



# *“The Table of Transformation”*

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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

#### "Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross"

by William H. Doane; arr. James Southbridge; cpr2010 Lorenz Publishing

### WELCOME

Pastor Brian Janssen

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

Pastor Larry Ruby

The Lord calls us from the tree, from our hiding places, from our striving and shame.

**We come down to meet Him with open hearts and grateful spirits.**

In Christ, we are seen, known, and loved.

**In His presence, we find forgiveness, joy, and peace.**

Let us gather around the table of grace,

**For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost!**

Let us worship God!

### OPENING PRAYER *(Please Stand)*

Pastor Larry Ruby

### HYMN *(Please Stand)*

#### "For All the Saints"

No. 529

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- 1 For all the saints who from their labors rest, who thee by faith before the world  
confessed; thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia, Alleluia!
- 2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress and their might; thou, Lord, their captain in the well-  
fought fight; thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light. Alleluia, Alleluia!
- 5 But lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day: the saints triumphant rise in bright array;  
the King of glory passes on his way. Alleluia, Alleluia!
- 6 From earth's wide bounds, and ocean's farthest coast, through gates of pearl streams  
in the countless host, singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia, Alleluia!

### CALL TO CONFESSION

Pastor Larry Ruby

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Pastor Larry Ruby

Merciful God, We confess that we have turned away from You in thought, word, and deed. We have sought what is comfortable rather than what is faithful, and we have withheld grace from others even while living by Yours. Like Zacchaeus, we have climbed the trees of self-protection and pride, hoping to see You from a distance rather than welcome You in. Forgive us, Lord. Come into our homes and hearts this day. Transform our tables into places of mercy and reconciliation.

**Renew in us the joy of Your salvation. Through Jesus Christ, our host and our Redeemer. Amen. *Silent Confession***

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**Pastor Larry Ruby**

Hear the good news: Jesus said, "Today salvation has come to this house." In Him, our guilt is lifted, our sins are forgiven, and our lives are made new. Friends, believe the good news of 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**

**Pastor Larry Ruby**

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**

**Pastor Larry Ruby**

**FIRST READING**

**Psalms 32**

**Pastor Larry Ruby**

Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Happy are those to whom the LORD imputes no iniquity and in whose spirit there is no deceit. While I kept silent, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. *Selah* Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the guilt of my sin. *Selah* Therefore let all who are faithful offer prayer to you; at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters shall not reach them. You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with glad cries of deliverance. *Selah* I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you. Do not be like a horse or a mule, without understanding, whose temper must be curbed with bit and bridle, else it will not stay near you. Many are the torments of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the LORD. Be glad in the LORD and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.

**SECOND READING**

**Luke 19:1-10**

**Pastor Brian Janssen**

He entered Jericho and was passing through it. A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. When

Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today." So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. All who saw it began to grumble and said, "He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner." Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor, and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much." Then Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he, too, is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

## **SERMON**

### **"The Table of Transformation"**

**Pastor Brian Janssen**

## **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

## **CONFESSION OF 1967 9.15**

God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of man's mind. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals his love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful men. The power of God's love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of his love. Amen.

## **WE RESPOND**

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

## **THE OFFERTORY**

### **"Feed Us Now"**

**Bethany Choir**

Words and Music by Robin Mann; cpr1976 Mann, Robin

## **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**

## **COMMUNION**

## **THE INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE**

## **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Leader: Holy God, we praise You. Let the heavens be joyful, and the earth be glad. We bless You for creating the whole world, for Your promises to Your people Israel, and for Jesus Christ in whom Your fulness dwells. Born of Mary, He shares our life.

**People: Eating with sinners, He welcomes us.**

Leader: Guiding His children, He leads us.

**People: Visiting the sick, He heals us.**

Leader: Dying on the cross, He saves us.

**People: Risen from the dead, He gives new life.**

Leader: Therefore, we praise You, joining our voices with choirs of angels, and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of Your name.

**SANCTUS**      *Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.*

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again. 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.**

## **THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS** - People may now come forward.

Communion servers will serve from the front of the church and each row will be invited to come forward to receive the bread and cup. For those who are unable to come forward, communion will be still be offered to you at your seat after the standing participants are done.

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

### **WE ARE SENT**

**HYMN** (*Please Stand*)

**“Trust and Obey”**

**No. 443**

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**1** When we walk with the Lord in the light of his word, what a glory he sheds on our way!  
While we do his good will, he abides with us still, and with all who will trust and obey.

### **Refrain:**

Trust and obey, for there's no other way to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

**2** Not a burden we bear, not a sorrow we share, but our toil he will richly repay; not a grief or a loss, not a frown or a cross, but is blest if we trust and obey. [Refrain]

**3** But we never can prove the delights of his love until all on the altar we lay; for the favor he shows and the joy he bestows, are for them who will trust and obey. [Refrain]

**4** Then in fellowship sweet we will sit at his feet, or we'll walk by his side in the way; what he says we will do, where he sends we will go; never fear, only trust and obey.  
[Refrain]

## **BENEDICTION**

**Pastor Brian Janssen**

## **CLOSING RESPONSE**

**“May the Road Rise to Meet You”**  
by Lee Turner; cpr.1974 Broadman Press

**Bethany Choir**

## **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.

**WORSHIP AND WONDER** is during our 10:45am service! Children will leave with Miss Debby after the Children's Sermon. All kids from ages 3-2<sup>nd</sup> grade are invited! Teen helpers are to see Miss Debby and she can be reached at 412-266-0982.

