



“Stewards of the Spirit”

10:45AM
PENTECOST
SUNDAY, MAY 19, 2024

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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 "All Creatures of Our God and King" arr. Hal Hopson

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WELCOME

Pastor Brian Janssen

CALL TO WORSHIP *(Please Stand)*

Ruth Doyle

The Day of Pentecost is here:

the day when the flames of faith dance in our hearts.

The Day of Pentecost is here:

the day when our babbling speech becomes the Good News for the world.

The Day of Pentecost is here:

the day when compassion is seared into our souls.

The Day of Pentecost is here:

let the people of God rejoice. Alleluia!

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN *(Please Stand)*

"Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness"

No. 326

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Refrain

Spirit, Spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness calling and free; Spirit, Spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.

1 You moved on the waters, you called to the deep, then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep; and over the eons you called to each thing: "Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings." [Refrain]

2 You swept through the desert, you stung with the sand, and you goaded your people with a law and a land; and when they were blinded with idols and lies, then you spoke through your prophets to open their eyes. [Refrain]

3 You sang in a stable, you cried from a hill, then you whispered in silence when the whole world was still; and down in the city you called once again, when you blew through your people on the rush of the wind. [Refrain]

4 You call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes. From the bondage of sorrow all the captives dream dreams; our women see visions, our men clear their eyes. With bold new decisions your people arise. [Refrain]

CALL TO CONFESSION

Ruth Doyle

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Ruth Doyle

Almighty God, you poured your Spirit upon gathered disciples creating bold tongues, open ears, and a new community of faith. We confess that we hold back the force of your Spirit among us. We do not listen for your word of grace, speak the good news of your love, or live as a people made one in Christ. Have mercy on us, O God. Transform our timid lives by the power of your Spirit, and fill us with a flaming desire to be your faithful people, doing your will for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. *Silent Confession*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news! God's Spirit has been poured out upon all flesh, and we have been made one. We are no longer scattered or divided, but gathered together to build up the kingdom on this earth.

Praise God! Amen.

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

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

Pastor Brian Janssen

ANTHEM "Percussive Praise" by Kevin McChesney

Staff Hand Bell Choir

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PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Ruth Doyle

FIRST READING

Genesis 11:1-9

Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. And as they migrated from the east, they came upon a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. And they said to one another, "Come, let us make bricks and fire them thoroughly." And they had brick for stone and bitumen for mortar. Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves; otherwise we shall be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole

earth.” The LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which mortals had built. And the LORD said, “Look, they are one people, and they have all one language, and this is only the beginning of what they will do; nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. Come, let us go down and confuse their language there, so that they will not understand one another’s speech.” So the LORD scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. Therefore it was called Babel, because there the LORD confused the language of all the earth, and from there the LORD scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth.

SECOND READING

Acts 2:1-21

Pastor Brian Janssen

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

‘In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.

Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy.

And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

The sun shall be turned to darkness

and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day.

Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Stewards of the Spirit”

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WE RESPOND

THE PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY "On the Day of Pentecost" by Douglas Nolan Bethany Choir

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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

RECOGNITION OF OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS, AND WORSHIP AND WONDER LEADERS

PASTORAL PRAYER AND 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 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*) "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!

BENEDICTION (*Please Stand*) Pastor Brian Janssen

POSTLUDE "Toccata" by Charles Marie Widor from Symphony No. 5; abridged and edited by Hal H. Hopson

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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, under the guidance of Nursery Director, Melina Robinson, 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.

PASTORAL CONCERNS

Karen Talerico, Pauline Oyler, Roberta Gerstacker, Debby Hayes

NEWS FOR THE BODY OF CHRIST

**The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are presented by
*John Turnbull in memory of his son, Donald.***

The Discipleship Team would like to thank and recognize the 2023-2024 Sunday School teachers as well as our Worship & Wonder leaders and helpers. Thank you for your commitment, dedication, and compassionate service!

Bethany Sunday School

Pam Petrow, Nate Petrow, Henry Brickner, Lee Restich, Laurie Sysak, Barb Boehmer, Barb Mours, Ashley Strouse, Sue Nagy, Becky Yanak, Sharon Salvini, Devin Underwood, Doug Bovard, Mark Rackley, and Claire Groves (substitute teacher).

Worship & Wonder

Debby Hayes, Niki Ciaramella, Julie Foltz, Amanda Doty, Abbie Gardner, Katelyn Gilmore, Charlotte Gilmore, Katelyn Morelock, Amelia Smith, and Jenna Foltz.

Additional Thanks to: Nadina Robusto for leading music every week along with the teen helpers, and Celina Farabaugh for serving as the Sunday School Coordinator.

SUMMER WORSHIP HOURS – Beginning next Sunday, May 26th, our Sunday Worship Services will be at 8:15am and 10:00am.

HANGING BASKET SALE. Flower Baskets are available for \$25.00 per basket. ALL proceeds from this sale will go to one of Bethany's Mission Partners: *LIVING IN LIBERTY*. Living in Liberty restores dignity, freedom and a new life to victims of commercial sexual exploitation by creating a safe, secure, loving and nurturing community where healing occurs and new life begins.

SECRET SISTERS - Reminder to the ladies participating in Secret Sisters. As we enter our busy summer season, don't forget to send a thoughtful note or an acknowledgment that she is in your thoughts and prayers.

