



Cold Weather, Warm Hearts: III. Hope in All the Earth

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2026
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

"Come Alive (Dry Bones)"

by Michael Farren and Lauren Daigle; cpr 2012 CentricSongs, See You At the Pub, Curb Congregation Songs

WELCOME

Pastor Brian Janssen

CALL TO WORSHIP *(Please Stand)*

Pastor Larry Ruby

We come as people who know weariness and waiting.

We come carrying questions, losses, and hopes not yet fulfilled.

The God who meets us does not abandon what looks beyond repair.

God speaks life where we see only endings.

Let us worship the One whose Spirit still moves,
who still breathes, still restores, still calls us to rise.

Let us worship God.

OPENING PRAYER

Pastor Larry Ruby

HYMN *(Please Stand)*

"Morning Has Broken"

No. 35

1 Morning has broken like the first morning, blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning! Praise for them, springing
fresh from the Word!

2 Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven, like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden, sprung in completeness
where his feet pass.

3 Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, praise every morning, God's recreation of the new day!

CALL TO CONFESSION *(Please be seated)*

Pastor Larry Ruby

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Pastor Larry Ruby

God of life, we confess that we often lose heart. We look at broken places and assume nothing can change. We accept emptiness as permanent and forget that you are still at work. Forgive us for the ways we limit your power, for the moments we stop listening, and for the hope we quietly lay aside. Restore us

where we are weary. Reawaken us where we have grown numb. Teach us again to trust your promise even when the future feels uncertain. Amen. *Silent Confession*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor Larry Ruby

Hear the good news: The God who creates does not abandon creation. The God who calls still calls us by name. What feels finished is not beyond God's reach. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, renewed, and invited into life again. **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

Pastor Larry Ruby

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

"This Little Light of Mine"

led by Sunday School Singers, Bloom, and Ukulele Choirs

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Pastor Larry Ruby

FIRST READING

Psalm 2

Pastor Larry Ruby

Why do the nations conspire and the peoples plot in vain? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord and his anointed, saying, "Let us burst their bonds apart and cast their cords from us." He who sits in the heavens laughs; the Lord has them in derision.

Then he will speak to them in his wrath and terrify them in his fury, saying, "I have set my king on Zion, my holy hill." I will tell of the decree of the Lord: He said to me, "You are my son; today I have begotten you. Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage and the ends of the earth your possession. You shall break them with a rod of iron and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel."

Now therefore, O kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth. Serve the Lord with fear; with trembling, kiss his feet, or he will be angry, and you will perish in the way, for his wrath is quickly kindled. Happy are all who take refuge in him.

SECOND READING**Ezekiel 37:1-14****Pastor Brian Janssen**

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord." So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act," says the Lord.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.**SERMON****Cold Weather, Warm Hearts:
III. Hope in All the Earth****Pastor Brian Janssen****WE RESPOND****THE PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS****THE OFFERTORY****"Open the Eyes of My Heart"****Bethany Choir
and Bloom Musicians**

by Paul Baloche; 1997 Integrity's Hosanna!Music, Lead Worship Songs

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)* "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" **No. 405**

1 My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain: On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand: all other ground is sinking sand;
all other ground is sinking sand.

2 When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace;
in every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil. [Refrain]

3 His oath, his covenant, his blood, support me in the whelming flood;
when all around my soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay. [Refrain]

4 When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found:
dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne. [Refrain]

BENEDICTION

CLOSING RESPONSE "Go Now In Peace" **Bethany Choir** by Don Besig and Nancy Price; cpr 1988 Harold Flammer Music

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.

IN REMEMBRANCE

*Douglas Baker - June 8, 2025
Audrey Blackstock - March 3, 2025
Roland Drugmand - August 8, 2025
Roberta Gerstacker - July 27, 2025
Melany Hamilton - October 10, 2025
Lois Kirsopp - November 20, 2025
Lou Nowasielski - October 4, 2025*

*Pauline Oyler - April 23, 2025
Carl Skerl - April 2, 2025,
Jay Squires - November 26, 2025
Stanley Underwood - September 4,
2025
Richard Visser - May 14, 2025*

The carnations are presented
in honor and remembrance to all those who joined the Church Triumphant in 2025.

NEWS FOR THE BODY OF CHRIST

Today's ushers are Bill Paviol, Carol Cowser, Connie Segeleon, and Deb Perkins.

Easter Flower orders must be in by March 1st!

PROGRAM AND EVENT NEWS

USHERS NEEDED FOR ASH WEDNESDAY – Ushers are needed for the Ash Wednesday service on February 18th at 7pm. If you are available, call or text Dale Anderson at 724-699-5631.

USHERS NEEDED FOR SUNDAYS – We are in need of ushers for the 10:45 service. You can volunteer for a specific Sunday of the month. If you would like to consider volunteering, please contact Dale Anderson at dalea591@gmail.com.

VBS – Save the date for VBS 2026 for June 15th – 19th from 9am – 12pm!

BLOOM WITH A TWIST, WITH A TWIST! - For the whole season of Lent, Bloom with a Twist is back! But this year, we added another "twist" to make it a little more fun :). We extend our welcome to ALL artists- you can come and paint the projects we have here, or bring your own craft, crochet project, or coloring app on your phone and JOIN US in the Welcome Center starting Thursday, Feb 19th at 6:30pm to share in a time of fellowship, music, and worship through music. We hope to see you there!

