

Bethany Presbyterian, Johnstown, PA
MORNING WORSHIP October 5, 2025
World Communion Sunday

CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: We gather, as God's people, bringing our fears and pain,
knowing that when our spirits have grown cold,

P: God rekindles the gift of faith in us.

L: We gather, as God's people, hanging our broken hearts
on the branches of the tree of life,

knowing that while friends may turn against us,

P: God transforms enemies into sisters and brothers.

L: We gather, as God's people, hungering for healing and hope,
knowing that even when life is no picnic,

P: God prepares a feast for us.

HYMN "My Jesus, I Love Thee #364

Sacrament of Baptism for Noah Thomas Holbay w/ Parents Joshua and Kayla Holbay

CALL TO RECONCILIATION**

L: Our faith has been placed in our hands by our parents and grandparents. But we know we have not always done what we ought to have done. Let us lift our prayers to the One who is always ready to place forgiveness in our hearts.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

ALL: We stand before you in this moment, Listening God, and state what you already know. Our cheeks are carved with the tears of the pain we have caused. Our hearts are so empty we cannot comfort others. Our desires have taken us to places where we cannot sing your praises.

Heart-seeking God, forgive us. Plant a tiny seed of hope that it might grow into a bouquet for others. Increase our faith until it spills over in thanksgiving to you. Fill us with the love that overwhelms all our complaints and rekindles our desire to follow faithfully Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

L: While our failures and frailty are fresh, God's grace has been ours before time began. This is great news - we are forgiven.

P: God plants the seed of faith deep within us, growing a harvest of grace and hope. Thanks be to god, who has given us the promise of life in Christ Jesus our Lord! Amen.

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

Prayer of Dedication

#625

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Old Testament	Lamentation 3:19-26	p.709
New Testament	2 Timothy 1:1-14	p.1038
Gospel Lesson	Luke 10:25-28	p.902

MESSAGE

Rev. Carole Isley Corey

“The Great Commandment”

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles' Creed

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.

HYMN "Let Us Break Bread Together" #323

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

Distribution of the Elements-please hold elements until all have been served then everyone will take together saying:

The body of Christ, the bread of heaven.

The blood of Christ, the cup of salvation.

BENEDICTION/SENDING

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds" #286

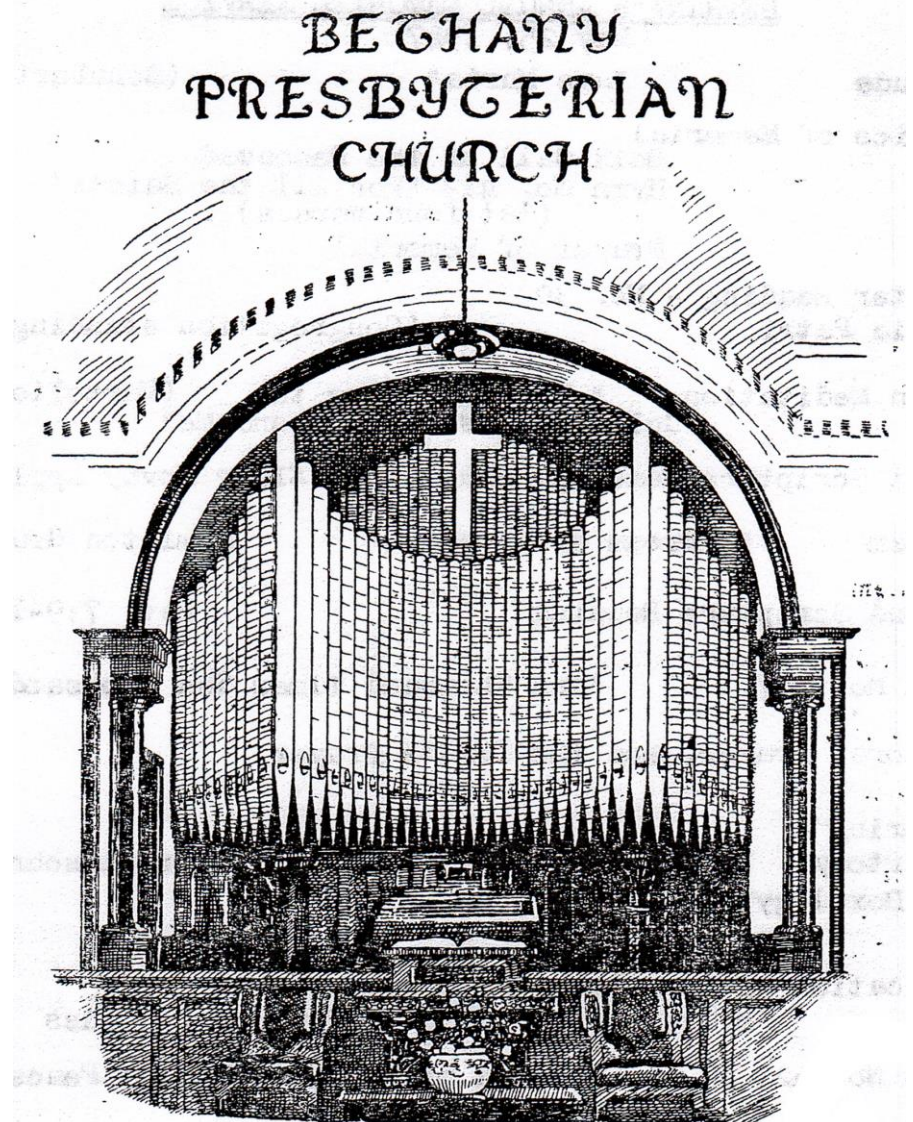
****Rev. Thom Shuman ©**

ORGANISTS: John Griffin and Elaine Bilger

*Two little eyes to look for God
Two little ears to hear His word
Two little feet to walk in His ways
Two little lips to sing His praise
Two little hands to do His will
And one heart to love Him still*

*A little bit of heaven
Drifted down from above
A handful of happiness,
A heartfelt of love*

*May God protect you little one
And bless you from above
With everlasting happiness
And with His precious love*



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Offering: 09/28
Attendance: 12
Local 694.00
Benev. 48.20
Improv. 40.90
Total 783.00

Sunday October 5th
 Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
World Communion Sunday

Sunday October 12th
 Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.

This Morning we welcome Rev. Carole Isley Corey as our guest speaker for Morning Worship. We also welcome Joshua and Kayla Holbay, their sons Samuel and Noah, and their family to our service today.

The Flowers and Bulletins Today are given by Bev Holbay in honor of the Baptism of Noah and the joy of big brother Samuel.

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.



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	Tammy & Louie Noss
Beverly Rager	Jim Kuntz
Frank Cassat	Jimmy Stormant
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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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.