



“Fountains of Grace”

SUNDAY, AUGUST 31, 2025
10:00AM

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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

"Come Thou Fount"

by Robert Lau; cpr 2006 Lorenz Corporation

WELCOME

Pastor Brian Janssen

CALL TO WORSHIP *(Please Stand)*

Dale Anderson

Sing aloud to God our strength!

Shout for joy to the God of Jacob!

God calls us to humility, to sit not at places of honor but at the table of grace.

We come, not by our own merit, but by Christ who welcomes us.

Let us worship the One who is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

We lift our hearts in praise to the Lord of love and mercy

Let us worship God!

OPENING PRAYER *(Please Stand)*

Dale Anderson

HYMN *(Please Stand)*

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

No. 48

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1 Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, almighty, victorious,
thy great name we praise.

2 Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light, nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above thy clouds,
which are fountains of goodness and love.

3 To all life thou givest, to both great and small; in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree, and wither and perish
but naught changeth thee.

4 Great Father of glory, pure Father of light, thine angels adore thee,
all veiling their sight; all praise we would render, O help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.

CALL TO CONFESSION *(Please be seated)*

Dale Anderson

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Dale Anderson

Merciful God, You have called us to be generous, yet we cling to what we have.

You invite us to welcome the stranger, yet we reserve our tables for ourselves.

You teach us to seek humility, yet we chase after honor. Forgive us, O Lord. By the grace of Christ, reshape our hearts and renew our minds, that our lives may reflect Your love and mercy. Amen. *Silent Confession*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Dale Anderson

Hear the good news! Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. In him we are forgiven, healed, and made whole. **Thanks be to God! Through Christ, we are forgiven. 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

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 (10:00)

Debby Hayes

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Dale Anderson

FIRST READING

Psalms 81:1,10-16

Dale Anderson

Sing aloud to God our strength; shout for joy to the God of Jacob. I am the Lord your God, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt. Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it. “But my people did not listen to my voice; Israel would not submit to me. So I gave them over to their stubborn hearts, to follow their own counsels. O that my people would listen to me, that Israel would walk in my ways! Then I would quickly subdue their enemies and turn my hand against their foes. Those who hate the Lord would cringe before him, and their doom would last forever. I would feed you with the finest of the wheat, and with honey from the rock I would satisfy you.”

SECOND READING

Jeremiah 2:4-13

Pastor Brian Janssen

Hear the word of the Lord, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel. Thus says the Lord: What wrong did your ancestors find in me that they went far from me and went after worthless things and became worthless themselves? They did not say, “Where is the Lord, who brought us up from the land of Egypt, who led us in the wilderness, in a land of deserts and pits, in a land of drought and deep darkness, in a land that no one passes through, where no one lives?” I brought you into a plentiful land to eat its fruits and its good things. But when you entered you defiled my land and made my heritage an abomination. The priests did not say, “Where is the Lord?” Those who handle the law did not know me; the rulers transgressed against me; the prophets prophesied by Baal and went after things that do not profit. Therefore once more I accuse you, says the Lord, and I accuse your children’s children. Cross to the coasts of Cyprus and look; send to Kedar and examine with care; see if there has ever been such a thing. Has a nation changed its gods, even though they are no gods? But my people have changed their glory for something that does not profit. Be appalled, O heavens, at

this; be shocked; be utterly desolate, says the Lord, for my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living water, and dug out cisterns for themselves, cracked cisterns that can hold no water.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Fountains of Grace"

Pastor Brian Janssen

WE RESPOND

THE PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY

"The Lord's Prayer"

Soloist: Dale Anderson

by John C. Dare; cpr 2008 Dare Team Press

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 together, 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)*

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

No. 72

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1 Great is thy faithfulness, O God, my Father; There is no shadow of turning with thee.
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not; As thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:

Great is thy faithfulness, Great is thy faithfulness,
Morning by morning new mercies I see. All I have needed thy hand hath provided;
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

2 Summer and winter and springtime and harvest, Sun, moon, and stars
in their courses above. Join with all nature in manifold witness
To thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. [Refrain]

3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, Thine own dear presence
to cheer and to guide; Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine and ten thousand beside. [Refrain]

BENEDICTION POSTLUDE

Pastor Brian Janssen

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.