CHOIR CALL FOR HOLY WEEK! - Have you wanted to see what it's like to sing with the Choir but are not ready to make a commitment to the whole year? You're invited to join us to share in our special music offerings during Passion Week! Rehearsals started Feb 25 at 7 pm and continue on Wednesdays until Easter. The first part of rehearsal will focus on prepping music for the season. For Easter this year, the Choir will bring back a Bethany favorite- "Hallelujah Chorus" from Handel's Messiah. We will offer special anthems during Holy Week from the Messiah, as well, and we invite YOU to participate in this incredible journey with us as we study and prepare our hearts for Holy Week and a triumphant Easter Celebration!

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION – Preschool registration for the 2026/2027 school year is now open on our website! Contact Danielle Gioia at Gioia.preschool@gmail.com with any questions! We are so excited for the coming year!

HOT CHOCOLATE BAR - The Membership Team is holding a hot chocolate bar after each service today. Join us for a cup of hot chocolate, some cookies and fellowship.

SECRET SISTER LUNCHEON – A Secret Sister luncheon will be held Sunday, March 8th at 12pm after the second service in the Welcome Center. All of the Secret Sisters are invited to a casual luncheon gathering to meet and greet each other and enjoy some fellowship with other sisters of faith. Be sure to remember to send greeting cards and/or a small gift to your Secret Sister. Just keep your identity a secret. =) Contact Pat Mishizen at 412-417-3541 or Judy Davidson at 412-343-7530 with any questions. Can't wait to see you there!

UPWARD BASKETBALL - Upward Basketball at Bethany is underway! We have a record number of players registered this year. 306 players, ages K5 through 2nd grade, have begun practice with weekend games! The last game day of the season is **Saturday, February 28th**. We have a variety of ways you can help - from being on the courts as a referee, to running the scoreboard and clock, to making sure the players get

their snack after their games. Please contact Beckie Price or Mike Suchoza for more information, or to let us know of your availability to help. Beckie can be emailed at upward@bethanypresby.org. Thank you!

BLOOD DRIVE – Our first Blood Drive of the year will be held Sunday, March 15th from 8am to 1:30pm during both services in Fellowship Hall. We love to host this event.

HELP WANTED AT THE WELCOME DESK - Our Bethany Church Receptionist Desk is looking for PART TIME volunteers (male or female) to fill in for our regulars whenever they are unable to be at the desk. Help is needed **Monday – Friday: Morning - 9:00AM to 11:30AM & Afternoon - 11:30AM to 2:00PM** The Receptionist duties involve answering the telephone and greeting anyone whom may come in the door. Your free time at the desk can be spent reading, crocheting, knitting, watching a movie on your laptop etc. Occasionally we are asked to do a few desk duties to help out our church secretary. Whenever one of our regulars is not able to be at the desk, a notification is sent to Barb Crawford. If a request is made for help, a response to Barb is always preferred with either a YES or NO — no reason ever needed! Thank you!

MISSION NEWS AND OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE
CHURCH FINANCES AS OF FEBRUARY 1, 2026

Thank you for your continued support.

	2026 YTD (\$)	2025 YTD (\$)	+/- (\$)
Contributions*	\$ 52,421	\$ 56,428	\$(4,007)
General Fund Subsidies (Transfers)	39,025	37,955	1,070
Investment Income **	1,365	1,206	159
Total General Fund Income	\$ 92,811	\$ 95,589	\$(2,779)
Year to Date Budget	87,319		
+/- Budget	\$ 5,492		



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*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.

“Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms”. 1 Peter 4:10 calls us to action to share with others our God given talents and blessings. Let us receive His grace and strength so that we may glorify Him and serve generously.

February Special Offering - Per Capita

The special offering envelope for February supports the 2026 Per Capita balance. This collection helps to defray the Per Capita cost that Bethany is required to remit to the Presbytery. The 2026 Per Capita amount is \$40.00.

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

Thank you for your contribution to the Per Capita Offering!

WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, February 15

8:15AM and 10:45AM – Worship
9:30AM - Sunday School
Youth and Adult Ukulele Practice after the second service
5:00PM - BYG Group Night

Monday, February 16 - President's Day

4:30PM - Upward Practice
4:30PM - Body Carpenter Workout
6:30PM - Men's Huddle Group

Tuesday, February 17

4:30PM - Upward Practice
7:00PM – Deacons Meeting
7:00PM – ALANON

Wednesday, February 18

Ash Wednesday

11:30AM – Knitters
12:30PM - Hand Chimes
5:30PM – Fish Dinner
7:00PM – Ash Wednesday Service

Thursday, February 19

9:00AM – Quilters
12:00PM – Rotary
12:00PM – Golden Oldies Luncheon
4:30PM - Upward Practice
6:30PM – Bloom with a Twist
7:00PM - Dartball
7:30PM – AA

Friday, February 20

Saturday, February 21

FOOD BANK
Upward GAMEDAY

Sunday, February 22

1st Sunday of Lent

8:15AM and 10:45AM – Worship
9:30AM - Sunday School
Youth and Adult Ukulele Practice after the second service
5:00PM - BYG Group Night