

Bethany Presbyterian, Johnstown, PA  
MORNING WORSHIP January 26, 2025  
Third Sunday After Epiphany

**CALL TO WORSHIP \*\***

L: My soul waits in silence for God, for my hope is in the Lord.

**P: God is my rock and my salvation; I shall not be shaken.**

L: Trust in the Lord at all times; pour out your heart before God

**P: Our trust is in the Lord. We worship God's name.**

**HYMN "Immortal, Invisible" #25**

**CALL TO RECONCILIATION\*\***

L: The proof of God's amazing love is this: While we were yet sinners Christ died for us. Because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God with confidence. In faith and penitence, let us confess our sins before God and one another.

**UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION\*\***

**God of deliverance, strengthen within us the resolve to be faithful. Give us the discipline to let go of old forms of security and risk putting our trust in your will.**

**Encourage us with the vision of your reign on earth. Your new day is proclaimed; yet we dwell in the past. We don't turn from our evil ways; plus we're not willing to sacrifice our earthly treasures. We say we obey you, but our deeds betray us. Renew us by your grace and cleanse us of our sins through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON\*\***

L: Hear the good news, God is merciful and just, and Jesus Christ promises redemption to all that believe.

**P: As we turn from our old ways and respond with faith to Christ's call, we receive the assurance our sins are forgiven.**

**ALL: Through Christ, we live in assurance that our sins are forgiven. 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\*\***

Loving God, your generosity, grace, and mercy are astounding and we pray that the gifts we offer in worship and throughout the week be used in Your name. Help us to be generous with our money, but also with our time and talents. Strengthen us to recognize your blessings, to be grateful, and to respond accordingly. Amen.

**LESSONS FROM THE SCRIPTURES**

**Old Testament Isaiah 61:1-2**

**New Testament Mark 1:9-15**

**Message Prepare To Serve  
Bob Sheehan CRE**

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH "THE APOSTLES' CREED"**

**HYMN "God Will Take Care of You" #47**

## 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**                      **"O Jesus, I Have Promised"**  
#369

## BENEDICTION/SENDING\*\*

L: Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine is at work within us.

**P: To him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus through all generations.**

L: Go into the world with joy and tell the world Christ lives. Tell the world of God's amazing love.

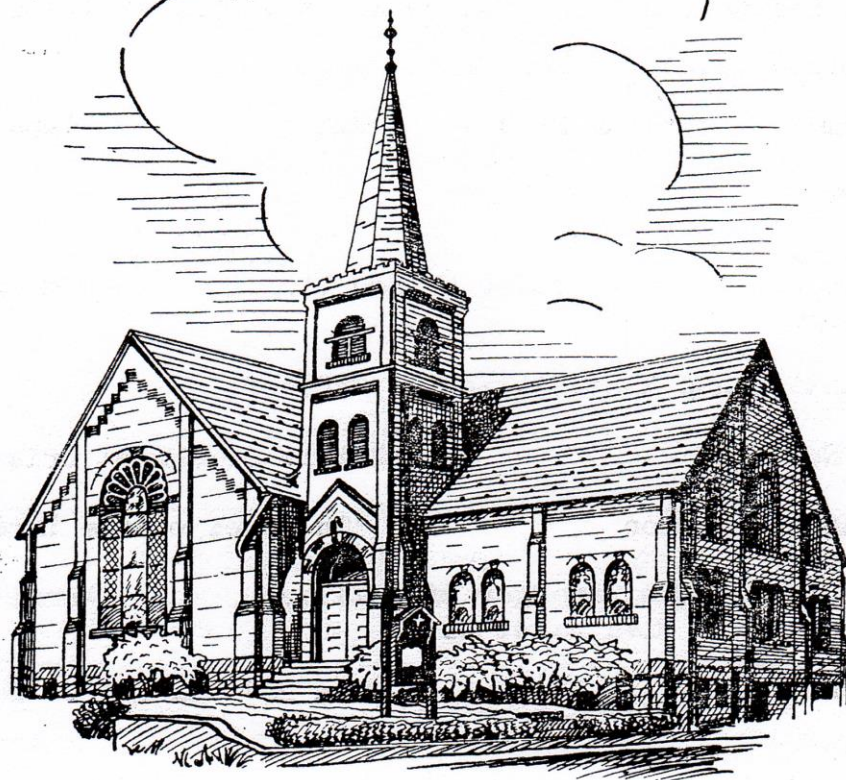
**P: We go without fear and without shame. We go without apology. We go in the name of Jesus Christ.**

## WORSHIP LEADER: Ray Sheets

*"If we had no winter, the spring would not be so pleasant: If we did not sometimes taste of adversity, prosperity would not be so welcome." — Anne Bradstreet*

*"Winter is the time of sacred balance and rejuvenation of life in preparation for the coming spring. It represents abundance, teaching and gratitude." — Noelle Vignola*

# BETHANY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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**Offering: 01/19**  
**Attendance: 5**  
**Local 310.30**  
**Benev. 21.50**  
**Improv. 18.20**  
**First Fruits 90.00**  
**Initial 10.00**  
**Total 450.00**

**Sunday January 26th**  
 Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.  
**Congregational Business Mtg.**

**Sunday February 2nd**  
 Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.



**The Annual Congregational Business Meeting** will be held today after Morning Worship. All members are encouraged to stay for the meeting.

**Items For The Next Newsletter** are due by Sunday February 16<sup>th</sup>. Please submit all items to Ed Sheets by this date.

**Join Us** for the Annual Souper Bowl of Caring Service on Sunday February 9<sup>th</sup>. Following the service, a soup and sandwich luncheon will be held. Those attending are asked to bring a covered dish to share. A free will offering will be collected to benefit the West End Food Pantry. All are invited to attend.

**The Suggested Per Capita** for 2025 is \$45 per member. Please feel free to contribute more if you are able.

**Sign Ups** for 2025 Lay Leaders are now being accepted. If you are interested in helping out, please sign up on the back bulletin board.

**Orders** are now 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.

**The West End Food Pantry** is in need of staples to restock their shelves following the holidays. Non-perishable food donations can be placed in the bins by the main entrance. Monetary donations can be placed in the offering plate. Thank you for your support.

Concerns: Keep the following people in your prayers...	
Dawna Sheets	Nancy Thomas
Jeanne Lehman	Dave & Karen Vivis
Marie Whorl	Joshua Holbay Family
Bev Holbay	Dominic Serratore
Mark Todero	Loretta Davidson
Carl Newfield	Irene Barefoot Bischof
Beverly Rager	Rodney Gramling
Mikey Ferante	Randy Maurer
Jill Sheets	Jim & Iva Jean
Frank Cassat	Dan Saylor
Nancy Kahl	Taylor Short
Linda Hayes	Deb Rozich
Jim Kuntz	All Shut- Ins
Krista Molnar	All in Nursing Homes
Bobbie Johnson	All First Responders
Bruce Cadenhead	All Service Men & Women
	All Healthcare Professionals

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