

Bethany Presbyterian Church, Johnstown, PA
MORNING WORSHIP
February 16th 2025 6th Sunday after Epiphany

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord.

P: They are like trees planted by streams of water that flourish even when the drought comes.

L: Come, let us worship God,

P: the source of all life in all seasons.

HYMN OF PRAISE "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart" #562

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

L: The Lord is near to the brokenhearted, and saves those who are crushed in spirit. Let us admit together our brokenness to God, praying,

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL: Merciful God, forgive us when we fail to live into the wonderful potential that you lay before us; for the times when we begrudge others their joy and blessing; for the times we fail to notice those who suffer and whose suffering we might begin to address. Forgive us when our vision is narrow and our hope is restricted when we know your imagination is boundless and your capacity to love is without measure.

Lord, forgive us and renew us to live into the freedom and bounty you set before us. Enable us to make a difference by sharing your love and blessing in all that we do. In Jesus' name. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

L: Blessed are you: for God forgives you and restores you to new life. Rejoice in this day and dance for joy.

P: Thanks be to God. Our faith is true and our hope is

grounded in the promises of One we can trust, not only on this day, but in all the days to come.

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 with a virtual hug or handshake or wave saying "The peace of Christ be with you")

REDEDICATION OF SELF AND SUBSTANCE

Offertory

Doxology

#625

Prayer of Dedication**

O Christ, as men and women crowded about you with joy and wonder, recognizing the Spirit in your words, we too praise you for your words of healing and promise. May our gifts reveal our devotion to you. Instill in us generosity and thanksgiving that will give the world your healing power. Amen

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Old Testament Lesson	Jeremiah 17:5-10	p.665
Second Lesson	1 Corinthians 15: 12-20	p. 1001
Gospel Lesson	Luke 6:17-26	p.895

MESSAGE

Randy Knupp

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (UNISON)

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. . . . With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

HYMN "Now Thank We All Our God" #556

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/SENDING

L: Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of God has risen upon you.

P: God has loved us from before all time.

L: In our here and now let us receive and reveal God's love,

P: through the grace of Jesus Christ, and the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE "God Be With You" #602

God be with you till we meet again;
By His counsels guide, uphold you,
With His sheep securely fold you;
God be with you till we meet again

God be with you till we meet again;
'Neath His wings protecting hide you,
Daily manna still provide you;
God be with you till we meet again.

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Faith

makes all things possible

Love

makes all things easy

Hope

makes all things work

Offering: 02/09
Attendance: 18
Local 361.00
Benev. 24.85
Improv. 21.15
 Souper Bowl **110.00**
Total 517.00

Sunday February 16th
 Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.

Sunday February 23rd
 Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Session Meeting Afterwards

The Flowers and Bulletins Today are given in honor of David Hayduk by Linda Orlidge.

Thank You to everyone who participated in last week's Souper Bowl of Caring Service and Luncheon.

Items For The Next Newsletter are due today. Please submit all items to Ed Sheets.

Session will meet next Sunday after Morning Worship.

Subscriptions for The Upper Room are now due. The cost is \$9 for the year. Please give all payments to Ray Sheets. If you are not currently receiving one and would like to, let Ray know as well.

We Are Working on updating our Prayer Chain. The prayer chain helps to lift up those in need of prayers. If you are interested in participating, contact Linda Orlidge.

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