



“Peace Be With You”

PALM SUNDAY
10:45AM
SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 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

"Hosanna" (excerpt) #266 by Carl Tuttle

Bethany Children/Youth Processional

"Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest!"

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CALL TO WORSHIP *(Please Stand)*

Pastor Brian Janssen

Jesus entered into Jerusalem humbly on a donkey, seeking to transform the people.

**People gathered from everywhere to wave palm branches
and praise him as royalty.**

Jesus enters into our lives humbly, seeking to transform our hearts and lives.

Let us worship Jesus Christ together, and receive him into our presence.

We sing and shout Hosanna!

Hosanna in the highest!

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN *(Please Stand)*

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

No. 267

Timpani: Matt Robusto

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- 1 Hosanna, loud hosanna, the little children sang; through pillared court and temple the lovely anthem rang: to Jesus, who had blessed them, close folded to his breast, the children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.
- 2 From Olivet they followed 'mid an exultant crowd, the victor palm branch waving, and chanting clear and loud; the Lord of earth and heaven rode on in lowly state, nor scorned that little children should on his bidding wait.
- 3 "Hosanna in the highest!" That ancient song we sing, for Christ is our Redeemer, the Lord of heaven our King. O may we ever praise him with heart and life and voice, and in his blissful presence eternally rejoice!

CALL TO CONFESSION

Pastor Brian Janssen

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Jesus, you are our king, yet we do not act like it. You came in humility, to serve and give your life for the world, yet we do not follow your example. We confess that we live our own way and reject yours; we only claim allegiance to you when it's convenient, when it serves our own interests. On this Palm Sunday, we are reminded of how quickly our loyalty to you diminishes. Please forgive us for our hypocrisies and apathy. Forgive our doubt. Forgive our selfishness. Give us a renewed passion for you as we remember your passion for us this week, we pray. Amen. *Silent Confession*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The good news in Christ is that when we face ourselves and God with the awareness of our deep sin and abundant need for grace, we are given just what our hearts need most: grace to grow, courage to continue, and the peace that comes with knowing our Savior. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen and 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 MUSIC

"Look Someone's Coming" by Jayne Southwick Cool

Sunday school Singers, led by Ashley and Hannah

Farabaugh and Amanda Doty; Percussion: The Robustos

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PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Pastor Brian Janssen

FIRST READING

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 (ESV)

Pastor Brian Janssen

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!
Let Israel say, “His steadfast love endures forever.”

Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them
and give thanks to the LORD.

This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.

I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Save us, we pray, O LORD! O LORD, we pray, give us success!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD!

We bless you from the house of the LORD.
The LORD is God, and he has made his light to shine upon us.
Bind the festal sacrifice with cords, up to the horns of the altar!
You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God; I will extol you.
Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!

SECOND READING **Luke 19:28-40 (ESV)** **Pastor Ellen Dawson**

And when he had said these things, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount that is called Olivet, he sent two of the disciples, saying, "Go into the village in front of you, where on entering you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' you shall say this: 'The Lord has need of it.'" So those who were sent went away and found it just as he had told them. And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, "Why are you untying the colt?" And they said, "The Lord has need of it." And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. And as he rode along, they spread their cloaks on the road. As he was drawing near—already on the way down the Mount of Olives—the whole multitude of his disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, saying, "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!" And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples." He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out."

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

SERMON **"Peace Be With You"** **Pastor Ellen Dawson**

WE RESPOND

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM **Pastor Brian Janssen**

THE PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY **"Hosanna to Our King!" by Lloyd Larson**
Bethany Choir; Percussion: The Robustos

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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)*

“All Glory, Laud and Honor”

No. 265

Timpani: Matt Robusto

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Refrain:

All glory, laud and honor to you, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

1 You are the King of Israel, and David's royal Son,
now in the Lord's name coming, our King and blessed One!

2 The company of angels are praising you on high,
creation and all mortals in chorus make reply: [Refrain]

3 The people of the Hebrews with palms before you went;
our praise and prayer and anthems before you we present: [Refrain]

4 To you, before your passion, they sang their hymns of praise;
to you, now high exalted, our melody we raise: [Refrain]

5 As you received their praises, accept the prayers we bring,
for you delight in goodness, O good and gracious King! [Refrain]

BENEDICTION *(Please Stand)*

Pastor Ellen Dawson

POSTLUDE

WELCOME TO BETHANY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

We are delighted to have you in worship with us today!

