



“The Language of Our Hearts”

10:45AM
SUNDAY, JANUARY 28, 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

Sonata IV (mvts 2 & 3) by Antonio Vivaldi
II. Allegro ma non Presto
III. Pastorale ad Libitum
Flute: Abigail Tuffiash

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WELCOME

Pastor Brian Janssen

CALL TO WORSHIP *(Please Stand)*

Pastor Ellen Dawson

God comes into a world filled with uncertainties and darkness.

God seeks out the voids of belief and conviction.

God embraces the wounded and broken.

God knocks down the walls of division and strife.

God is the candle shining in the darkness of our days.

God is the light of our lives.

God is the one who makes all things new.

Praise be to God, now and forevermore!

Let us worship God!

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN *(Please Stand)*

“We Have Come to Join in Worship”

No. 647

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1 We have come to join in worship and adore the Lord our God. Let us come in prayer, expecting God to speak his mighty Word. All is vain unless the Spirit of the Holy One comes down. Christians, pray, and holy manna will be showered all around.

2 See them gather all around you, those he bought at such a cost; see the weary, see the hurting, see the lonely, see the lost. Be his hand, and touch the needy; be his gospel, let it sound! Be his body and sweet manna will be showered all around.

3 Let us love our God supremely; let us love each other, too. Let us care for all his people till our God makes all things new. Christ will call us home to heaven; at his banquet we'll sit down; Christ himself will rise and serve us living manna all around.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Pastor Ellen Dawson

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God. Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Do not cast us from your presence, or take your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit. *Silent Prayer of Confession.*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God's mercies are new every morning. God's love for us is from everlasting to everlasting. Therefore, we are bold to proclaim the Good News: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. **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

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

Debby Hayes

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Pastor Ellen Dawson

FIRST READING

Psalm 111

Pastor Ellen Dawson

Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.
Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them.
Full of honor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever.
He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds; the Lord is gracious and merciful.
He provides food for those who fear him; he is ever mindful of his covenant.

He has shown his people the power of his works,
in giving them the heritage of the nations.
The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy.
They are established forever and ever,
to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.
He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever.
Holy and awesome is his name.
The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;
all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever.

SECOND READING

Mark 1:21-28

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They went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, 'What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God.' But Jesus rebuked him, saying, 'Be silent, and come out of him!' And the unclean spirit, throwing him into convulsions and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, 'What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.' At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"The Language of Our Hearts"

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WE RESPOND

THE PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY

"Psalm"

Bethany Choir

by Natalie Sleeth

Flute: Abigail Tuffiash

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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

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*)

“Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken”

No. 598

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1 Glorious things of thee are spoken,
Zion, city of our God;
he whose Word cannot be broken
formed you for his own abode.
On the Rock of Ages founded,
what can shake your sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded,
you may smile at all your foes.

2 See, the streams of living waters,
springing from eternal love,
well supply your sons and daughters
and all fear of want remove.
Who can faint while such a river
ever will their thirst assuage?
Grace, which like the Lord, the giver,
never fails from age to age.

3 Round each habitation hovering,
see the cloud and fire appear,
for a glory and a covering,
showing that the Lord is near!
Thus deriving from their banner
light by night and shade by day,
safe they feed upon the manna
which God gives them on their way.

4 Savior, since of Zion's city
I through grace a member am,
let the world deride or pity,
I will glory in your name.
Fading are the world's best pleasures,
all its bloated pomp and show;
solid joys and lasting treasures
none but Zion's children know.

BENEDICTION (*Please Stand*)

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POSTLUDE

WELCOME TO BETHANY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

We are delighted to have you in worship with us today!

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, or outside of the Nursery.

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.

NEWS FOR THE BODY OF CHRIST

A special welcome to our guest flutist, Abigail Tuffiash. Abigail is a professional freelance musician who currently resides in the North Hills of Pittsburgh. In addition to various small ensemble and solo performances as a flutist, she has maintained a flourishing private teaching studio for the past 24 years. Abigail has shared sacred works in many churches, as flutist, cantor, and vocalist. She serves as a cantor for special services, Masses, and also participates as a member of the Regina Coeli Parish Schools. Welcome, Abigail!

FLOWERS FOR THE SANCTUARY in 2024 – a Sign up sheet is in the Welcome Center, or contact the church office. The cost for a vase is \$30.00

2024-2025 PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION -Preschool registration for currently enrolled families and church members began on January 17th. Registration will open for the public on January 29th. Learn more: www.bethanypresby.org/preschool

HELP WANTED

Contact the church office to learn more about these ministry/volunteer opportunities at the church

UPWARD- Our 2024 season is up and running – but we still need your help! We need score board operators, devotion leaders, and player snack helpers. All of these jobs are simple to do and offer great fun and fellowship. If you haven't experienced our Upward program, we encourage you to check us out this year!

SOUND BOARD OPERATOR FOR THE 8:15AM SERVICE- We are still hoping to find a couple of substitute operators to be available as needed.

SOUND ENGINEER FOR THURSDAY EVENING BLOOM SESSIONS!