NEWS FOR THE BODY OF CHRIST

PROGRAM AND EVENT NEWS

Time to Sing! - Have you thought about joining the Bethany Choir? Maybe this is the year for you! We would love to welcome you to the choir. Bethany Choir resumes rehearsals at 7 PM on Wednesdays. No experience is necessary and no auditions are required! Childcare will be available, if needed. Please let Nadina know if you'd like to join us! music@bethanypresby.org

Bethany Youth Group Upcoming Events!

The BYG Year will "officially" start on Sunday September 7th with a **BACK TO SCHOOL BASH!** 5pm-7pm the entire family is invited to have dinner, tie dye shirts, compete in some competitions, and hear all the plans for youth ministry this year! All students entering preschool - 12th grade and their families are invited to join us for this event!

SECRET SISTER LUNCHEON – Sunday, September 21st at noon. If you are part of the 2025 Secret Sister program, you are invited to join us for a casual luncheon gathering. This is not a reveal luncheon, just a time to meet each other, and gather for some fellowship. The Reveal Luncheon will be in December.

NOTE: If you are able to attend the Secret Sister Pot Luck Luncheon on September 21st after the 10:45am service, please contact Pat Mishizen 412-417-3541 or Judy Davidson 412-343-7530 and tell us whether you'll be bringing an appetizer or dessert. There will be sliders, soup, and beverages. Hope to see you there!

PRESCHOOL BIKE DONATIONS - The preschool is currently in need of training wheel bikes in good condition! The Church is open from 9-2 during the week so feel free to drop them off! We are closed September 1st for Labor Day.

SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS ON SEPTEMBER 7TH FOR ALL AGES! – Sunday School is starting again and here is a lineup of all the classes for all ages and their teachers:

1. **Adults** - A Study of Second Corinthians - led by Sharon Salvini and Devin Underwood. Located in the front half of fellowship hall, nearest the stairwell.
2. **Adults** - A Study of The New Testament – led by Doug Bovard.
Located in the Bethany Room
3. **Adults** - A Study of First & Second Corinthians – led by Mark Rackley.
Located in the Chapel.
4. **Women** – A Jesus Shaped Life by Lisa Harper - A Book & Video Study – led by Becky Yanak. Explores the depths of God’s character, His love for us, and how our relationship with Him changes through Biblically sound theology.
Located in room 224
5. **Senior High** – Are you a teen, or know a teen, that is living in a world of anxiety, fear, self-doubt, and not feeling like you are enough? Join us as we explore the book Live Fearless: A Call to Power, Passion, and Purpose by Sadie Robertson.
Led by Pam Petrow. Located in the Youth Lounge
6. **For Children:** a. Bible Stories & Fun – Babies through age 2 in the Nursery
b. Bible Stories & Fun – Ages 3-5 in room 245
c. Bible in Life by David C Cook – Elementary & Middle School in rooms 239 and 240

UKULELE FOR ALL AGES!

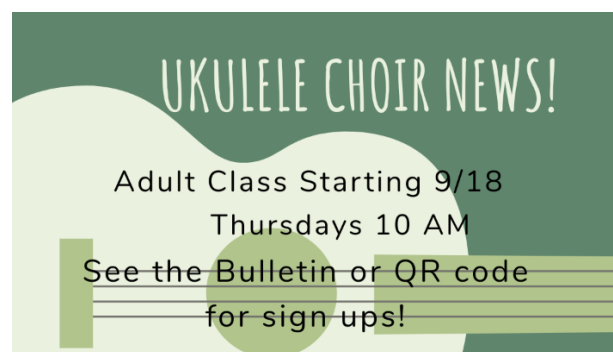
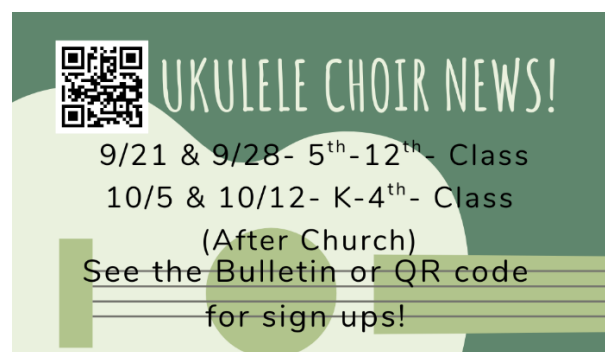
Nadina is offering Ukulele lessons for all ages! Sign up below! The QR Code takes you straight to Nadina’s email. The QR Code works for all ages!