## **NEWS FOR THE BODY OF CHRIST**

The flowers are presented to the Glory of God by Janet Jones.

## **PROGRAM AND EVENT NEWS**

**ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** is being held November 23<sup>rd</sup> immediately following the 10:45am worship service. Please plan to attend this important meeting at which we will elect Elders, Deacons and Auditors, and approve the 2026 Terms of Call for the Rev. Dr. Brian Janssen.

**NEW MEMBER CLASS** - We will be having a New Member Class on November 15<sup>th</sup>. The class will run from 9am-12pm on Saturday, November 15<sup>th</sup> in the Chapel. A light breakfast will be served. If there are any questions and to RSVP you can reach out to the Membership team at [Membershipchair@bethanypresby.org](mailto:Membershipchair@bethanypresby.org). Childcare will be provided.

## **BETHANY YOUTH GROUP UPCOMING EVENTS**

November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, and 16<sup>th</sup> will be BYG Group Nights 5:00pm-6:30pm. We will be focusing on Gratitude!! We hope to see you there!

The Laurelville Mud Weekend registration has been extended to Sunday November 16<sup>th</sup>. Grab a packet in the Welcome Center for more information!!

Sunday November 23<sup>rd</sup> we will meet in the kitchen after church to bake a variety of treats to then deliver to the residents of Bridgeville Towers!

Stay tuned for information on our December Events! We have some awesome things to look forward to!

**SECRET SISTER REVEAL LUNCHEON** – Join us for **The Reveal Luncheon** on December 7<sup>th</sup> at 12:00pm in Fellowship Hall! Contact Pat Mishizen 412-417-3541 or Judy Davidson 412-343-7530 for any questions. Appetizers and desserts will be provided. Hope to see you there! Pick up a Secret Sister packet for the 2026 season in the Welcome Center and fill out the questionnaire and return it to the church office by Sunday, November 9<sup>th</sup> if you would like to join!

**FRIENDSGIVING** – Join us on Sunday, November 9<sup>th</sup> at 12:00pm after the second service for our annual Friendsgiving and Potluck dinner! If you are interested in helping in the kitchen on Saturday the 8<sup>th</sup> or Sunday the 9<sup>th</sup> please contact Gary Phillips at 724-926-2682. Register with the QR code with how many will be attending and what Potluck dish you would like to bring!



**BLOOM AND CAFÉ BETHANY** – Join us for the last Bloom and Café Bethany event of the year on Thursday, November 13<sup>th</sup> starting at 6:00pm! There will be a catered dinner followed by a modern worship service for families! Register with the QR code below!





**BLOOD DRIVE** – Bethany Church is having a Blood Drive today, November 2<sup>nd</sup> from 8:00am – 1:30pm. Register at [vitalant.org](https://vitalant.org).

## **MISSION NEWS AND OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE**

### **CHURCH FINANCES AS OF OCTOBER 26, 2025**

*Thank you for your continued support.*

	2025 YTD (\$)	2024 YTD (\$)	+/- (\$)
Contributions*	\$ 430,623	\$ 429,263	\$ 1,360
General Fund Subsidies (Transfers)	307,515	278,875	28,640
Investment Income **	12,422	33,836	(21,414)
Total General Fund Income	\$ 750,560	\$ 741,974	\$ 8,586
Year to Date Budget	777,306		
+/- Budget	\$ (26,746)		

\*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.*

*“Who then is the faithful and wise manager, whom the master puts in charge of his servants to give them their food allowance at the proper time? It will be good for that servant whom the master finds doing so when he returns.”*

Jesus instructs us in Luke 12:42-43 that being a good steward of the Lord’s abundance is a privilege and a responsibility. Let us live faithfully and be ready for the Master’s return.

### **OCTOBER SPECIAL OFFERING - Men’s and Women’s Ministries**

The special offering envelope for October supports the Men’s and Women’s Ministries of Bethany.

Online giver? Not receiving envelopes? You can still donate to this special offering by noting that your donation is for the Men’s and Women’s Ministries on your check or a pew envelope.

Thank you for your contribution to the Men’s and Women’s Ministries at Bethany.



QR Code  
for online  
giving

## **WEEK AHEAD**

### **Sunday, November 2** **COMMUNION/COMMITMENT SUNDAY**

8:00AM - Blood Drive  
8:15AM and 10:45AM – Worship  
**YOUTH Ukulele after 10:45 service**  
9:30AM - Sunday School  
5:00PM – BYG Group Night

**Monday, November 3**  
6:30PM - Body Carpenter Workout  
6:30PM - Men's Huddle Group

**Tuesday, November 4**  
7:00PM – ALANON

**Wednesday, November 5**  
10:00AM - Fellowship of Prayer  
11:30AM – Knitters  
12:30PM – Hand Chimes  
6:30PM - Troop 2 Scouts  
7:00PM - Choir Practice

**Thursday, November 6**  
9:00AM – Quilters  
10:00AM – **ADULT** Ukulele  
12:00PM – Rotary  
6:30PM – Bloom  
7:00PM - Dart Ball  
7:30PM - AA

**Friday, November 7**

**Saturday, November 8**  
11:00AM - Knitters

**Sunday, November 9**  
**12:00PM - Friendsgiving Dinner**  
8:15AM and 10:45AM – Worship  
9:30AM - Sunday School  
5:00PM – BYG Group Night