



“Walking with God: The Adventure of Generosity II. Never Settle for Less”

HERITAGE SUNDAY CELEBRATION
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2025
10:45AM

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To trust in Jesus
To love like Jesus
To grow in Jesus
To bring others to Jesus

WORSHIP THE LORD

WE GATHER

PRELUDE

"Borning Cry"

Lever Harp: Nadina Robusto

by John C. Ylvisaker; cpr 1985 John C. Ylvisaker

WELCOME

Pastor Brian Janssen

CALL TO WORSHIP *(Please Stand)*

Dale Anderson

Come, all who are lost and longing to be found.

The Lord is our shepherd; He searches until He brings us home.

Come, all who have turned aside and made idols of our own hands. Come, and remember the God who calls us His people.

We will worship the Lord who finds us, forgives us, and restores us to His covenant love.

Let us worship God!

OPENING PRAYER *(Please Stand)*

Dale Anderson

HYMN *(Please Stand)*

"This Is My Father's World"

No. 21

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1 This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears all nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres. This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought of rocks and trees, of skies and seas-- his hand the wonders wrought.

2 This is my Father's world: O let us not forget that though the wrong is great and strong, God is the ruler yet. He trusts us with his world, to keep it clean and fair, all earth and trees, all skies and seas, all creatures everywhere.

3 This is my Father's world: he shines in all that's fair; in the rustling grass I hear him pass, he speaks to me everywhere. This is my Father's world: why should my heart be sad? The Lord is King, let heaven ring! God reigns; let earth be glad!

CALL TO CONFESSION *(Please be seated)*

Dale Anderson

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Dale Anderson

Merciful God, we confess that we have built idols of our own making. We have trusted in our possessions, our plans, and our pride more than in Your promises. We have forgotten that You alone are our Savior and Redeemer. We have wandered from Your ways like lost sheep, and we have not sought the lost as You do. Forgive us, Lord. Melt down our golden calves of self-reliance and restore our hearts to You. Find us again in Your mercy, and set our feet on the path of faithfulness. Through Jesus Christ, who came to seek and to save the lost.

Silent Confession

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Dale Anderson

Hear the good news: "The Lord relented from the disaster He had spoken of," and in Christ, God has turned His wrath into mercy. When even one sinner repents, heaven rejoices. Friends, believe and live this good news: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and restored. Thanks be to God!**

RESPONSE *(Please Stand)*

"Gloria Patri"

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Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Dale Anderson

Since God has forgiven us in Christ. Let us be at peace with one another. The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all...**and also with you.**
The kids can come forward for the Children's Sermon as you all take a moment to share the peace of Christ with those around you.

WE LISTEN

CHILDREN'S SERMON

(10:45)

Debby Hayes

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Dale Anderson

FIRST READING

Luke 15:1-10

Dale Anderson

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." So he told them this parable: "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my lost sheep.' Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. "Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

SECOND READING

Exodus 32:1-14

Pastor Brian Janssen

When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron and said to him, "Come, make gods for us, who shall go before

us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.” Aaron said to them, “Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters and bring them to me.” So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears and brought them to Aaron. He took these from them, formed them in a mold, and cast an image of a calf, and they said, “These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!” When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it, and Aaron made a proclamation and said, “Tomorrow shall be a festival to the Lord.” They rose early the next day and offered burnt offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being, and the people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to revel. The Lord said to Moses, “Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it and said, ‘These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!’” The Lord said to Moses, “I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them, and of you I will make a great nation.” But Moses implored the Lord his God and said, “O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, ‘It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains and to consume them from the face of the earth’? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, ‘I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.’” And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

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HERITAGE SUNDAY CELEBRATION

WE RESPOND

THE PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY

"The Fruit of the Spirit"

Bethany Choir

Descant: Caleb Auldrige

by Dan Forrest; cpr 2007 Choristers Guild

THE RESPONSE *(Please Stand)*

"Doxology"

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Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost; Amen.

THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION *(Please Stand)*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

We pray this in the name of our Savior, who taught us to pray, saying... 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

WE ARE SENT

HYMN *(Please Stand)*

"Take my Life and Let It Be"

No. 466

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- 1 Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee; take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love; at the impulse of thy love.
- 2 Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee; take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King; always, only, for my King.
- 3 Take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee; take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold, not a mite would I withhold.
- 4 Take my love; my God, I pour at thy feet its treasure store; take myself and I will be ever, only, all for thee, ever, only, all for thee.

BENEDICTION

Pastor Brian Janssen

CLOSING RESPONSE

"God Be With You"

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POSTLUDE

Octogenarian Members

Carole Aspinall	Bonnie Kopach
Thomas Aspinall	Edward Kopach
Evelyn Barbish	Nancy Krek
Maxine Berton	Robert Krek
Esther Bearman	Elaine London
Beverly Bowman	John London
Mary Bressanelli	Valeria Lorenzi
John Brown	Willa Maggs
Patricia Browner	Phyllis Matthews
Raymond Browner	Dolly McCrea
Louella Campbell	Gary McMillen Sr
Thomas Casciola	Sandra Miklavic
Wanda Chilleo	William Miklavic
Thelma Cimarolli	Garnet Mikush
Thomas Clarke	Ronald Miller
Diane Cook	Alice Montagna
Kenneth Cook	Robert Montagna
Ronald Coulter	Karin Nass
Barbara Crawford	Thomas Nass
Jim Davidson	Joseph Oyler
Judy Gardner	Donald Platt
Frederick Gerstacker	Virginia Platt
Daniel Gillis	Dolly Rastetter
Carol Grendys	Dolly Russell
Ann Griffin	Mary Jane Schafer
Marlene Haley	Edward Silassy
Al Heaps	Patricia Slack
Joy Heaps	Margie Smith
Marge Jablonski	Michael Suchoza
Ruth Jones	Joseph Szallar
Thomas Jones	Carol Visser
Delores Kantorzyk	Carol Willhite
Linda Karns	Thomas Willhite
Gladys Kennell	Nancy Yenchik
Lois Kirsopp	Claudia Ziegler

Members for 50 Years and more

Carole Aspinall	Lauren Butt
Thomas Aspinall	David Calgaro
Esther Bearman	Bruce Carman
Kathy Brown	Thomas Casciola
Patricia Browner	Wanda Chilleo
Raymond Browner	Thelma Cimarolli

Audrey Clarke
Christine Costello
Ronald Coulter
Robert Dal Bon
Daniel Gillis
Deborah Gossic
Debra Grossi
Ruth Jones
Thomas Jones
Cindy Kain
Delores Kantorzyk
Gladys Kennell
William Koch Jr
Nancy Krek
Robert Krek
Rebecca Lewis
Valeria Lorenzi
Robert Lytle
Robert Matusic
Sharon Matusic

Gary McMillen Sr
Sandra Miklavic
William Miklavic
Ronald Miller
Alice Montagna
Barbara Rahr
Dolly Rastetter
Randall Rastetter
Mary Jane Schafer
Lisa Schultz
Cheryl Smith
Lynne Suchoza
Richard Tessmer
Veva Tessmer
Ruth Underwood
Carol Willhite
Thomas Willhite
Eda Woodward
Claudia Ziegler

WELCOME TO BETHANY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

We are delighted to have you in worship with us this morning!

FOR OUR FAMILIES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN - A Nursery Room is across the hall from the pulpit side of the Sanctuary. It is equipped with a speaker system from the sanctuary so any parent(s) who wishes to stay with their child(ren) in the nursery can hear the worship service. **A Cry Room** is at the rear of the Sanctuary – entry is through a door in the Narthex near the usher's table. *We encourage you to use these rooms as needed.* **Worship Bags** are available for children to use during the worship service. The bags can be found at the Usher's Desk. **Sound amplification devices** are available to those who might need or want to use them. Our ushers are available to help with any needs that you have during worship.

WORSHIP AND WONDER is during our 10:45am service! Children will leave with Miss Debby after the Children's Sermon. All kids from ages 3-2nd grade are invited! Teen helpers are to see Miss Debby and she can be reached at 412-266-0982.

NEWS FOR THE BODY OF CHRIST

The flowers are presented to the Glory of God by Debby Hayes in memory of Tom Hayes. The flowers are also presented to the Glory of God in recognition of Bethany's Octogenarians and Members with 50 years or more at Bethany.

