



“Unmovable”

SUNDAY, AUGUST 24, 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 "Standing on the Promises" **Lever Harp: Nadina Robusto**
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WELCOME **Abbie Gardner**

CALL TO WORSHIP *(Please Stand)* **Abbie Gardner**

Come, find your refuge in the Lord,
For God is our safe place and our joy.
Come, walk in the path of life,
For Christ is our sure foundation.
Come, rejoice in the presence of the Holy One,
For in God's presence there is fullness of joy.
Let us worship God!

OPENING PRAYER *(Please Stand)* **Abbie Gardner**

HYMN *(Please Stand)* "I Sing the Almighty Power of God!" **No. 31**
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- 1** We sing the al-mighty power of God that made the mountains rise,
that spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;
the moon shines full at his command, and all the stars obey.
- 2** I sing the goodness of the Lord that filled the earth with food;
he formed the creatures with his word and then pronounced them good.
Lord, how your wonders are displayed, where'er I turn my eye,
if I survey the ground I tread or gaze upon the skies.
- 3** There's not a plant or flower below but makes your glories known,
and clouds arise and tempests blow by order from your throne;
while all that borrows life from you is ever in your care,
and everywhere that I may be, you, God, are present there.

CALL TO CONFESSION *(Please be seated)* **Abbie Gardner**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Abbie Gardner

Merciful God, We confess that we have sought security in our own strength, and built our lives on shaky foundations. We have trusted in what fades and fails, and ignored your call to walk in your ways. Forgive us. Turn our hearts to you, our true refuge. Set our feet on the solid rock of your Word, and teach us to live in the joy of your presence. Through Christ our Lord we pray. Amen. *Silent Confession*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Abbie Gardner

Hear the good news: The One who calls us to follow also forgives us. In Jesus Christ, our sins are washed away, our lives are rebuilt on the firm foundation of grace. Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

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

Abbie Gardner

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

Abbie Gardner

FIRST READING

Matthew 7:21-27

Abbie Gardner

“Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven. On that day many will say to me, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?’ Then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; go away from me, you who behave lawlessly.’ “Everyone, then, who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall because

it had been founded on rock. And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not act on them will be like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell—and great was its fall!”

SECOND READING

Psalm 16:1-11

Rev. Dr. Tom Hall

Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge. I say to the Lord, “You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you.” As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble ones in whom is all my delight. Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows; their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names upon my lips. The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot. The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; I have a goodly heritage. I bless the Lord, who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me. I keep the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved. Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also rests secure. For you do not give me up to Sheol or let your faithful one see the Pit. You show me the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy; in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

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WE RESPOND

THE PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY

"Rainbows"

Soloist: Jenna Foltz

by Kacey Musgraves; Shane McAnally, and Natalie Hemby; cpr 2016 351 Music, Warner-Tamerlane Publishing Corp, EMI Blackwood Music Inc., These are Pulse Songs, Smack Hits and Smack Songs LLC

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

All this we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, our sure foundation and our risen Lord, 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*) **“How Can I Keep From Singing?”** **No. 424**

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1 My life flows on in endless song, above earth's lamentation.
I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new creation.

Refrain:

No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since Love is lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?

2 Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear that music ringing.
It finds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing? [Refrain]

3 What though my joys and comforts die, The Lord my Savior liveth.
What though the darkness gather round? Songs in the night he giveth. [Refrain]

4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing!
All things are mine since I am His! How can I keep from singing? [Refrain]

BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. Tom Hall

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

" A SPECIAL WELCOME again this morning to our Guest Preacher, the Reverend Tom Hall. Rev. Hall most recently served as the Pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Pittsburgh and is now honorably retired. Prior to becoming a pastor, Rev. Hall was a Colonel in the United States Air Force, graduating from the Air Force Academy in 1974. Tom and his wife Jana have two sons, Sean and Patrick, and five granddaughters. Sean is also a Presbyterian minister serving in Western PA."

