



“The Special Relationship”

SUNDAY, JULY 20, 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 (with For the Beauty of the Earth)"
Flute: Lindsey Faini; Piano: Rebecca Stout

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WELCOME

Pastor Brian Janssen

CALL TO WORSHIP *(Please Stand)*

Dale Anderson

Who may dwell in the presence of the Lord?

Those who walk blamelessly and speak truth from the heart.

Who is the image of the invisible God?

Jesus Christ, firstborn of all creation, in whom all things hold together.

In a world filled with distraction and division, whom shall we trust?

We trust in Christ, our hope and our peace.

Come and worship the One who welcomes us in love.

We come to listen, to serve, and to be renewed.

Let us worship God with joy and reverence!

OPENING PRAYER *(Please Stand)*

Dale Anderson

HYMN *(Please Stand)*

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

No. 507

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1 A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing; our helper he, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing. For still our ancient foe does seek to work us woe; his craft and power are great, and armed with cruel hate, on earth is not his equal.

2 Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing, were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing. You ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he; Lord Sabaoth his name, from age to age the same; and he must win the battle.

3 And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us, we will not fear, for God has willed his truth to triumph through us. The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him; his rage we can endure, for lo! his doom is sure; one little word shall fell him.

4 That Word above all earthly powers no thanks to them abideth; the Spirit and the gifts are ours through him who with us sideth. Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also; the body they may kill: God's truth abideth still; his kingdom is forever!

CALL TO CONFESSION *(Please be seated)*

Dale Anderson

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Dale Anderson

God of steadfast love and holy presence, we confess that we often fail to welcome you as we should. We are anxious and distracted, missing your voice in our midst. Like those who do not keep their word, we speak carelessly and act selfishly. We forget that Christ dwells within us and calls us to live with integrity and grace. Forgive us, Lord. Make us a people who both serve and listen, who walk blamelessly and do what is right, that we may dwell in your presence and reflect your glory. Amen. *Silent Confession*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Dale Anderson

Hear the good news! Once we were estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, but now Christ has reconciled us to God through His body and death, to present us holy and blameless before the Lord. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! **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

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

Debby Hayes

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Dale Anderson

FIRST READING**Genesis 18:1-10****Dale Anderson**

The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them and bowed down to the ground. He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared and set it before them, and he stood by them under the tree while they ate. They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son." And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him.

SECOND READING**Luke 10:38-42****Pastor Brian Janssen**

Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village where a woman named Martha welcomed him. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at Jesus's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks, so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her, then, to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things, but few things are needed—indeed only one. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.**SERMON****"The Special Relationship"****Pastor Brian Janssen****WE RESPOND****THE PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS****THE OFFERTORY****"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"****Piano: Rebecca Stout**

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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 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)* “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah” No. 501
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- 1** Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah, Pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but Thou art mighty; Hold me with Thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, Feed me now and evermore;
Bread of heaven, Feed me now and evermore.
- 2** Open now the crystal fountain, Whence the healing waters flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar Lead me all my journey through.
Strong Deliverer, Be Thou still my Strength and Shield.
Strong Deliverer, Be Thou still my Strength and Shield.
- 3** When I tread the verge of Jordan, Bid my anxious fears subside;
bear me through the swelling current, Land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, I will ever give to Thee;
Songs of praises, I will ever give to Thee.

BENEDICTION

Pastor Brian Janssen

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.

NEWS FOR THE BODY OF CHRIST

The flowers are presented for the Glory of God by Nikki O'Brien.

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 warm welcome and special thanks to our guest flautist, Lindsey Faini. Thank you for joining us in worship and sharing your gifts!

A special thank you to our talented Rebecca Stout for serving as organist/pianist substitute today. We are thankful for you and for you sharing your beautiful gifts with us in worship today.

PROGRAM AND EVENT NEWS

The Blood Drive is happening today! We always look forward to these wonderful events.

CHURCH PICNIC - Come enjoy our Church Picnic! We will have our 10:00am church service on Sunday, August 17th at Fairview Park at the Rotary Pavilion followed by crafts and games and a **BAKE OFF!** Sign up for the BAKE OFF in the Welcome Center!

JULY OFFERINGS IN MUSIC MINISTRY:

July 23- WEDNESDAY NO CHORAL COURTYARD

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

July 24- 6:30PM- Thursday- Bloom Chapel/Lawn - weather permitting, we can share music outside on the lawn! Guests, feel free to bring a favorite chair and sing along!

July 30- 10AM Choral Courtyard

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

July 31- 6:30PM 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 10th through the 16th. 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.” 2nd
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 20

8:00AM - BLOOD DRIVE

8:15AM and 10:00AM – Worship

Monday, July 21

6:30PM - Body Carpenter Workout

6:30PM - Men's Huddle

7:00PM - Deacons Meeting

Tuesday, July 22

7:00PM – ALANON

Wednesday, July 23

11:30AM – Knitters

12:30PM – AIU Preschool

Thursday, July 24

9:00AM – Quilters

10:00AM – Sacred Music Sampling

12:00PM – Rotary

6:30PM – Bloom Chapel

6:30PM - Troop 2 Set-up

7:30PM - AA

Friday, July 25

5:00PM - Scouts

Saturday, July 26

9:00AM - SUPPLEMENTAL DIAPER BANK

11:00AM – Knitters

Sunday, July 27

8:15AM and 10:00AM – Worship