Our New Interim Associate Pastor

We will be welcoming Rev. Dr. Larry Ruby as our Interim Associate Pastor beginning October 16th. Although he retired in July of 2016 after 41 years of pastoral ministry, he much prefers serving the Lord in active ministry. Since he retired, he has served several other churches in Pittsburgh Presbytery as well as serving on Presbytery Staff during the pandemic. Prior to that he served 14 years as Senior Pastor of Hiland Presbyterian Church in the North Hills.

His wife of 53 years, Linda, is also a retired Pastor. Since they came back to Pittsburgh in 2002, she has served 6 churches, most recently Whitehall Presbyterian Church. They have four grown children and nine grandchildren and we will become a great-grandparents in April! Our family is scattered around the world in London, Baltimore, Tampa, and Woodstock, New York.

Larry has served as Senior Pastor, Solo Pastor, Associate Pastor, and Interim Pastor in his long ministry and brings a wealth of experience. He sees his mission at Bethany to provide whatever support is needed to prepare for your next Associate Pastor, support Pastor Brian and your great ministry team and encourage the members of Bethany to use their spiritual gifts to bring glory to God, build up the Body of Christ and be witnesses to God's love, grace and mercy to the community and the world.

STEWARDSHIP CONCERT - Join us on Friday, October 24th for a Stewardship Concert to celebrate the Generosity of God expressed through the life of Bethany Church. Reception with light bites and live music in the Welcome Center begins at 5:30pm followed by the concert from 6:00-7:00pm featuring Classical Harp, Rock and Roll, Classical Guitar, our Bethany Choir and Bloom Musicians.

PROGRAM AND EVENT NEWS

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD COLLECTION - The Bethany Mission Team will participate in the Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child Collection for children ages 2 to 14 around the world. Boxes are available on the table in the Welcome Center and must be returned by Sunday November 2nd. Boxes can be filled for girls and boys ages 2 to 4, 5 to 9 or 10 to 14 and information and gift suggestions are attached to each box. Last year we collected 83 boxes and with all of your help, we hope to top that number this year. Returned boxes should be closed with a rubber band and include a \$10 check to Bethany Presbyterian Church to aid with the shipping costs.

New Sunday School Class with Pastor Brian – Begins October 19

Join Pastor Brian for a new Sunday school class beginning Sunday, October 19, from 9:30–10:30 AM in the Library. We'll be studying We Who Wrestle With God by Jordan Peterson. On the first day, we'll share an overview of the book and take time to get to know one another. No book purchase is needed before our first meeting. If you can't make the first class no worries. We will make sure to get you caught up. To help us prepare and order enough books, please register online using the QR code below.



CANTATA CALL! - We are very excited to share our Cantata on Dec 14, 2025.

Everything is coming together with the guest musicians and all the music arrived; it is time to prepare! (Brand new Cantata to us this year!). Cantata Choir practice will start on Oct 8, 2025, from 7- 7:45pm, and each Wednesday following (exception the week of Thanksgiving). Any instrumentalists that would like to share their gifts are welcome! Please see Nadina or email music@bethanypresby.org for more details.

BETHANY YOUTH GROUP UPCOMING EVENTS

October 19th we will have a Group Night 5:00pm - 6:30pm that will be focused on "Strange Stories from Scripture," to get you into the season of Halloween (while also getting the hope of Jesus!). No Halloween youth group would be fit without playing a game of Sardines in the dark.

UPWARD SPORTS - Upward is almost full, so if you are planning on participating, but have not already registered, you are encouraged to do so asap on our website at bethanypresby.org/upward.

TRUNK OR TREAT - We will be hosting a Trunk or Treat Event here at Bethany Presbyterian Church on Saturday, October 25th from 6:00PM-8:00PM. We would love for you to participate. If you would like to decorate your car and give out candy or be here to greet people in the community who bring their kids to this special event, there are numerous ways to help. You can register using the QR code, or email Katelyn Gilmore at gilmorekate.013@gmail.com. Katelyn is here to answer any questions you might have. It will be a great evening of fellowship.



