



# *“The Power of Prayer and Prayers of Power”*

SUNDAY, JULY 27, 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

**"It Is Well With My Soul"** Celtic Harp: Nadina Robusto  
by Phillip Bliss; arr. by Rhett Barnwell; cpr. 1999 Seraphim Music

### WELCOME

**Pastor Brian Janssen**

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

**Edgar Shaffer**

Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other.  
**Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from the sky.**

The Lord will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase.  
**Righteousness will go before the Lord and make a path for God's steps.**  
Let us worship God!

### OPENING PRAYER *(Please Stand)*

**Edgar Shaffer**

### HYMN *(Please Stand)*

#### **"Morning Has Broken"**

**No. 35**

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**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)*

**Edgar Shaffer**

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Edgar Shaffer**

**Merciful God, You have planted us in Christ, rooted and built up in Him. Yet we confess we often live as though our hope is in ourselves. You call us to dwell in Your steadfast love, but we chase fleeting desires and build our lives on empty**

**promises. You teach us to pray and to seek, but we forget Your nearness and doubt Your goodness. Forgive us, O Lord. Restore us by Your grace. Renew our hearts by the power of Your Spirit, so we may walk in Christ, abounding in thanksgiving. Amen. *Silent Confession***

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**Edgar Shaffer**

Hear the good news: In Christ the fullness of God dwells, and by Him we are made alive. He has forgiven all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us and nailing it to the cross. Sisters and brothers, believe the gospel: **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**

**Edgar Shaffer**

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**

**Edgar Shaffer**

## **FIRST READING**

**Colossians 2:6-19**

**Edgar Shaffer**

As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. Watch out that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental principles of the world, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by the removal of the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to

the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it. Therefore, do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food or drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or Sabbaths. These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the body belongs to Christ. Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, initiatory visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and tendons, grows with a growth that is from God.

## **SECOND READING**

**Luke 11:1-13**

**Pastor Brian Janssen**

He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, 'Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial.' And he said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, "Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him." And he answers from within, "Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything." I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

'So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON      "The Power of Prayer and Prayers of Power"      Pastor Brian Janssen**

## **WE RESPOND**

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

### **THE OFFERTORY**

### **"Sacred Dance"**

**Bethany Chime Choir**

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)*      **“Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken”**      **No. 598**

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**1** Glorious things of thee are spoken, Zion, city of our God. He whose Word cannot be broken formed thee for His own abode. On the Rock of Ages founded, what can shake your sure repose? With salvation's walls surrounded, you may smile at all thy foes.

**2** See, the streams of living waters, springing from eternal love, well supply thy sons and daughters and all fear of want remove. Who can faint while such a river ever flows their thirst to assuage? Grace, which like the Lord, the Giver, never fails from age to age.

**3** 'Round each habitation hovering, see the cloud and fire appear for a glory and a covering, showing that the Lord is near. Thus deriving from their banner light by night and shade by day, safe they feed upon the manna which He gives them on their way.

**4** Savior, since of Zion's city I through grace a member am, let the world deride or pity, I will glory in your name. Fading is the world's best pleasures, all its boasted pomp and show; solid joys and lasting treasures none but Zion's children know.

### 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**

### **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING NOTICE**

**Note:** There will be a congregational meeting **TODAY** 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). We are thankful for those who have agreed to serve: Denise Leigh, Jackie Nixon, Bob Julius, Devin Underwood and Alec Heiskell.

A warm welcome and special thanks to our Bethany Chime Choir for sharing their gifts in worship today! Your beautiful music is a blessing to us in worship!

## **PROGRAM AND EVENT NEWS**

**CHURCH PICNIC** - Come enjoy our Church Picnic! We will have our 10:00am church service on Sunday, August 17<sup>th</sup> 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:**

Week Ahead:

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 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 20, 2025**

*Thank you for your continued support.*

	2025 YTD (\$)	2024 YTD (\$)	+/- (\$)
Contributions*	\$ 302,650	\$ 298,126	\$ 4,524
General Fund Subsidies (Transfers)	208,832	189,500	19,332
Investment Income **	8,124	30,718	(22,593)
<b>Total General Fund Income</b>	<b>\$ 519,606</b>	<b>\$ 518,344</b>	<b>\$ 1,262</b>
Year to Date Budget	522,224		
<b>+/- Budget</b>	<b>\$ (2,618)</b>		

\*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 27**

8:15AM and 10:00AM – Worship

### **Monday, July 28**

6:30PM - Body Carpenter Workout

6:30PM - Men's Huddle

### **Tuesday, July 29**

7:00PM – ALANON Anniversary

### **Wednesday, July 30**

10:00AM – Choral Courtyard

11:30AM – Knitters

12:30PM - AIU Preschool

### **Thursday, July 31**

9:00AM – Quilters

10:00AM – Sacred Music Sampling

12:00PM – Rotary

6:30PM – Bloom Courtyard

7:30PM - AA

### **Friday, August 1**

### **Saturday, August 2**

### **Sunday, August 3**

### **COMMUNION SUNDAY**

8:15AM and 10:00AM – Worship