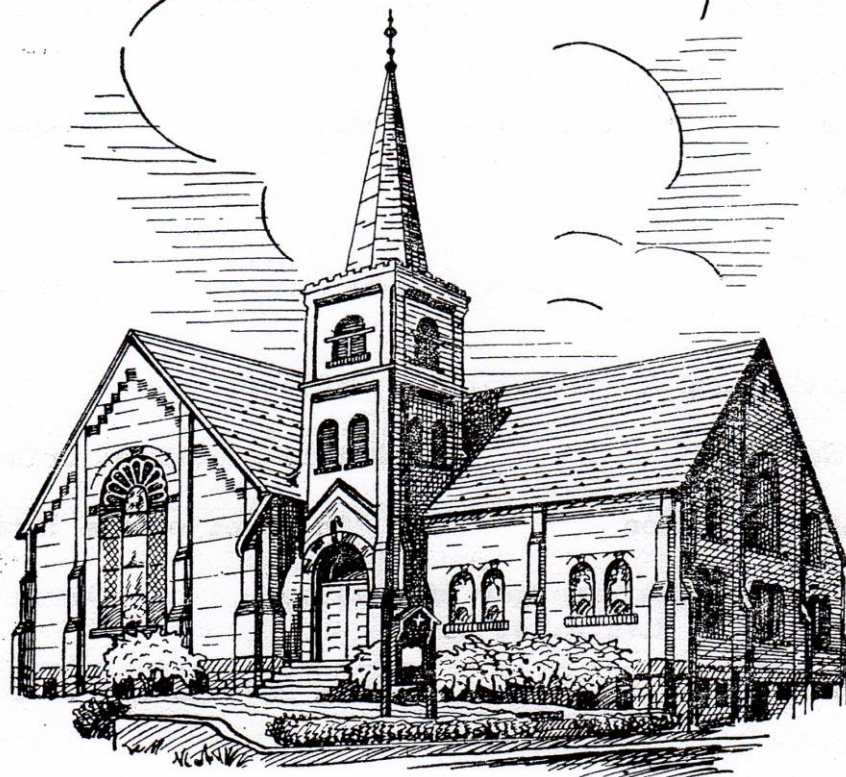
ORGANISTS : John Griffin and Elaine Bilger

WORSHIP LEADER: Ray Sheets

*It's good to have money and the things that money can buy,
but it's good, too, to check up once in a while and make sure
you haven't lost the things that money can't buy.*

.....George Horace Lorimer

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Attendance: 16
Local 767.00
Benev. 53.00
Improv. 45.00
Roof 20.00
Total 885.00

Sunday August 3rd
 Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.

Sunday August 10th
 Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.

This Morning we welcome Rev. Randy Knupp 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.

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...	
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	All Shut- Ins
Nancy Kahl	All in Nursing Homes
Linda Hayes	All First Responders
Matt Molnar	All Service Men & Women
Joyce Norris	All Healthcare Professionals
Bill Gramling	

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

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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.