

BETHANY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Bethlehem, Pennsylvania 18018

Hours: Mon, Tues and Thurs. 9:30-1:30

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Jesus Teaches at
the Synagogue
in Nazareth

January 30, 2022

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

“Moving Forward United in Faith”

“Committed to Christ, United by Love. We are about God, Christ, the Word, and the Future. No matter who you are or where you are on Life’s journey, you are welcome here. We are Bethany United Church of Christ.”

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January 30, 2022

10:45 AM

If you are looking for a church home, we invite you to become part of the community of faith and mission here at Bethany. As per the Consistory decision, we will return to wearing masks for all services and meetings here at Bethany. We will continue to monitor the situation and make changes when appropriate.

**(* PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE
(Bold Text is said or sung by everyone)**

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOYFUL NOISE: High 5 for Disaster Relief

PRELUDE: "Cortege" ... G. Young

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: The Lord is my light and my salvation: Whom shall, I fear?

P: The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

L: One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after;

P: That I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life. Let us worship God!

*HYMN: #91 Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION (unison)

O God of the faithful in every time, today You call us into Your church to be one body in Jesus Christ. You bestow upon us the gifts we need for Your service. Grant that we may willingly take our part; that we may support one another; and that we may seek the greatest gift, which is love. Knead us together into one loaf with all Your

people throughout the world, through Your Spirit of unity. Amen.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE (*with waves and prayer hands*)

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also, with you.

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (unison): #9 Come, Let Us Praise the Lord vs. 1

Come let us praise the Lord, with joy our God proclaim, his greatness tell abroad and bless his saving name. Lift high your songs before his throne to whom alone all praise belongs.

READING OF SCRIPTURES

Psalm 71: 1-6

I Corinthians 13: 1-13

* Luke 4: 21-30

Leader: This is the Good News

People: Thanks be to God

SERMON: "Christlikeness"

OFFERING INVITATION

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES and GIFTS

OFFERTORY: "As Water to the Thirsty" ...Dudley-Smith/Coleman Chancel Choir

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE: #688 We Give Thee but Thine Own. Vs.1

We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be; all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord from thee.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

God of Justice and Love, transform these offerings, that they may be gifts of justice and love for a world in need of hope and help. Let love flow through these offerings, that they may become gifts of love for the world.

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

CALL TO PRAYER – PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH pg. 9

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

*HYMN: #711 Savior, Again to Your Dear Name

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION: #748. Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing. Vs. 1

Lord, dismiss us with your blessing; fill your hearts with joy and peace; let us each, your love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace; O direct us and protect us traveling through this wilderness.

Our worship ends, our service begins!



FLOWERS:

BULLETINS:

GREETERS: Volunteer

USHERS: Tom Hoffert, Bob Ruhe

LAY READER: Jean Fennell

AUDIO & VIDEO RECORDINGS If you or anyone you know would like to receive the link to the audio recording of the worship service, please let Bill Rumble know at wrumble@ptd.net. A copy of the bulletin is included with the audio link. Thank you, Bill, for making sure we are able to see and hear the services.

CHURCH CANCELLATIONS

If worship is cancelled due to weather conditions, announcements will be on TV Channel 69 – WFMZ. Also, if we have your email address, an email will be sent.

Scriptures

Psalm 71: 1 - 6 NRSV

Prayer for Lifelong Protection and Help

- ¹ In you, O LORD, I take refuge;
let me never be put to shame.
- ² In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me;
incline your ear to me and save me.
- ³ Be to me a rock of refuge,
a strong fortress, to save me,
for you are my rock and my fortress.
- ⁴ Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked,
from the grasp of the unjust and cruel.
- ⁵ For you, O Lord, are my hope,
my trust, O LORD, from my youth.
- ⁶ Upon you I have leaned from my birth;
it was you who took me from my mother's womb.
My praise is continually of you.

I Corinthians 13: 1 - 13 NRSV

The Gift of Love

13 If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ² And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ³ If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

⁴ Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant ⁵ or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶ it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. ⁷ It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

⁸ Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. ⁹ For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; ¹⁰ but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. ¹¹ When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. ¹² For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. ¹³ And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

And now these three remain:

FAITH,

& HOPE

Love.

..... But the greatest
of these is love.

I Corinthians 13:13

Luke 4: 21 – 30 NRSV

²¹ Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” ²² All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, “Is not this Joseph’s son?” ²³ He said to them, “Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, ‘Doctor, cure yourself!’ And you will say, ‘Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.’” ²⁴ And he said, “Truly I tell you; no prophet is accepted in the prophet’s hometown. ²⁵ But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; ²⁶ yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. ²⁷ There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian.” ²⁸ When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. ²⁹ They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. ³⁰ But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.



Dart Baseball is Back

The Bethlehem Interchurch dart league is having a season. Have you ever wondered about the doors in fellowship hall that are on the wall? That is our dart Baseball board. Our matches are on Monday nights at Bethany and other churches in the city. It is a get together for fun and fellowship with a little bit of competition. Our Bethany team has a new Captain/Manager this year so if you have any questions contact Steve Tarasuk, (610) 554-0125 (call or text), steve.tarasuk@gmail.com. A schedule will be shared as soon as it is received.

Bethlehem Emergency Shelter

As the weather grows colder, we need to remember those who have no home and rely on the shelter for a place to stay and a warm meal. Bethany has signed up to provide and serve a meal on Friday February 11 and Tuesday March 8. We need 10 – 15 people each night so please let Wendy Glassic or the office know if you are willing to help. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex. Donations are welcome to offset the cost of the food. Please see Wendy Glassic or leave it in the office.

UPCOMING EVENT!

A Breakfast (Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Potato Patties, Juice & Coffee) will be held in Fellowship Hall on Sat. Feb. 19 with seating's @ 9am & 10 am. Tickets of \$7.00 are available to purchase please see Bev Rumble. Donations toward expenses are always appreciated.



THIS WEEK AT BETHANY

TODAY SUNDAY, JANUARY 30

10:45 Worship in the Sanctuary, with Joyful Noise for Disaster Relief. Please stay after church for a brief meeting to approve the budget for 2022.

MONDAY, JANUARY 31

9:30AM 1:30PM Office hours
7PM Dart Baseball

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1

9:30AM 1:30PM Office hours

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3

9:30AM 1:30PM Office Hours

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6

9:30AM Adult Class in Fellowship Hall
"Unshakable Hope: Building Our Lives on the Promises of God"
10:45AM Worship in the Sanctuary

As part of our outreach to provide a meal for the Bethlehem Emergency Shelter we will be preparing a meal for the guests of the shelter on Feb. 11. To help us with this endeavor we would appreciate monetary donations to cover the cost of the food as well as baked goods for dessert. Please contact Wendy Glassic or the office if you would like to help