



# *“The Things We Take”*

10:00AM  
SUNDAY, JUNE 30, 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 "How Fair and How Pleasant Art Thou" by Marcel Dupre

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### WELCOME

Pastor Brian Janssen

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

Pastor Ellen Dawson

May Christ dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are  
being rooted and grounded in love.

**May you have the power to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge.**

Now to the One who is able to accomplish far more than all we can ask or imagine,

**To God be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations,  
forever and ever.**

Let us worship God!

### OPENING PRAYER

### HYMN *(Please Stand)*

### "Come, Let Us Praise the Lord"

No. 9

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**1** Come, let us praise the Lord, with joy our God acclaim, his greatness tell abroad and  
bless his saving Name. Lift high your songs before his throne to whom alone all praise  
belongs.

**2** Our God of matchless worth, our King beyond compare, the deepest bounds of earth,  
the hills, are in his care. He all decrees, who by his hand prepared the land and formed  
the seas.

**3** In worship bow the knee, our glorious God confess; the great Creator, he, the Lord  
our Righteousness. He reigns unseen: his flock he feeds and gently leads in pastures  
green.

**4** Come, hear his voice today, receive what love imparts; his holy will obey and harden  
not your hearts. His ways are best; and lead at last, all troubles past, to perfect rest.

### CALL TO CONFESSION

Pastor Ellen Dawson

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Pastor Ellen Dawson

**Blessed Redeemer, have mercy upon us as we confess our sin. You endow us with goodness while we squander your blessings. We yearn for the possessions that our neighbors enjoy. Envy, greed, and selfishness consume us. Satisfaction eludes us as our cravings increase. Quiet our longing for material riches, and help us trust in Jesus, who provides for our needs.** *Silent Confession*

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

And now may “Christ dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love, that you may have the power, to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth. May you know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.” With that fullness will come the assurance that God forgives all our sin.

**Praise God! 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

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

Pastor Brian Janssen

## PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Pastor Ellen Dawson

## FIRST READING

Ephesians 3:14–21

Pastor Ellen Dawson

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

## **SECOND READING**

**2 Samuel 11:1–15; 12:1-7**

**Pastor Brian Janssen**

In the spring of the year, the time when kings go out to battle, David sent Joab with his officers and all Israel with him; they ravaged the Ammonites, and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem.

It happened, late one afternoon, when David rose from his couch and was walking about on the roof of the king's house, that he saw from the roof a woman bathing; the woman was very beautiful. David sent someone to inquire about the woman. It was reported, "This is Bathsheba daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite." So David sent messengers to get her, and she came to him, and he lay with her. (Now she was purifying herself after her period.) Then she returned to her house. The woman conceived; and she sent and told David, "I am pregnant."

So David sent word to Joab, "Send me Uriah the Hittite." And Joab sent Uriah to David. When Uriah came to him, David asked how Joab and the people fared, and how the war was going. Then David said to Uriah, "Go down to your house, and wash your feet." Uriah went out of the king's house, and there followed him a present from the king. But Uriah slept at the entrance of the king's house with all the servants of his lord, and did not go down to his house. When they told David, "Uriah did not go down to his house," David said to Uriah, "You have just come from a journey. Why did you not go down to your house?" Uriah said to David, "The ark and Israel and Judah remain in booths; and my lord Joab and the servants of my lord are camping in the open field; shall I then go to my house, to eat and to drink, and to lie with my wife? As you live, and as your soul lives, I will not do such a thing." Then David said to Uriah, "Remain here today also, and tomorrow I will send you back." So Uriah remained in Jerusalem that day. On the next day, David invited him to eat and drink in his presence and made him drunk; and in the evening he went out to lie on his couch with the servants of his lord, but he did not go down to his house.

In the morning David wrote a letter to Joab, and sent it by the hand of Uriah. In the letter he wrote, "Set Uriah in the forefront of the hardest fighting, and then draw back from him, so that he may be struck down and die."

But the thing that David had done displeased the Lord, and the Lord sent Nathan to David. He came to him, and said to him, "There were two men in a certain city, the one rich and the other poor. The rich man had very many flocks and herds; but the poor man had nothing but one little ewe lamb, which he had bought. He brought it up, and it grew up with him and with his children; it used to eat of his meager fare, and drink from his cup, and lie in his bosom, and it was like a daughter to him. Now there came a traveler to the rich man, and he was loath to take one of his own flock or herd to prepare for the wayfarer who had come to him, but he took the poor man's lamb, and prepared that for the guest who had come to him." Then David's anger was greatly kindled against the

man. He said to Nathan, "As the Lord lives, the man who has done this deserves to die; he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity." Nathan said to David, "You are the man!"

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

**"The Things We Take"**

**Pastor Brian Janssen**

## **WE RESPOND**

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

**THE OFFERTORY** "Thank You, Lord" written by Bonnie Hendershot

**Lead Vocal: Bonnie Hendershot**

**Backing Vocals: Jacquelyn Nixon, Carrie Emerson,  
Connie Segeleon, Nadina Robusto**

**Guitar: Karen Harkins**

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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*)

**“Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”**

**No. 68**

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**1** Come, thou Fount of every blessing,  
tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet,  
sung by flaming tongues above;  
praise his name--I'm fixed upon it--  
name of God's redeeming love.

