



“Beautiful Mind, Beautiful Heart”

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 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

"The Gift of Love"

arr. Hal H. Hopson; cpr 1972 and 2006 Hope Publishing

WELCOME

Pastor Larry Ruby

INTROIT

"Come and See the Works of the Lord"

by J. Paul Williams and Patti Drennan; cpr 2011 Fred Bock Music

Bethany Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP *(Please Stand)*

Pastor Brian Janssen

One: In the storms of life,

All: God is our shelter.

One: In the whirlwind of activity,

All: God is our secure center.

One: In the flood of tempting images and seductive words,

All: God is a rock of stillness on which to stand.

One: In the avalanche of tears and fears,

All: God is our strong fortress.

One: In all the days of our lives,

All: Let God's praise be on our lips.

OPENING PRAYER *(Please Stand)*

Pastor Brian Janssen

HYMN *(Please Stand)*

"Be Thou My Vision"

No. 502

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1 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; Naught be all else to me save that thou art.
Thou my best thought by day and by night; Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

2 Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.
Thou and thou only, first in my heart, High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.

3 High King of Heaven, my victory won, May I reach Heaven's joys, O bright Heaven's
Sun! Heart of my heart, whatever befall, Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

CALL TO CONFESSION *(Please be seated)*

Pastor Brian Janssen

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Pastor Brian Janssen

Holy God, like a loving father and caring mother, you watch over us and beckon us to follow the right path. But we get stuck: stopped by our fear of trying something new, trapped by our memories of past failures, caught in a web of conflicting choices, halted by the clamor of many voices. We know the distress of worry and the blur of tears. Like staring at an empty page, we feel trapped and

hesitant. Free us, O God, to follow with joyful steps, to hear clearly your directions, to be bold in our loving, courageous in our caring and brave in our speaking. Through our Lord, Jesus. Amen. *Silent Confession*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor Brian Janssen

God has searched us and known us. God knows when we sit down and when we rise up. God is acquainted with all of our thoughts and all of our ways. God knows the hurts of our hearts and our hopes for the future. God longs to redeem the past and set us on a new path. We, who have confessed our sin, believing with our hearts, are forgiven. **Glory 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

Pastor Brian Janssen

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 Brian Janssen

FIRST READING

Romans 12:9-13

Pastor Brian Janssen

Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with God’s people who are in need. Practice hospitality.

SECOND READING (The Message) Philippians 2:1-5

Pastor Larry Ruby

If you’ve gotten anything at all out of following Christ, if his love has made any difference in your life, if being in a community of the Spirit means anything to you, if you have a heart, if you care— then do me a favor: Agree with each other, love each other, be deep-spirited friends. Don’t push your way to the front; don’t sweet-talk your way to the top. Put yourself aside, and help others get ahead. Don’t be obsessed with getting your own advantage. Forget yourselves long enough to lend a helping hand. Think of yourselves the way Christ Jesus thought of himself.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

WE RESPOND

THE PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY **"God Bless America, Again"**
by Bonnie Hendershot; Led by Bonnie Hendershot and backing vocals by
Bethany Choir; Guitar: Brian Hayes

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*) **"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"** **No. 358**
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1 Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heaven to earth come down, Fix in us thy humble dwelling, All thy faithful mercies crown; Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art; visit us with thy salvation, enter every trembling heart.

2 Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast; Let us all in thee inherit, let us find thy promised rest; Take away our love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be; End of faith as its beginning, Set our hearts at liberty.

3 Come, almighty to deliver; Let us all thy life receive; Suddenly return, and never, Never more thy temples leave. Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy host above, pray, and praise thee without ceasing, Glory in thy perfect love.

4 Finish, then, thy new creation; Pure and spotless let us be; Let us see thy great salvation Perfectly restored in thee; Changed from glory into glory Till in Heav'n we take our place, till we cast our crowns before thee, Lost in wonder, love, and praise.

BENEDICTION

Pastor Larry Ruby

CLOSING RESPONSE

"Go Now In Peace"

Bethany Choir

Dedicated to our songbird, Bonnie Hendershot

by Don Besig and Nancy Price; cpr 1988 Harold Flammer

POSTLUDE

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

Today our ushers are Deb Pyle, Edgar Shaffer, Laura Dugan, and Sue Nagy.

The flowers are presented to the Glory of God by Julie, Chris, Jenna, and Michael Foltz in memory of our brother and uncle, Bill Arbogast.

