

Bethany Presbyterian, Johnstown, PA

MORNING WORSHIP December 28, 2025

First Sunday After Christmas Day

CALL TO WORSHIP **

L: Shout to the Lord your praises!

P: Sing to the Lord the joy of this day!

L: Come, let us worship God whose Light bursts forth into our darkness!

P: Let us praise the God of salvation who brings us home.

HYMN "What Child Is This?" #137

CALL TO RECONCILIATION**

L: It takes a great deal of energy to live the life for which God created us, and sometimes we're simple too exhausted. We grow weary, tired, and indifferent. Restore us to the lives that reflect the goodness of God. So please join me in the Prayer of Confession..

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Merciful God, we come to you today exhausted from all the activities of the season. It seems that we spend so much time, energy, and resources in preparation, and then when it's over, we collapse. We wonder what happened to all the enthusiasm we had. Lord, forgive us for placing our energies in getting and gathering. Lord, give us peace and strength to renew our commitment to you. Remind us again to look around at the many ways in which we can be of service to you by serving others. Help us to move forward in our compassion and see the Light. Heal us, Lord, for we ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

L: In Christ, when we heard the word of truth, we were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.

P: This is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people.

All: In this promise is our assurance that in Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven.

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, you are worthy of all honor and glory. As the heavens and the earth declare your greatness, we too bring our gifts to you today in praise. From the highest mountains to the deepest seas, all creation sings your praises. Help us to live in such a way that our lives reflect your light and honor your name. Amen.

LESSONS FROM THE SCRIPTURES

Old Testament

Ecclesiastes 3:1-3

New Testament

Ephesians 5:15-20

Message THE TIME IS RIGHT Bob Sheehan CRE

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH "THE APOSTLES' CREED"

HYMN "It Came upon a Midnight Clear"
#128

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 "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"
#133

BENEDICTION/SENDING**

L: As we face both the known and unknown challenges of the coming year, grant us strength and courage. Help us to rely on your mighty power and to find our refuge in you.

P: May we be steadfast in our faith, knowing that you are our rock and our fortress. May we be transformed by the power of your Holy Spirit, leaving behind the old and embracing the new that you have in store for us.

ORGANISTS: John Griffin and Elaine Bilger

"Christmas magic is silent. You don't hear it—you feel it. You know it. You believe it." — Kevin Alan Milne

"Christmas is forever, not for just one day. For loving, sharing, giving, are not to put away." — Norman Wesley Brooks



Offering: 12/14 Attendance: 27 Local 687.00 Benev. 46.00 Improv. 40.40 Christmas 20.00 Roof Fund 35.00 Total 830.00	Sunday December 28th Morning Worship 10:30 a.m. Session Meeting Sunday January 4th Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
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Thank You to everyone who attended and helped with the Church Christmas Party.

Session will meet today after Morning Worship.

A Congregational Business Meeting will be held on Sunday January 18th after Morning Worship. All members are encouraged to attend.

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. 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 table in the back of the chapel. Thanks in advance for your assistance.



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 & Charlene Jean	All Healthcare Professionals
Eileen Rozich	

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 still 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.