**2** Here I raise to thee an altar,  
hither by thy help I've come;  
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,  
safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger,  
wand'ring from the fold of God;  
he, to rescue me from danger,  
bought me with his precious blood.

**3** O to grace how great a debtor  
daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let thy goodness, like a fetter,  
bind my wandering heart to thee;  
prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,  
prone to leave the God I love;  
here's my heart, O, take and seal it;  
seal it for thy courts above.

**BENEDICTION** (*Please Stand*)

**Pastor Brian Janssen**

**"Go Now In Peace" Music by Don Besig; Words by Nancy Price**

**Vocals: Bonnie Hendershot, Jacquelyn Nixon, Carrie Emerson,**

**Connie Segeleon, Karen Harkins**

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## **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 sanctuary flowers this morning are presented**  
in honor of Lisa Janssen.

*The sympathy of the congregation is extended to Robert and Nancy Krek, and Corey and Tyler DeRose, on the passing of their dear son, and uncle, Brian Krek on June 23, 2024.*

**Next Sunday, July 7, 2024, we will be Pastor Ellen's last Sunday at Bethany. Please plan to join us in celebrating worship with her and a Thank You reception for her in the Welcome Center after each service**

**A Special Congregational Meeting has been called for Sunday, July 14, 2024, immediately following the 10am worship service, for the purpose of dissolving the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee, and to approve verbiage updates in the Pastoral Terms of Calls as necessitated by tax law.**

*A special thanks to Bonnie Hendershot for sharing her original music with us today at the 10am service, and for Jacquelyn Nixon, Carrie Emerson, Connie Segeleon, and Karen Harkins for helping to share her message of placing hope in God.*

## **PROGRAM AND EVENT NEWS**

**SACRED MUSIC SAMPLING - JULY 8<sup>TH</sup> AT 10AM.** Join Music Director, Nadina Robusto, to learn more about the organ and piano. Come check out these incredible instruments and have the opportunity to give them a try! Save the date too for **Monday July 15<sup>th</sup>**, when Nadina will be showcasing Percussion instruments – timpani, marimba, glockenspiel, ocean drum, wind chimes and wood blocks. Children are encouraged to attend, but please note that children must be accompanied by a parent or caretaker for these sessions.

**WEDNESDAY WORSHIP COURTYARD HOUR – JULY 10<sup>th</sup> at 10AM.** Please share in an hour of sacred music in the Courtyard – Singers and instrumentalists are welcome! We will offer choral reading, hymn singing and a wonderful change to praise God from our beautiful courtyard. If you are unable to come on the 7/10, additional dates for this event are July 17<sup>th</sup>, Aug 7<sup>th</sup>, and Aug 21<sup>st</sup>.

**SUMMER BLOOM – Thursday, July 11.** Bloom is moving outside this summer for praise and fellowship! Our next session will be on July 11 when we gather at the Triangle Park Gazebo in Bridgeville from 6:30 - 8 pm. Come join us for praise through contemporary music! Bring your own comfy lawn chair, and feel free to bring a snack along with you, too! (Inclement weather option will return indoors to the Welcome Center). Hope to see you there!

**BLOOD DRIVE – SUNDAY JULY 21<sup>ST</sup>.** Bethany will be hosting another Blood Drive on Sunday, July 21, 2024. Register at [vitalant.org](http://vitalant.org) and use Blood Drive Code: UG0010211

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

**THE SUMMERSVILLE, WV MISSION TRIP 2024,** work week will be from August 11th through the 17th. Lodging provided at Summersville Presbyterian Church. Full and half week options are available. Russ Bedner, Dave Colton or Connie Segeleon can answer questions regarding the trip.

**SARRIS CANDY –**The Sarris Candy sales proceeds for June will benefit the Church of Central Africa Presbyterian, Blantyre Synod Health & Development Commission, BSHDC, to help with the disastrous drought in that region

**JUNE SPECIAL OFFERING - VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL –** The special offering envelope for June supports Vacation Bible School. Online giver? Not receiving envelopes? You can still donate to this special offering either by selecting "Vacation Bible School" in the online giving portal or noting that your donation is for VBS on your check or a pew envelope. Thank you for your contribution to this great program for the youth of Bethany and the community!



## CHURCH FINANCES AS OF JUNE 16, 2024

*Thank you for your continued support.*

	2024 YTD (\$)	2023 YTD (\$)	+/- (\$)
Contributions*	\$ 252,863	258,061	\$ (5,198)
General Fund Subsidies (Transfers)	158,125	110,210	47,915
Investment Income **	16,360	5,756	10,604
<b>Total General Fund Income</b>	<b>\$ 427,348</b>	<b>\$374,027</b>	<b>\$ 53,321</b>
Year to Date Budget	431,193		
+/- Budget	\$ (3,845)		

\*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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### WEEK AHEAD

#### Sunday, June 30

8:15AM and 10:00AM – Worship

#### Monday, July 1

6:30PM – Body Carpenter Workout

#### Tuesday, July 2

6:30PM - Men's Huddle

7:00PM – ALANON

7:00PM – DQ Group

#### Wednesday, July 3

11:30AM – Knitters

#### Thursday, July 4

Happy Independence Day

#### Friday, July 5

#### Saturday, July 6

#### Sunday, July 7

8:15AM and 10:00AM – Worship with Communion