Qualified candidates must be available from 6:00pm-8:30pm Thursday evenings. Skills needed are for the setup and tear down of our small portable sound system, including lifting 35 lb. speakers onto stands, running cables and plugging all the parts together; and also operating a sound board. None of these tasks are hard to learn and we can train anyone who has an interest.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

A listing of our Sunday School Classes can be found on the screens in the Welcome Center.

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. All helpers need to be in 6th grade and above. Helpers also need to pre-register by calling Debby Hayes at 412-266-0982.

FREE ONLINE MARRIAGE COURSE - Step out of the cold this winter and put your marriage on the front burner! Join other couples (virtually) in our region for *The Marriage Course*. Beginning **Tuesday, February 27, 2024 from 7:00-9:00 p.m.**, and running for seven consecutive weeks, *The Marriage Course* offers couples practical support for strengthening your relationship, no matter how long you have been married. You will participate virtually from the comfort of your own home. The sessions are completely private (cameras and sound are off) with no group work. The sessions will help you to: Understand each other's needs; Communicate more effectively; Grow closer by learning methods to resolve conflict; Recover from ways you have hurt each other; Recognize how your upbringing affects your relationship...and much more!

There is **NO FEE** to attend *The Marriage Course*, and the course workbooks can even be downloaded for free. This course is being offered by the Mid Atlantic leaders of Alpha USA. Alpha is a worldwide Christian organization that teaches people about the basics of Christianity. To secure your spot, please register at: <https://alphamidatlantic.org/events/regional-online-marriage-course-4/>.

PROGRAM AND EVENT NEWS

ASH WEDNESDAY FISH DINNER – February 14th The Deacons will once again be hosting a fish dinner before our Ash Wednesday Worship Service. ***PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUESTED AND THE LAST DAY TO PRE-REGISTER IS FEBRUARY 5TH.*** You can pre-register on the pink form found in the pews, on our website or by calling the church office.

BYG: Upcoming Events for Bethany Youth Group

All 6th - 12th graders are invited to join us every Sunday!

Mark your calendars for these events!

January 28th: Alec's world-famous pepperoni rolls and "Fruits of the Spirit."

February 4th: BYG in the Youth Lounge at 5:00pm. Make your own tacos from Moe's, an obstacle course and our small group discussion on "Distractions"!

February 11th: Super Bowl Pre-Game Get Together at 3:00pm - come hungry for Philly Pretzel Factory and among other games, **ROOMBA OF DOOM!**

...and...

Sunday, March 3rd: Bowling at Sports Haven with a chance to win the coveted BYG Bowling Trophy!

SAVE THE DATE: 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.

GOLDEN OLDIES Membership Dues for 2024 is being collected now through the February 15th meeting. The cost this year is \$25.00. If you are unable to attend the meeting in February, but would still like to join for the year, please contact the church office or Carole Aspinall.

MISSION NEWS AND OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

PRAYERS FOR OUR MISSIONS – The Fellowship of Prayer is targeting prayers each month for missions we support. For the month of January, please pray for the Medical Benevolence Foundation, who works with medical missions around the world; and the Coalition for Christian Outreach (CCO), whose mission is to “transform college students to transform the world”.

JANUARY SPECIAL OFFERING - INITIAL OFFERING

The special offering envelope for January supports the Initial Offering. This collection helps to defray the cost of the church offering envelopes.

Online giver? Not receiving envelopes? You can still donate to this special offering either by selecting "Initial Offering" in the online giving portal or noting that your donation is for the Initial Offering on your check or a pew envelope. Thank you for your contribution to Initial Offering!

CHURCH FINANCES AS OF JANUARY 21, 2024:

	2024 YTD (\$)	2023 YTD (\$)	+/- (\$)
Contributions*	\$ 26,405	34,574	\$ (8,169)
General Fund Subsidies (Transfers)	20,625	19,167	1,458
Investment Income **	0	0	0
Total General Fund Income	\$ 47,030	\$ 53,741	\$ (6,711)
Year to Date Budget	52,685		
+/- Budget	\$ (5,656)		

*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.

WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, Jan 28

8:15AM and 10:45AM– Worship
9:30AM – Sunday School
12:00PM- Confirmation Class
5:00PM – BYG

Monday, Jan 29

5:30-8:30PM – Upward practices
6:30PM – Body Carpenter Workout

Tuesday, Jan 30

5:30-8:30PM – Upward practices
6:30PM – Men’s Huddle
7:00PM – Grief Class Book Study
7:00PM – Coed Dart Ball
7:00PM - ALANON

Wednesday, Jan 31

11:30AM – Knitters
5:30-7:30PM – Upward practices
7:00PM - Choir
7:00PM - Scouts

Thursday, Feb 1

9:00AM – Quilters
12:00PM - Rotary
5:30-8:30PM – Upward practices
6:30PM - Bloom
7:00PM – Dart Ball
7:30PM - AA

Friday, Feb 2

Saturday, Feb 3

UPWARD GAME DAY

Sunday, Feb 4

8:15AM and 10:45AM– Worship
9:30AM – Sunday School
12:00PM- Confirmation Class
5:00PM – BYG
6:00PM – MOPS Steering