



# *“Mercy Me!”*

SUNDAY, JULY 13, 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

**"Consider the Lillies"**

**Flute: Abigail Tuffiash**

by Roger Hoffman; arr. Ricky Valadez; cpr 2015 Ricky Valadez

### WELCOME

**Pastor Brian Janssen**

### CALL TO WORSHIP *(Please Stand)*

**Laura Dugan**

Come, people of God, let us draw near to the One who calls us to life.

**We come seeking wisdom and strength.**

The Lord stands in the midst of the assembly and calls us to justice.

**We come to hear God's Word and to follow in God's way.**

God sends us out to love our neighbor as ourselves.

**We come to be formed in mercy and sent in compassion.**

Let us worship the Lord who calls us to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly.

**We worship the God of truth, justice, and grace!**

### OPENING PRAYER *(Please Stand)*

**Laura Dugan**

### HYMN *(Please Stand)*

**"When Morning Gilds the Skies"**

**No. 111**

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**1** When morning gilds the sky, my heart awaking cries,  
May Jesus Christ be praised! A-like at work and prayer  
to Jesus I repair, May Jesus Christ be praised!

**2** Does sadness fill my mind? A solace here I find,  
May Jesus Christ be praised! Or fades my earthly bliss?  
My comfort still is this, May Jesus Christ be praised!

**3** The night becomes as day, when from the heart we say,  
May Jesus Christ be praised! The powers of darkness fear  
when this sweet chant they hear, May Jesus Christ be praised!

**4** Be this, while life is mine, My canticle divine,  
May Jesus Christ be praised! Be this th' eternal song  
Through all the ages long, May Jesus Christ be praised!

## CALL TO CONFESSION *(Please be seated)*

Laura Dugan

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Laura Dugan

**Merciful God, you ask us to love you with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength, and to love our neighbors as ourselves. But we have been selective with our love, offering it only to those who are easy to love. We have crossed to the other side when compassion was costly or inconvenient. We have silenced your prophets and ignored your call to justice. Forgive us, Lord. Restore in us the joy of your salvation, and lead us in the way of compassion, courage, and faithfulness. Through Christ our Lord we pray. Amen. *Silent Confession***

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Laura Dugan

Hear the good news: God has rescued us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption and the forgiveness of sins. **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

Laura Dugan

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

Laura Dugan

## FIRST READING

**Deuteronomy 30:9-14**

Laura Dugan

And the Lord your God will make you abundantly prosperous in all your undertakings, in the fruit of your body, in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your soil. For the Lord will again take delight in prospering you, just as he delighted in prospering your ancestors, when you obey the Lord your God by observing his commandments and

decrees that are written in this book of the law, because you turn to the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul. "Surely, this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too hard for you, nor is it too far away. It is not in heaven, that you should say, 'Who will go up to heaven for us and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?' Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, 'Who will cross to the other side of the sea for us and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?' No, the word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe.

## **SECOND READING**

**Luke 10:25-37**

**Pastor Brian Janssen**

An expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live." But wanting to vindicate himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and took off, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while traveling came upon him, and when he saw him he was moved with compassion. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, treating them with oil and wine. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him, and when I come back I will repay you whatever more you spend.' Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## **SERMON**

**"Mercy Me!"**

**Pastor Brian Janssen**

## **WE RESPOND**

## **THE PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

## **THE OFFERTORY**

**"Nearer My God to Thee"**

**Flute: Abigail Tuffiash**

by Lowell Mason; arr. Ricky and Julie Valadez; cpr 2010 Ricky Valadez

**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)***"Fairest Lord Jesus"****No. 123**

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1 Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature, O thou of God and man the Son,  
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor, thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

2 Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands, robed in the blooming garb of spring:  
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer who makes the woeful heart to sing.

3 Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight, and all the twinkling starry host:  
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer than all the angels heaven can boast.

4 Beautiful Savior! Lord of all the nations! Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be thine.

**BENEDICTION****Pastor Brian Janssen****POSTLUDE****"For the Beauty of the Earth"****Flute: Abigail Tuffiash**

by Conrad Kocher; arr. Ricky Valadez; cpr 2011 Ricky Valadez

## **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**

The flowers are presented for the Glory of God by Tom and Carole Aspinall, in memory of Tom's Father and Mother, Harry and Ruth Aspinall from Tom and Carole Aspinall.

## **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING NOTICE**

**Note:** There will be a congregational meeting held on July 27th immediately following the 10:00AM service. The meeting will be for the purpose of hearing the report of the Nominating committee and electing those who will serve on the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee (APNC).

A special thanks and welcome back to Abigail Tuffiash, Flutist!  
Mrs. Abigail Tuffiash 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 schola.