UKULELE FOR ALL AGES! - Lesson age breakdown as follows:

Today - October 12th - **K-4th- Class** (After Church)
Adult Class continues on Thursdays at 10:00am.

COLLEGE OUTREACH PROGRAM - We are launching a College Outreach Program for Bethany members currently enrolled in college or trade schools and we need your help! Through this program, an individual or family will contact a student during the

school year, sending cards and well wishes. There is no need to conceal the identities of the outreach family or individual, and students are not obligated to respond. We aim to help our college age members continue to feel included in our church life. If you are interested in participating, please contact Heather Lucas at membershipchair@bethanypresby.org.

THE CHOSEN VIDEO CLASS - We are excited to extend an invitation to everyone for The Chosen Season 5 video class. Whether you have joined us in the past or are new to these gatherings, we would love to have you with us. Our sessions will take place in the choir room on Sunday evenings at 7:00 PM, starting September 21st and they promise to be a great opportunity to connect, discuss, and enjoy this fantastic series together. If you have any questions or need further details, please feel free to reach out to Edgar Shaffer or Pam Petrow.

ROTARY CHILI COOKOFF – Join us for lots of fun at the Rotary Chili Cookoff at Fairview Park on Sunday, October 19th and Bethany is again entering a Chili! The event runs from 12pm to 4pm. We also need volunteers to help work the booth from 12-4pm at Fairview Park at the Rotary Pavilion. Tickets are \$10 or you can donate any amount. Contact Bill Paviol at 412-722-3102 for any questions!

BLOOD DRIVE – Bethany Church will have our next Blood Drive on Sunday, November 2nd from 8:00am – 1:30pm. Register at vitalant.org.

MISSION NEWS AND OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

CHURCH FINANCES AS OF OCTOBER 5, 2025

Thank you for your continued support.

	2025 YTD (\$)	2024 YTD (\$)	+/- (\$)
Contributions*	\$ 399,623	\$ 398,369	\$ 1,253
General Fund Subsidies (Transfers)	284,742	258,250	26,492
Investment Income **	12,422	33,836	(21,414)
Total General Fund Income	\$ 696,786	\$ 690,455	\$ 6,331
Year to Date Budget	716,622		
+/- Budget	\$ (19,836)		

*For purposes of this report, any prepaid pledges have been spread over 52 weeks.

** Investment income is updated monthly upon receipt of investment statements.

A friendly reminder from the Stewardship team, please write the amount of your giving on the outside of the envelope when turning in your offering. This helps make the job of those counting much easier.

“Who then is the faithful and wise manager, whom the master puts in charge of his servants to give them their food allowance at the proper time? It will be good for that servant whom the master finds doing so when he returns.”

Jesus instructs us in Luke 12:42-43 that being a good steward of the Lord’s abundance is a privilege and a responsibility. Let us live faithfully and be ready for the Master’s return.



QR Code
for online
giving

OCTOBER SPECIAL OFFERING - Men's and Women's Ministries

The special offering envelope for October supports the Men's and Women's Ministries of Bethany Online giver? Not receiving envelopes? You can still donate to this special offering by noting that your donation is for the Men's and Women's Ministries on your check or a pew envelope. Thank you for your contribution to the Men's and Women's Ministries at Bethany.

WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, October 12

Heritage Sunday

8:15AM and 10:45AM – Worship –
YOUTH Ukulele after 10:45 service
9:30AM - Sunday School

Monday, October 13

6:30PM - Body Carpenter Workout
6:30PM - Men's Huddle Group

Tuesday, October 14

6:45PM - Session Team Meetings
7:00PM – ALANON

Wednesday, October 15

11:30AM – Knitters
12:30PM – Hand Chimes
6:30PM - Troop 2 Scouts
7:00PM - Choir Practice

Thursday, October 16

9:00AM – Quilters
10:00AM – **ADULT** Ukulele
12:00PM – Rotary
12:00PM – Golden Oldies Luncheon
6:30PM – Bloom
7:00PM - Dart Ball
7:30PM - AA

Friday, October 17

Saturday, October 18

FOOD BANK

Sunday, October 19

8:15AM and 10:45AM – Worship –
9:30AM - Sunday School
12:00PM – Rotary Chili Cookoff
5:00PM - BYG Group Night