FOR OUR FAMILIES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN - A Nursery Room, under the guidance of Nursery Director, Melina Robinson, 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 in the sanctuary this morning are presented by
Ralph and Jaymi Neely in thanksgiving for 9 years of marriage.

Prayers for our College Students

Gunnar DeRoss - Sophomore at Miami University of Ohio

Sean Doty - Sophomore at West Virginia University

Gary Phillips would like to thank all those who helped in preparing and serving the Southwood Boys Home Dinner on March 19th as part of the Discipleship Teams' "7 Acts of Mercy" outreach.

We are baptizing Elsie Adeline Kurek, daughter of Bill and Stacy Zwigart Kurek, granddaughter of Shawn and Michele Zwigart, at our 10:45am service this morning.

PROGRAM AND EVENT NEWS

ACTIVITIES DURING LENT

During the season of Lent, we have organized the weeks according to the "7 Acts of Mercy," a list of actions Jesus gave as a directive to his disciples in Matthew 25 (and other places in Scripture). They are based on Jesus' teachings when he speaks of the judgment of the nations and are focused on the physical needs of others.

Week 7 – March 25th - 30th

VISIT THE SICK *Matthew 25:36*

This week, you can learn how to make a prayer shawl by looking up a pattern online (if you knit or crochet). The prayer shawl can then be given to one of our members who are unable to attend worship. If you're not a knitter, reach out to someone you know who is a caregiver or nurse and ask how you can pray for them!

BYG: UPCOMING EVENTS FOR BETHANY YOUTH GROUP. All 6th - 12th graders are invited to join us every Sunday! Mark your calendars for these events!

Sunday March 24th, 5:00pm-6:30pm, BYG Group Night in the Youth Lounge - this week is Easter themed! We will have an Easter Egg Hunt (with a youth group twist of course), and talk all about Easter! Come join us for a great way to kick off Holy Week and get ready for Easter.

Sunday March 31st - Easter! BYG will NOT be meeting on Easter.

Save the Date for Mini Golf on Sunday April 14th!

Students & Parents, if you haven't already, you can join our Remind for text updates about BYG! Text the message @byg2024 to the phone number 81010 -

If you have any issues just contact Abbie.

CREATION VBS – April 4th at 10AM - Rome wasn't built in a day and neither is Bethany's VBS! It's time to get the crafters together and start making some awesome decor for SCUBA - this year's Vacation Bible School theme!

Join Celina and Meagan as they host Creation VBS every 1st and 3rd Thursday from 10- 12PM in The Youth Lounge. This invitation is open, anyone can come when their schedule has an opening. No experience is necessary, just a willingness to help, ability to use a stapler, scissors and a hot glue gun. We hope to see you there!

MEN'S RETREAT at Oglebay, May 3-4. It is now time to not only save the date for the Bethany Men's Retreat but to also decide this year you plan to attend! Our accommodations will include a one-night stay (Double Occupancy) at Oglebay's Wilson Lodge, breakfast and 2 rounds of golf (optional) at the following rates:

Lodging only - \$111.08

Lodging and 1 round of golf - \$184.65 Lodging and 2 rounds of golf - \$258.21

Some other things to do at Oglebay

Oglebay Park -A large, public park with gardens, museums, a zoo, and outdoor activities including golf and hiking.

Good Zoo -Part of Oglebay Park, this zoo features various animal exhibits, including some rare and endangered species.

Wheeling Park -A community park offering golf, ice skating, swimming pools, and picnic areas. (4.6 miles from the hotel)

Kruger Street Toy & Train Museum -A museum dedicated to the preservation of toys and trains, offering exhibits across various time periods. (6.2 miles from the hotel location)

Wheeling Heritage Trail -A scenic walking and biking trail that runs along the Ohio River, offering beautiful views and a peaceful environment.

See Alec Heiskell at heiskella@protonmail.com or let the office know you are interested.

VBS - Go on an undersea adventure with us to “SCUBA VBS - Diving Into Friendship with God”! For children age 4 through entering 5th grade, June 17-21 from 9am - noon. Youth & adult volunteers are needed! Please contact Celina Farabaugh, if you have any questions or to sign up as a volunteer, at cfarabaugh19@gmail.com or 724-554-6370.

SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, June 22, 2024 --The Annual Bethany Church Golf Outing at Ft. Cherry Golf Club. (The Saturday after Father’s Day.)

MISSION NEWS AND OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

MISSION TEAM SOJOURNER HOUSE COLLECTION - The Mission Team will be holding a collection until April 28th for Sojourner House. Collection containers are located under the Mission Team Bulletin Board in the Welcome Center. The following items will be collected: Shampoo, Soap, Deodorant, Toothbrushes, Toothpaste, Feminine Products, Paper Towels, Laundry Soap, Toilet Paper, Cleaning Products

HELP WANTED - Regular Greeters at the Front Door of the church (Washington Ave. side). We are looking for people who can help for 15-20 minutes before church to welcome people as they come in. It's a great way to be involved without a large time commitment. Email membership@bethanypresby.org if you can help or for more information.

DONATIONS FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: A collection area for donated items has been set up in The Welcome Center. The items we are collecting will be used to create decorations. If you happen to have any of the following items at home that you're not using, feel free to donate them. Please note; unless specifically discussed with Celina or Meagan donated items will not be returned.

- Cardboard Rolls from: Paper Towels, toilet paper, vinyl, aluminum foil, cling wrap, wrapping paper, etc.
- Clean Pool Noodles
- Crepe Paper Streamers in shades of green
- Small to Medium shallow (Amazon like) sized boxes
- Underwater trinkets/ scuba or snorkeling gear
- Hot Glue Sticks – full or mini

SARRIS CANDY –The Sarris Candy sales proceeds for March are going to the Neighborhood Academy.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

A listing of our Sunday School Classes can be found on the screens in the Welcome Center.

Mark Rackley's Sunday School Class, which meets in the Chapel, is now working on a study of: 1, 2, & 3 John and the book of Jude.

WORSHIP AND WONDER – Children 4 years old through 2nd grade are welcome to follow the Worship and Wonder Teachers to the classroom (rm 234) after the Children's sermon each week during our 10:45AM service. All helpers need to be in 6th grade and above. Helpers also need to pre-register by calling Debby Hayes at 412-266-0982.

CHURCH FINANCES AS OF MARCH 17, 2024:

	2024 YTD (\$)	2023 YTD (\$)	+/- (\$)
Contributions*	\$ 114,085	117,681	\$ (3,596)
General Fund Subsidies (Transfers)	75,625	52,709	22,916
Investment Income **	7,083	4,451	2,632
Total General Fund Income	\$ 196,793	\$174,841	\$ 21,951
Year to Date Budget	194,638		
+/- Budget	\$ 2,155		

*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.

MARCH SPECIAL OFFERING - One Great Hour of Sharing

The special offering envelope for March supports the PC(USA) One Great Hour of Sharing Collection. A gift to One Great Hour of Sharing enables the church to share God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world by providing relief to those affected by natural disasters, providing food to the hungry, and helping to empower the poor and oppressed. Online giver? Not receiving envelopes? You can still donate to this special offering either by selecting "One Great Hour of Sharing" in the online giving portal or noting that your donation is for One Great Hour of Sharing on your check or a pew envelope. Thank you for your contribution to One Great Hour of Sharing!

WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, Mar 24 - PALM SUNDAY

Lenten Breakfast

Blood Drive

8:15AM and 10:45AM - Worship

9:30AM - Sunday School

12:00PM - Confirmation Class

5:00PM - BYG

Monday, Mar 25

6:30PM - Body Carpenter Workout

7:00PM - Session Meeting

Tuesday, Mar 26

6:30PM - Men's Huddle

7:00PM - Grief Class Book Study

7:00PM - Coed Dart Ball

7:00PM - ALANON

Wednesday, Mar 27

11:30AM - Knitters

7:00PM - Choir

7:00PM - Scouts

Thursday, Mar 28

MAUNDY THURSDAY

9:00AM - AM Mops

9:00AM - Quilters

7:00PM - Worship Service with Communion

Friday, Mar 29

GOOD FRIDAY

7:00PM - Tenebrae Service

Saturday, Mar 30

Sunday, Mar 31

EASTER

7:00AM - Sunrise Service at Melrose

8:15AM and 10:45AM - Worship