PROGRAM AND EVENT NEWS

Time to Sing! - Have you thought about joining the Bethany Choir? Maybe this is the year for you! We would love to welcome you to the choir. Bethany Choir resumes rehearsals at 7 PM on Wednesday, August 27. No experience is necessary and no auditions are required! Childcare will be available, if needed. Please let Nadina know if you'd like to join us! music@bethanypresby.org

Bethany Youth Group Upcoming Events!

Monday August 25th we will meet at the Collier Chick-fil-A for milkshakes 6pm - 7pm! All upcoming 6th-12th grade students are invited to attend! Friends are always welcome.

Friday August 29th we will have **FroYo Friday** at Sincerely Yogurt! We will meet at Sincerely Yogurt in Bridgeville 5pm-6pm. All upcoming 6th-12th grade students are invited to attend and friends are always welcome!

The BYG Year will "officially" start on Sunday September 7th with a **BACK TO SCHOOL BASH!** 5pm-7pm. The entire family is invited to have dinner, tie dye shirts, compete in some competitions, and hear all the plans for youth ministry this year! All students entering preschool -12th grade and their families are invited for this event!

SECRET SISTER LUNCHEON – Sunday, September 21st at noon. If you are part of the 2025 Secret Sister program, you are invited to join us for a casual luncheon gathering. This is not a reveal luncheon, just a time to meet each other, and gather for some fellowship. The Reveal Luncheon will be in December.

UPCOMING BIBLE STUDY - Doug Bovard and Sharon Salvini will be leading a group study when Sunday school resumes September 14th! The study will be using the Westminster Confession of Faith by Joseph Pippa. Class will begin Sunday after the second service in the room across from the bride's room so please let Sharon or Doug know if you're interested!

MISSION NEWS AND OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

CHURCH FINANCES AS OF AUGUST 17, 2025

Thank you for your continued support.

	2025 YTD (\$)	2024 YTD (\$)	+/- (\$)
Contributions*	\$ 333,655	\$ 332,973	\$ 682
General Fund Subsidies (Transfers)	239,196	217,000	22,196
Investment Income **	9,952	31,405	(21,453)
Total General Fund Income	\$ 582,802	\$ 581,378	\$ 1,424
Year to Date Budget	592,413		
+/- Budget	\$ (9,611)		

*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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We are embarking on an exciting new chapter for Bethany's education wing! This is both an opportunity and a responsibility: to create a welcoming and inspiring environment for our children, teens, and families to learn, grow and thrive in their faith journey. Renovations include new carpeting, paint, furniture, sign-in station and decorations. If you feel called, we are asking for your heartfelt donations to help us support this important work. All gifts, great or small, are appreciated and will be used faithfully for this specific project. To donate, please contact the church office or you can make a note on your check/donation identifying it as Education Wing Renovation Donation. We thank every donor for their ongoing support and faith. With your help, our education wing will continue to be a light for learning and love in our church and our community for years to come.

AUGUST SPECIAL OFFERING - Disaster Relief Fund

The special offering envelope for August supports the Disaster Relief Fund administered through the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance program. Online giver? Not receiving envelopes? You can still donate to this special offering either by selecting "Disaster Relief Fund" in the online giving portal or noting that your donation is for the Disaster Relief Fund on your check or a pew envelope.

Thank you for your contribution to the Disaster Relief Fund.



BETHANY PRESCHOOL

ENROLLMENT IS NOW OPEN

FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

*Our experienced teachers and
engaging curriculum offer
children the opportunity
to learn and grow in a safe,
nurturing environment.*

**Don't forget to sign up for Preschool for the
upcoming school year! We are so excited for the
new year to start!**

WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, August 24

8:15AM and 10:00AM – Worship

Monday, August 25

6:30PM - Body Carpenter Workout

6:30PM - Men's Huddle

Tuesday, August 26

9:00AM – Chartiers Center

7:00PM – DQ Music

7:00PM – Session Meeting

7:00PM – ALANON

Wednesday, August 27

11:30AM – Knitters

7:00PM - Choir Practice

Thursday, August 28

9:00AM – Quilters

12:00PM – Rotary

6:30PM - Bloom

7:30PM - AA

Friday, August 29

Saturday, August 30

Sunday, August 31

Sunday School Teacher

Commissioning

8:15AM and 10:00AM – Worship