Lesson age breakdown as follows:

September 21st & September 28th - **5th-12th- Class** (After Church)

October 5th & October 12th - **K-4th- Class** (After Church)

Adult Class starting September 18th and will continue on Thursdays at 10:00am.





Come kick off the Fall with us on Sunday, September 7th from morning till night! Our service times for church are 8:15 and 10:45am with Sunday School beginning again that morning, and then later that day we have our huge party **BACK TO SCHOOL BASH!** All students from Preschool to 12th grade and their parents are invited! T-shirt making, a balloon artist, Hot dogs and Mac and Cheese and water games and much more! Plus it's a perfect time to check out our NEWLY RENOVATED Children's Wing!

Come hang with us from 5-7pm and it will be a fun event for the whole family. We can't wait to see you!

MISSION NEWS AND OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

CHURCH FINANCES AS OF AUGUST 24, 2025

Thank you for your continued support.

	2025 YTD (\$)	2024 YTD (\$)	+/- (\$)
Contributions*	\$ 340,306	\$ 342,661	\$ (2,355)
General Fund Subsidies (Transfers)	246,787	223,875	22,912
Investment Income **	9,952	31,405	(21,453)
Total General Fund Income	\$ 597,044	\$ 597,941	\$ (897)
Year to Date Budget	609,892		
+/- Budget	\$ (12,848)		

*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.



QR Code
for online
giving

We are embarking on an exciting new chapter for Bethany's education wing! This is both an opportunity and a responsibility: to create a welcoming and inspiring environment for our children, teens, and families to learn, grow and thrive in their faith journey. Renovations include new carpeting, paint, furniture, sign-in station and decorations. If you feel called, we are asking for your heartfelt donations to help us support this important work. All gifts, great or small, are appreciated and will be used faithfully for this specific project. To donate, please contact the church office or you can make a note on your check/donation identifying it as Education Wing Renovation Donation. We thank every donor for their ongoing support and faith. With your help, our education wing will continue to be a light for learning and love in our church and our community for years to come.

SEPTEMBER SPECIAL OFFERING - Children / Youth Ministry Revitalization Program

The special offering envelope for September supports the renovation of the Children and Youth ministry classrooms and programs revitalization.

Online giver? Not receiving envelopes? You can still donate to this special offering either by selecting "Elementary Programs" in the online giving portal or noting that your donation is for Children / Youth Revitalization Programs on your check or a pew envelope.

Thank you for your contribution to the programs for the children and youth of Bethany and our community.



BETHANY PRESCHOOL

ENROLLMENT IS NOW OPEN

FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

*Our experienced teachers and
engaging curriculum offer
children the opportunity
to learn and grow in a safe,
nurturing environment.*

**Don't forget to sign up for Preschool for the
upcoming school year! We are so excited for the
new year to start!**

SPOTS ARE STILL OPEN!

The preschool is currently in need of training wheel bikes in good condition!
The Church is open from 9-2 during the week so feel free to drop them off!

WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, August 31
SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER COMMISSIONING

8:15AM and 10:00AM – Worship

Monday, September 1
Labor Day Office Closed

Tuesday, September 2
7:00PM – ALANON

Wednesday, September 3
10:00AM - Fellowship of Prayer
10:00AM - Preschool Orientation
11:30AM – Knitters
6:30PM - Troop 2 Scouts
7:00PM - Choir Practice

Thursday, September 4
9:00AM – Quilters
12:00PM – Rotary
6:30PM – Bloom
7:00PM - Dart Ball
7:30PM - AA

Friday, September 5
PRESCHOOL FIRST DAY

Saturday, September 6

Sunday, September 7
FIRST SUNDAY BACK TO SECOND SERVICE 10:45AM
COMMUNION
SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS
8:15AM and 10:45AM – Worship
Back To School Bash – 5:00PM