Bethany
Presbyterian Church

But How Will We Know?

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 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 **"Rejoice, the Lord is King!"**
by John Darwall; arr. Jason D. Payne
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WELCOME **Pastor Brian Janssen**

CALL TO WORSHIP *(Please Stand)* **Pastor Justin Miller**
O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.
O give thanks to the God of gods, for his steadfast love endures forever.
O give thanks to the Lord of lords, for his steadfast love endures forever;
who alone does great wonders, for his steadfast love endures forever;
who by understanding made the heavens, for his steadfast love endures forever;
who spread out the earth on the waters, for his steadfast love endures forever.

OPENING PRAYER *(Please Stand)* **Pastor Justin Miller**

HYMN *(Please Stand)* **"Crown Him with Many Crowns"** **No. 317**

1 Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne.
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless king through all eternity.

2 Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save;
his glories now we sing who died and rose on high,
who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

3 Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,
rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified;
no angels in the sky can fully bear that sight,
but downward bends their burning eye at mysteries so bright.

4 Crown him the Lord of years, the potentate of time,
creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail! for thou hast died for me;
thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.

CALL TO CONFESSION *(Please be seated)* **Pastor Justin Miller**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION **Pastor Justin Miller**

Merciful God, you have shown us a love that never ends, yet we confess that our love for others often falls short. We become absorbed in our own lives and concerns, overlooking those who are hungry, lonely, or in need of care. We fail to recognize the opportunities to serve you place before us. Forgive us, Lord. Open our eyes and teach us to respond to others with the compassion and generosity you have shown to us. May our lives reflect your steadfast love. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON **Pastor Justin Miller**

Hear the good news: God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love that endures forever. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and welcomed into God's family, not because of anything we have done, but because of God's abundant grace. Friends believe the Good news:
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and called to share that love with the world. 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.

PASSING OF THE PEACE **Pastor Justin Miller**

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.**
(for 8:15) Let us share the peace of Christ with our neighbor.
(for 10:45) 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 ANTHEM **"That Who I Praise" Sunday School Singers, Ringers, and Youth and Adult Ukulele Choirs**

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PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION **Pastor Justin Miller**

FIRST READING **Psalm 100** **Pastor Justin Miller**

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. Serve the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing. Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him; bless his name. For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever and his faithfulness to all generations.

SECOND READING **Matthew 25:31-46** **Pastor Brian Janssen**

"When the Son of Man comes in his glory and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world, for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You who are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels, for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment but the righteous into eternal life."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON **But How Will We Know?** **Pastor Brian Janssen**

WE RESPOND

THE PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY **"Make a Joyful Noise"** **Bethany Choir**

Music by Antonio Vivaldi; arr. Joanna Forbes L'Estrange;
based on 3rd movement of Autumn of The Four Seasons;
Lyrics Psalm 100:1-2 and Psalm 150:3-6; cpr 2024 Joanna Forbes L'Estrange

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)*

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER **Pastor Brian Janssen**

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 Heart is Filled" Led by Pastor Justin Miller, Bloom, & Ukulele Choir**

1 My heart is filled with thankfulness to Him who bore my pain
Who plumbed the depths of my disgrace and gave me life again
Who crushed my curse of sinfulness and clothed me with His light
And wrote His law of righteousness with pow'r upon my heart.

2 My heart is filled with thankfulness to Him who walks beside
Who floods my weaknesses with strength and causes fears to fly
Whose ev'ry promise is enough for ev'ry step I take
Sustaining me with arms of love and crowning me with grace.

3 My heart is filled with thankfulness to Him who reigns above
Whose wisdom is my perfect peace whose ev'ry thought is love
For ev'ry day I have on earth is given by the King
So I will give my life my all to love and follow Him.

BENEDICTION

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

Today's ushers are Deb Perkins, Pat Mishizen, Carol Cowser, and Sharon Salvini

The flowers this morning are presented to the Glory of God by Dale and Susan Anderson and in honor of their forty-fifth wedding anniversary on November 27th.

Special thanks to our Bloom Musicians, Ukulele Choir, Sunday School Singers & Ringers, the Bethany Choir, and to Pastor Justin for blessing our worship service with their musical gifts today! We appreciate you!

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – Today we hold our 2026 Annual Congregational meeting following the 10:45am service. All baptized and confirmed members of the church should plan on attending. We will hear the report of the Nominating Team and approve the 2027 Terms of Call for our Senior Pastor, the Reverend Dr. Brian Janssen and for our Associate Pastor, Justin Miller. The following people have been nominated to serve as Ruling Elders: Elizabeth Onabye, Mark Schneider, Karen Talerico (class of 2029) and Heather Lucas (class of 2028). The following people have been nominated to serve as Deacons: Doreen Grove, Edgar Schaffer, Laurie Sysak, Deb Perkins, Judy Davidson, Cheryl Harold (class of 2029) and Colleen Heasley, and Lisa Ann Smith (class of 2028). The following people have been nominated for Auditor for the class of 2029, Marlene Knapp and Bob Pulice. The following people have been nominated to serve as at-large members of the Nominating Team: Denise Leigh, Claudia Ziegler and Kara Julius.

NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY - UPDATE YOUR INFO – If any of your information has changed, please fill out one of the Update Cards located in the Welcome Center as we are preparing for a **new Church Directory**. Place completed card in the basket in the Welcome Center or in the offering plate by **November 29th, 2026.**

PROGRAM AND EVENT NEWS

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES DURING THE 10:45 SERVICE
Please note that we have the following Opportunities for children during the 10:45 Service:

Worship and Wonder for Children ages 3 to 2nd grade where children learn more about worshipping God. They are starting the year with the story of the Good Shepherd and then continuing stories of Creation and the Old Testament.

Faith and Friends for children in 3rd through 5th grade where children will explore lessons from the Bible in Life Curriculum through interactive learning, meaningful discussion and hands-on-activities. The Scripture lesson is the same as Sunday School; however, the lesson content and activities are different.

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

ADULT CHIMES AND HANDBELL TREE -Our next meeting will be on **Wednesday, December 2nd at 12:30pm**. If you are interested in learning to ring, ding, hit, or hammer a joyful noise in worship - please message Nadina for more information about joining us this season at music@bethanypresby.org

ADVENT READING AND DEVOTIONALS- In addition to the Booklet with Home Advent Service Readings, Devotionals and Readings for Kids, Teens, Seniors and/or Anyone are located on a table in the Welcome Center. Please take a copy of one or more of them to celebrate this special Season of Advent.

ANGEL CHRISTMAS TREE - Please keep your eyes open soon for the ANGEL CHRISTMAS TREE for the "Bridgeville Food Bank Children" that will once again be in our WELCOME CENTER. Be sure and take an Angel or maybe even two as soon as you see our tree!

BETHANY DEACONS BACKPACK DRIVE - The Bethany Deacons are hosting another backpack drive to gift to the Southwood Boy's home. These bags will be gifted to every new admission throughout the 2027 year. **We will be collecting donations until next week, November 29th.** You will be supporting the purchasing of the backpack and the essential items we provided them with: socks, towels, toothbrush, shampoo, a Bible and more! All items are purchased and put together by the Deacons. Cash or checks made out to Bethany Presbyterian Church with **"backpack"** in the memo are accepted. You can drop an envelope with cash or a check in the collection bag on the poster in the Welcome Center, place it in the offering collection plate or give to Edgar Shaffer.

ANGELS FOR THE SOUTHWOOD BOYS - Angel Gift Tags for the Southwood Boys Home will be available starting **today, Sunday, November 22nd**. You can pick up an Angel Gift Tag before, after and between the worship services from the Deacons who will be at a table in the Welcome Center. Many of the Boys have never received a Christmas Gift so we hope to help them have a very Merry Christmas. A bin will be located in the Welcome Center for Gift Collection and they should be returned unwrapped (can be in gift bags) by **Sunday, December, 13th**.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS – Please see that insert in this bulletin to place your order for Christmas Poinsettias, which will remain on display in the Sanctuary until the Christmas Eve services. Your order form and money can be placed in the offering plate or mailed to the church. Make check payable to Bethany Presbyterian Church with "poinsettia" in the memo line. The cost is $9.00/ea and they are available in Red, White, and Pink. **Deadline for orders is Sunday, November 29th**. Additional forms are at the end of the pews and also on the table in the Welcome Center.

SECRET SISTERS 2027- Although the date has passed for signing up to be a Secret Sister in 2027, we wanted to make sure that we didn't miss anyone; therefore if you still would like to be a Secret Sister next year and forgot to fill out the questionnaire, we are extending the Sign-up until next **Sunday, November 29th**. The forms are located on the table in the Welcome Center or you can contact Judy Davidson, Pat Mishizen or Laura Dugan for a copy. Completed forms can be placed in the Secret Sister Box in the Office Workroom.

BETHANY NATIVITY "LIGHT UP " NIGHT- On **Thursday, December 3rd at 6:30pm**, BLOOM will hold a **"LIGHT UP"** Night at the Bethany Nativity located on the front lawn of the Church. Please join us for some spiritual words and caroling at the nativity with our Bloom Musicians and Singers. We also invite you to bring your favorite Christmas Cookies or Dessert for some socializing with hot drinks and additional music after the caroling.

CHRISTMAS CANTATA - Cantata Sunday is December 13, and the Bethany Choir is very excited to share this glorious and inspirational Cantata with you! From the publisher's website: "*God Is With Us* is traditional in style, but features innovative twists and turns. It combines exciting and moving classical music by Faure, Beethoven, Vivaldi, Tchaikovsky and Billings with some of the world's most loved Christmas Carols. It begins with the awe-filled simplicity of Gregorian Chant and concludes with a fun, festive journey through favorite carols with a Nutcracker flair. And in between, one experiences indescribably beautiful music, worthy of the celebration of such a glorious and miraculous event." (alfred.com)

We have had so much fun working on our Vivaldi Glorias, Joy to the Worlds, and Nutcracker inspired selections, and we know you will all BOTH enjoy and be uplifted by this Cantata that fills our hearts with worship! Please join us at the 8:15 for excerpts of the Cantata, at the 10:45 for the full Cantata, or log in online at our website to listen if you aren't able to attend.