UPDATE MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION - Does our Church database have your family membership record correct? *Please contact the church office if you have moved or changed your contact information. Thank you!*

CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS - The Bethany Discipleship Team encourages our members to register their kids for Summer Camps that will enrich their child's faith. Scholarship forms can be found at the Welcome Center coffee area, or contact the church office.

PROGRAM AND EVENT NEWS

BYG: UPCOMING EVENTS FOR BETHANY YOUTH GROUP.

All 6th - 12th grade students are welcome (and encouraged) to attend Bethany Youth Group

May 19th - 5:00pm-6:30pm - BYG Group Night! Join us for a "mini pizza" night where we'll have Pizza Rolls, Pizza Bagels, and other fun Pizza flavored snacks! Our topic for tonight is all about Anxiety, and how we can go to God with all of our worries and anxieties!

May 26th - Memorial Day Weekend – BYG will not be meeting

Stay tuned for information for our June events!! Students & Parents, if you haven't already, you can join our Remind for text updates about BYG! Text the message @byg2024 to the phone number 81010 - If you have any issues just contact Abbie.

VBS – Registration is open on our website for VBS! Go on an undersea adventure with us to "SCUBA VBS - Diving Into Friendship with God"! For children age 4 through entering 5th grade, June 17-21 from 9am - noon. Youth & adult volunteers are needed! Please contact Celina Farabaugh, if you have any questions or to sign up as a volunteer, at cfarabaugh19@gmail.com or 724-554-6370

DEAR BETHANY GOLFERS - Please consider joining us and bringing some friends to our annual Bethany Golf outing being held at Ft. Cherry Golf Course on Saturday June 22nd. Our event is open to all golfers and uses a golfer friendly 'Scramble' format. Start thinking about who you would want to golf with and '**SAVE THE DATE for SAT JUNE 22nd 8:30am** – cost will be \$87 (check/cash) or \$90 (on-line payment), and includes your round of golf and luncheon afterwards!

GOLDEN OLDIES TRIPS!

These trips are being led by our Golden Oldies, but all church members are welcome. Please contact Carole Aspinall at 412-833-8114 for more information.

OHIO AMISH COUNTRY/SUGAR CREEK and the production of "RUTH".

Wednesday, July 10. Departing at 7am, returning around 8pm. \$150 for Golden Oldies Members. \$160 for Non-members. Last day to register is May 25th.

DANIEL at Sight and Sound Theater, September 4th and 5th.

MISSION NEWS AND OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

THE SUMMERSVILLE, WV MISSION TRIP 2024, work week will be from August 11th through the 17th. Lodging provided at Summersville Presbyterian Church. The cost per person is \$300.00 for the whole week or \$150.00 for a half week. Checks should be made out Bethany Church with WVMAW or Summersville mission trip in the memo section. Russ Bedner, Dave Colton or Connie Segeleon can answer questions regarding the trip.

DONATIONS FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: Thank you so much to all who have donated items! *We have received enough cardboard rolls. We are no longer in need of them.* We are in need of:

- Crepe Paper Streamers in shades of green
- Typewriter/Trace paper, various colors

PRAYERS FOR OUR MISSIONS – The Fellowship of Prayer is targeting prayers each month for missions we support. For the month of May, please join us in praying for the Malawi Chiradzulu Church of Central Africa Partnership (CCAP) with the Pittsburgh Presbytery and the Blantyre Synod in Malawi; and for the Sojourner House, which provides faith-based, compassionate residential recovery services in Pittsburgh.

SARRIS CANDY –The Sarris Candy sales proceeds for May are going to Campus Life.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

**THE LAST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL IS TODAY, MAY 19TH.
SUNDAY SCHOOL AND WORSHIP AND WONDER WILL RESUME ON
SEPTEMBER 8TH.**

WORSHIP AND WONDER – Children 4 years old through 2nd grade are welcome to follow the Worship and Wonder Teachers to the classroom (rm 234) after the Children’s sermon each week during our 10:45AM service. This is the last Sunday for Worship and Wonder until September 8th.

CHURCH FINANCES AS OF MAY 12, 2024:

	2024 YTD (\$)	2023 YTD (\$)	+/- (\$)
Contributions*	\$ 200,949	202,292	\$ (1,343)
General Fund Subsidies (Transfers)	123,750	86,252	37,499
Investment Income **	4,902	8,501	(3,600)
Total General Fund Income	\$ 329,600	\$297,044	\$ 32,556
Year to Date Budget	341,403		
+/- Budget	\$ (11,802)		

*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.

May Special Offering – Youth Mission Fund -The special offering envelope for May supports future Youth Mission Trips. Online giver? Not receiving envelopes? You can still donate to these special offerings either by selecting “Youth Mission Trip” in the online giving portal or noting that your donation is for the Youth Mission Fund on your check or a pew envelope. Thank you for your prayers and support for the youth of Bethany!

WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, May 19

PENTECOST

8:15AM and 10:45AM - Worship

9:30AM – Sunday School (*the last day of Sunday School until September*)

5:00PM – BYG

Monday, May 20

6:30PM - Body Carpenter Workout

7:00PM – Deacon Meeting

7:00PM – Session Meeting

Tuesday, May 21

6:30PM - Men's Huddle

7:00PM - ALANON

Wednesday, May 22

11:30AM - Knitters

7:00PM - Scouts

Thursday, May 23

9:00AM – Quilters

9:00AM – Morning MOPS

7:30PM - AA

Friday, May 24

Saturday, May 25

DIAPER BANK

11:30AM - Knitters

Sunday, May 26

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE BEGINS

8:15AM and 10:00AM - Worship