A very special thanks to our very own songbird, Bonnie Hendershot, for sharing her beautiful music with us today. "God Bless America Again" is written in honor of all veterans. Her heartfelt song is so appreciated and we wish you all blessings and honor this coming Veterans Day on November 11th. We are blessed by your lyrics, melodies, and harmonies and thank God for your incredible talents! We send you off to Florida with blessings for travel mercies and will look forward to having you back with us in the Spring! Our closing response was specially requested by Bonnie and is dedicated to her as we send her off with this blessing for her winter time home stay!

PROGRAM AND EVENT NEWS

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING is being held November 23rd immediately following the 10:45am worship service. Please plan to attend this important meeting at which we will elect Elders, Deacons and Auditors, and approve the 2026 Terms of Call for the Rev. Dr. Brian Janssen.

NEW MEMBER CLASS - We will be having a New Member Class on November 15th. The class will run from 9am-12pm on Saturday, November 15th in the Chapel. A light breakfast will be served. If there are any questions and to RSVP you can reach out to the Membership team at Membershipchair@bethanypresby.org. Childcare will be provided.

BETHANY YOUTH GROUP UPCOMING EVENTS

November 9th, and 16th will be BYG Group Nights 5:00pm-6:30pm. We will be focusing on Gratitude!! We hope to see you there!

The Laurelville Mud Weekend registration has been extended to Sunday November 16th. Grab a packet in the Welcome Center for more information!!

Sunday November 23rd we will meet in the kitchen after church to bake a variety of treats to then deliver to the residents of Bridgeville Towers! Stay tuned for information on our December Events! We have some awesome things to look forward to!

SECRET SISTER REVEAL LUNCHEON – Join us for **The Reveal Luncheon** on December 7th at 12:00pm in Fellowship Hall! Contact Pat Mishizen 412-417-3541 or Judy Davidson 412-343-7530 for any questions. Appetizers and desserts will be provided. Hope to see you there! Pick up a Secret Sister packet for the 2026 season in the Welcome Center and fill out the questionnaire and return it to the church office by Sunday, November 9th if you would like to join!

FRIENDSGIVING – Join us on TODAY, November 9th at 12:00pm after the second service for our annual Friendsgiving and Potluck dinner!

BLOOM AND CAFÉ BETHANY – Join us for the last Bloom and Café Bethany event of the year on Thursday, November 13th starting at 6:00pm! There will be a catered dinner followed by a modern worship service for families! Register with the QR code below!



MISSION NEWS AND OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

CHURCH FINANCES AS OF NOVEMBER 2, 2025

Thank you for your continued support.

	2025 YTD (\$)	2024 YTD (\$)	+/- (\$)
Contributions*	\$ 442,970	\$ 443,010	\$ (40)
General Fund Subsidies (Transfers)	308,140	285,750	22,390
Investment Income **	13,609	33,836	(20,227)
Total General Fund Income	\$ 764,719	\$ 762,596	\$ 2,123



Year to Date Budget	794,511		
+/- Budget	\$ (29,791)		

*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.

November Special Offering - Membership Support Fund

The special offering envelope for November supports the Membership Support Fund. This fund benefits Bethany members in need of assistance. Online giver? Not receiving envelopes? You can still donate to this special offering either by selecting "Membership Support" in the online giving portal or noting that your donation is for the Membership Support Fund on your check or a pew envelope. Thank you for your contribution to Bethany members in need through the Membership Support Fund!

WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, November 9

12:00PM - Friendsgiving Dinner

Nametag Sunday

8:15AM and 10:45AM – Worship

9:30AM - Sunday School

5:00PM – BYG Group Night

Monday, November 10

6:30PM - Body Carpenter Workout

6:30PM - Men's Huddle Group

Tuesday, November 11

6:45PM - Session Team Meetings

7:00PM – ALANON

Wednesday, November 12

11:30AM – Knitters

12:30PM – Hand Chimes

6:30PM - Troop 2 Scouts

7:00PM - Choir Practice

Thursday, November 13

Budget Meeting

9:00AM - Morning Momco.

9:00AM – Quilters

10:00AM – **ADULT** Ukulele

12:00PM – Rotary

6:00PM – Bloom and Café Bethany

7:00PM - Evening Momco.

7:00PM - Dart Ball

7:30PM - AA

Friday, November 14

Saturday, November 15

FOOD BANK

9:00AM - New Member Class

2:00PM - Pancake Breakfast setup

Sunday, November 16

Pancake Breakfast

8:15AM and 10:45AM – Worship

9:30AM - Sunday School

5:00PM – BYG Group Night

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