SECRET SISTER NEWS - The Secret Sister Reveal Luncheon for the 2026 Secret Sisters will be held on **Sunday, December 6th at 12:00pm** in the Fellowship Hall. Please plan to attend to discover who your Secret Sister was this year. Contact Judy Davidson at 412-343-7530 or Pat Mishizen at 412-417-3541 if you have any questions.

THE INTERSECTION – A BIBLE STUDY FOR PARENTS – Join us for an Informational Gathering on **Sunday, December 6th, between the 8:15 and 10:45 worship services in the Library**. Parenting brings plenty of questions, joys, challenges, and opportunities for growth, including in our own faith. Join Pastor Justin for an informal gathering to learn more about a Bible study for parents at Bethany. We are tentatively planning to start this Bible study at the beginning of next year as a new Sunday school class. This gathering is an opportunity to connect with other parents, share what you might hope to gain from a Bible study, and help shape its direction. Whether you're looking to deepen your own faith, explore Scripture alongside others in a similar season of life, or reflect on what it means to nurture faith in your children, we'd love to hear from you. No commitment is necessary at this stage, just come share your thoughts and help us imagine what this group could become!

LAURELVILLE MUD WEEKEND - is quickly approaching! All 6th - 12th grade students are invited to come to LMW **December 11th - 13th**. There are information packets on the Ministry Table in the Welcome Center. It is a great weekend of fun, high-energy worship, messages, discussions, and of course the MUD! Cost is $150 ($30 deposit to save your spot, then $120 remaining balance to be paid by December 1st.)

FLOWERS – Please see the sign-up sheet in the Welcome Center for 2027 for sanctuary flowers. The cost is $40 per vase. Please be sure to put “Flowers” in the memo line on your check made out to Bethany Presbyterian Church, which can be placed in the offering plate or mailed to the Church Office. The Church Office will give you a call the week prior to the date you sign up for to confirm the flower and color you prefer along with any dedication information you would like to appear in the bulletin.

URBAN IMPACT EVENT- Urban Impact is one of Bethany’s Mission Partners and on Friday, **December 4th and Saturday, December 5th** they will hold their 17th annual production of **Light the Night**, a FREE Christmas celebration at Christ Church at Grove Farm, 249 Duff Road in Sewickley, Pa. If you would be interested in attending, this event is free for the whole family to enjoy, but they kindly ask for you to register on their website to help them plan ahead. Due to a set number of seats, space is limited. Registered attendees will get priority access into the show. Walk-ins are welcome, however, we cannot guarantee seating in the sanctuary and may need to direct non-registered attendees to the overflow room. The show features students from the Urban Impact Foundation Performing Arts Academy telling the story of Christ’s birth and the hope that faith in Jesus Christ can bring to humankind. See how this story of hope, wonder, and redemption still transforms lives today.

CHURCH FINANCES AS OF NOVEMBER 15, 2026

Thank you for your continued support.

	2026 YTD ($)	2025 YTD ($)	+/- ($)
Contributions*	$ 500,650	$466,280	$34,370
General Fund Subsidies (Transfers)	332,310	309,390	22,920
Charitable Remainder Trust Income	27,237	-	27,237
Investment Income **	13,321	13,609	(288)
Total General Fund Income	$ 873,518	$ 789,279	$84,239
Year to Date Budget	808,686		
+/- Budget	$ 64,832		

*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.

QR Code for online giving

November Special Offering - Membership Support Fund

The special offering envelope for November supports the Membership Support Fund. This fund benefits Bethany members in need of assistance. Online giver? Not receiving envelopes? You can still donate to this special offering either by selecting "Membership Support" in the online giving portal or noting that your donation is for the Membership Support Fund on your check or a pew envelope.

Thank you for your contribution to Bethany members in need through the Membership Support Fund!

WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, November 22
8:15AM – Worship
9:30AM - Sunday School
10:45AM – Worship
Adult and Youth Ukulele Practice after 10:45 Service
12:00PM - Congregational Meeting
5:00PM – BYG Group Night

Monday, November 23
4:30PM - Body Carpenter Workout
6:30PM - Men's Huddle Group

Tuesday, November 24
10:00AM – Additional Choir Rehearsal
7:00PM – ALANON

Wednesday, November 25
11:30AM – Knitters
NO CHOIR PRACTICE

Thursday, November 26
Thanksgiving Day – Church Closed

Friday, November 27
Church Closed

Saturday, November 28
9:00AM -Supplemental Diaper Bank

Sunday, November 29
First Sunday of Advent
8:15AM – Worship
9:30AM - Sunday School
10:45AM – Worship
Adult and Youth Ukulele Practice after 10:45 Service
NO YOUTH GROUP TONIGHT