

Bethany Presbyterian, Johnstown, PA
MORNING WORSHIP March 23, 2025
Third Sunday of Lent

CALL TO WORSHIP **

L: The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul, the decrees of the Lord are pure, making wise the simple.

P: The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandments of the Lord are clear, enlightening the eyes.

L: The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

P: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

HYMN "Open My Eyes, That I May See" #381

CALL TO RECONCILIATION**

L: To open our hearts to God is to risk vulnerability, judgment, and condemnation. But throughout the scriptures, we learn that God is merciful and just, slow to anger and eager to forgive. Let us risk our confession to God and one another.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Forgiving God, we pray that you will continue to make your presence known as we face difficult times in our lives. Instill confidence within us to trust you, courage to face the powers that threaten us, and boldness to praise your name. We have failed to live in the light of your covenant. We seek our own satisfaction before we turn to your ways. You call us to obey but we're slow to follow. Renew us and bring us to new life through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

L: God has done what the law, weakened by flesh, could not do. God sent the Savior to redeem us of our unworthiness.

P: There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ, and with this confidence, 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, as we present these offerings before You, we surrender our hearts in gratitude. May our gifts be a reflection of our thankfulness for Your abundant blessings. Teach us to give with joy, knowing that everything comes from You. Amen.

LESSONS FROM THE SCRIPTURES

Old Testament

Exodus 20:1-17

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New Testament

John 2:13-22

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Message

TIME FOR CLEANSING

Bob Sheehan CRE

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH "THE APOSTLES' CREED"

HYMN "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say" #414

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 "The Church's One Foundation" #277

BENEDICTION/SENDING**

L: Thank you for the gift of this day, O Lord, and all the blessings that will follow.

P: Strengthen us to heed Your call to be your disciples and agents of love in this world.

L: Bless us with wisdom and understanding as we navigate the challenges of life

P: We thank you for the gift of worship and the opportunity to share Your love and peace throughout the world. Amen

Organist: Elaine Bilger

Offering: 03/16
Attendance: 15
Local 707.00
Benev. 48.95
Improv. 41.05
Total 797.00

Sunday March 23rd
 Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.

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

The Flowers and Bulletins Today are given in celebration of Marie Whorl's birthday by Mike Whorl.

Orders for Easter Flowers are now being accepted. Please use the form found in your bulletin to order. Orders and payments can be placed in the offering plate or mailed to the church. Orders can also be placed on the church website. Deadline for orders is March 31st.

One Great Hour of Sharing collection fish are available in the back of the sanctuary. If you would like to participate, be sure to pick yours up today.

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 Kuntz
Jill Sheets	Taylor Short
Frank Cassat	Barry Ross
Nancy Kahl	All Shut- Ins
Linda Hayes	All in Nursing Homes
Matt Molnar	All First Responders
Bobbie Johnson	All Service Men & Women
Will Karalfa	All Healthcare Professionals
Nancy Thomas	

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.