## **PROGRAM AND EVENT NEWS**

**GOLDEN OLDIES TRIP-** The Golden Oldies will be going to see **"Noah"** at the Sight and Sound Theater on September 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. The trip also includes "The Buddy Holly Story" at the Dutch Apple Dinner Theater. Call Carole Aspinall at 412-833-8114 if you are interested in going.

**BLOOD DRIVE –** The Blood Drive will be held Sunday July 20<sup>th</sup> at 8:00am.

**JULY OFFERINGS IN MUSIC MINISTRY:** This Wednesday, July 16, 10 AM, we are blessed to have a time of fellowship with live music in the courtyard (weather permitting). Please join us for light refreshments, fellowship, and a beautiful time of music meditation.



The PYCO School of Music Flute Quartet consists of flute students from the Pittsburgh Youth Chamber Orchestra School of Music in Wexford, PA. The flute players you will hear have been selected to perform in several prestigious ensembles this year including; PMEA District, Regional, and State Festivals, The Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra annual side by side concert, and as featured soloists for WQED's Bach, Beethoven and Brunch Series and the PYCO School of Music Concerto Competition. Members of the ensemble are private students of instructor and director, Mrs. Abigail Tuffiash.

#### Music Ministry in July

July 16 - 10 AM Flute Choir Courtyard

July 17- NO SACRED MUSIC SAMPLING

July 17- Bethany Cafe Cookout- Front Lawn 6 PM- RSVP required, use QR code;  
Modern Worship 7 PM Sanctuary

July 23- NO CHORAL COURTYARD

July 24- 10 AM Sacred Music Sampling- Strings, Harp, Ukulele

July 24- 6:30 PM Bloom Chapel/Front Lawn

July 30- 10 AM Choral Courtyard

July 31- 10 AM Sacred Music Sampling- Hand Chime Time!

July 31- 6:30 PM Bloom Courtyard

## **MISSION NEWS AND OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE**

**MISSION TRIP TO SUMMERSVILLE, WV. Aug 10 – 16.** Are you interested in going on a mission trip but didn't want to travel too far, well then this might just be the trip for you! The Summersville, WV trip 2025 with West Virginia Ministry of Advocacy Workcamps, Inc. will be from August 10<sup>th</sup> through the 16<sup>th</sup>. The cost for the trip is \$300.00 for the week per person, or \$63.50 per day if you would like a shorter week. Checks should be made out to Bethany Church and have Summersville, WV, in the memo line. Summersville Presbyterian Church, located at 427 Water Street, Summersville, WV, will provide housing accommodations for the week. There are rooms for sleeping, showers and the church also has a large kitchen and dining area. The Mission Team will provide the funds for the food. This Summersville trip is the perfect mission trip for anyone 14 and older who are not comfortable with traveling too far.

This is a wonderful way to help others in need that is also fairly close to home. Projects vary from decks, to roofing, inside walls or bathrooms etc. We hope you will consider joining us this summer on our trip to Summersville. If you have any questions, please feel free to talk to either Dave Colton, Tim Nagy, Mike or Connie Segeleon.



## CHURCH FINANCES AS OF JULY 6, 2025

*Thank you for your continued support.*

	2025 YTD (\$)	2024 YTD (\$)	+/- (\$)
Contributions*	\$ 283,439	\$ 277,865	\$ 5,573
General Fund Subsidies (Transfers)	193,650	175,750	17,900
Investment Income **	8,124	19,283	(11,159)
Total General Fund Income	\$ 485,213	\$ 472,899	\$ 12,314
Year to Date Budget	493,971		
+/- Budget	\$ (8,758)		

\*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.*



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*“And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.” 2<sup>nd</sup>*

Corinthians 9:8 reminds us of God’s abundance and overflowing provision. As we give generously and serve faithfully, we can trust in His promise to supply us with everything we need to carry out His work. Let us use His blessings to glorify Him!

### JULY SPECIAL OFFERING – ADULT MISSION TRIP

The special offering envelope for July supports all of Bethany’s Adult Mission trips. This includes trips to West Virginia and any other adult mission trips approved by the mission team and Session.

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

Thank you for your contribution to these incredible mission trip projects!

## **WEEK AHEAD**

### **Sunday, July 13**

8:15AM and 10:00AM – Worship

### **Monday, July 14**

6:30PM - Body Carpenter Workout

6:30PM - Men's Huddle

### **Tuesday, July 15**

7:00PM – ALANON

7:00PM - Deacon Meeting

### **Wednesday, July 16**

10:00AM – PYCO Flute Choir in the Courtyard

11:30AM – Knitters

### **Thursday, July 17**

9:00AM – Quilters

12:00PM – Golden Oldies Luncheon

12:00PM – Rotary

6:00PM – Bloom and Café Bethany Cookout and Service

7:30PM - AA

### **Friday, July 18**

### **Saturday, July 19**

7:30AM – FOOD BANK

### **Sunday, July 20**

**8:00AM - BLOOD DRIVE**

8:15AM and 10:00AM – Worship