

**Bethany Presbyterian Church, Johnstown, PA
Morning Worship June 29, 2025**

CALL TO WORSHIP **

L: Praise God, all people! Praise the Lord, all creation!

P: whales doing back flips in the air, squid and octopi dancing on the ocean floor; giant redwoods stretching to the sky, tomato vines cuddling around a stake.

L: Mountains blocking the sunrise, moles tunneling through our front lawns; 5-year-olds sitting in a story-time circle, grandparents singing 'their song.'

P: Redbuds decorating our backyard, grass growing faster than our children; seals getting a suntan on the rocks, teenagers knotted together at church.

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P: Praise God, all people!

HYMN "How Great Though Art" #4

CALL TO RECONCILIATION**

We show others who we are by the lives we lead, the words we speak, the actions we undertake. Let us confess how we have not been God's little children, when we fail to love as we have been loved.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Who are we to get in your way, Holy God? We put people into neat, little boxes, but you rip them open, so folks can dance in your joy. We imprison others with our unmet expectations, and you set them free with a Word. We build walls around those we don't know, and you tear them down, so they can run wild in the kingdom.

Who are we to get in your way, Saving Power, especially in the way of your forgiveness offered to all! Give us your vision that sees everyone as equal - forgiven, graced, loved - even as we seek to follow our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

***SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON*

L: We know who God is by the love shown to us in Christ Jesus.

P: We will show others who we are - and Whose we are - by the loved poured out by our lives.

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

#625

Prayer of Dedication**

You bless us in so many ways and with so many gifts, Loving God. As we praise you, may we offer our gifts so those who have so little may be fed, clothed, healed, restored, and graced. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

LESSONS FROM THE SCRIPTURES

First Lesson Psalms 77 1-2, 11-20 Pg. 507

Second Lesson Galations 5:1, 13-25 Pg. 1015

Gospel Lesson Luke 9:51-62 Pg. 901

Message Tammy Noss

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – THE APOSTLES' CREED

HYMN "Take Time To Be Holy" #441

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 "All the Way My Savior Leads Me" #460

BENEDICTION/SENDING**

L: Let us go now to praise God with our hearts.

P: To see the imagination of God in every moment of creation, in every person we meet in the days to come.

L: Let us go now to praise Jesus with our lives.

P: To bring justice to those who are oppressed, to bring hope to those who live in despair and worry.

L: Let us go now to praise the Spirit with our lips.

P: To speak peace into all the broken places of our communities, to whisper grace to all those forgotten by the world.

Congregational Response

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

#286

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Organists: John Griffin and Elaine Bilger

Worship Leader: Ray Sheets

*Do not save your loving speeches For your friends till they are dead;
Do not write them on their tombstones, Speak them rather now
instead.*

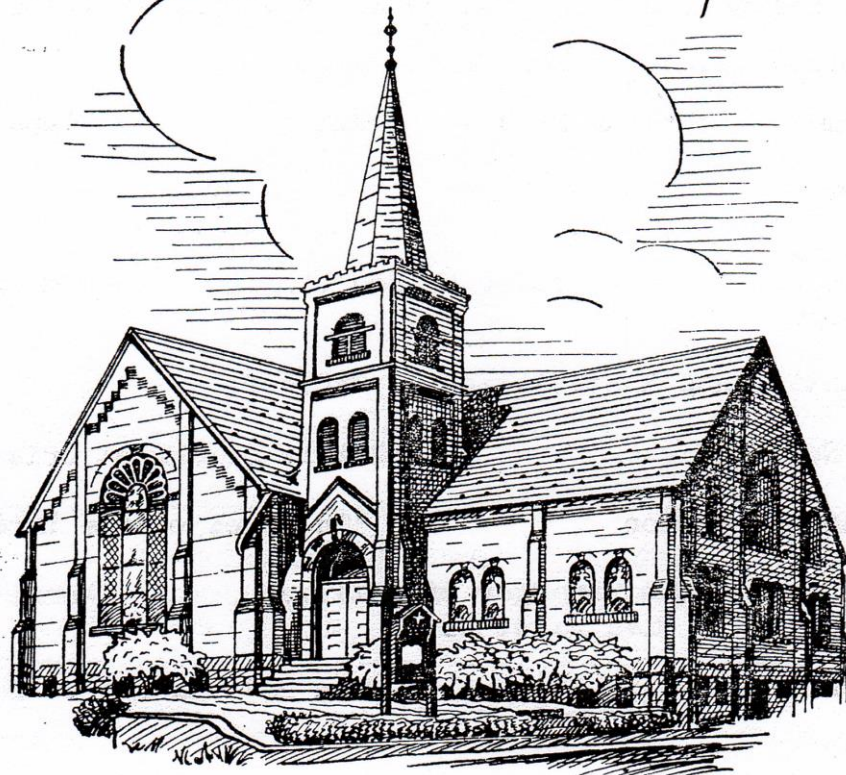
.....Anna Cummins

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*We can risk loving as passionately as God loves. For we know that
the love God makes possible is no scarce resource that must be
hoarded so that it can be distributed in dribs and drabs—a little
here and a little there.*

*Love is not a rare commodity; rather, the more we love with the
intense particularity of God's love, the more we discover that we
have the capacity to love.Stanley Hauerwas*

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Attendance: 10
Local 204.00
Benev. 14.00
Improv. 12.00
Total 230.00

Sunday June 29th
 Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.

Sunday July 6th
 Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.

Items For The Newsletter are due today. This edition will cover the summer months. Feel free to share stories, recipes, news, graduation announcements, etc. Please submit all items to Ed Sheets.

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	Bobbie Johnson
Jeanne Lehman	Nancy Thomas
Marie Whorl	Barry Ross
Bev Holbay	Dave & Karen Vivis
Mark Todero	Joshua Holbay Family
Carl Newfield	Dominic Serratore
Beverly Rager	Irene Barefoot Bischof
Mikey Ferante	Tammy & Louie Noss
Jill Sheets	All Shut- Ins
Frank Cassat	All in Nursing Homes
Nancy Kahl	All First Responders
Linda Hayes	All Service Men & Women
Matt Molnar	All Healthcare Professionals
Joyce Norris	

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.