



“Getting on With It”

10:45AM
MOTHER'S DAY
SUNDAY, MAY 12, 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 "Fairest Lord Jesus" Music from Schlesische Volkslieder
Arr Stan Pethel; Cello: Hope Trotta

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WELCOME

Pastor Brian Janssen

CALL TO WORSHIP (*Please Stand*)

Pastor Ellen Dawson

Happy are those who follow the ways of the Lord.

God's ways are just and merciful.

Those who follow God's ways are continually nourished in faith.

In all that they do, they prosper.

Come, let us open our hearts to God's compassionate love.

Let us celebrate God's mercy and justice.

Let us worship God!

OPENING PRAYER

Lord of lords, we praise You today, for You have sought to know us, claim us, and even love us. You are the God of relationships, and You seek a relationship with us. Through Your presence with us here, today, help us to better understand Your everlasting love. We pray this in Christ's name...And all God's people said...Amen.

HYMN (*Please Stand*)

"Alleluia, Sing to Jesus!"

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1 Alleluia, sing to Jesus! his the scepter, his the throne:
Alleluia! his the triumph, his the victory alone.
Hark! the songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood.
Jesus, out of every nation, has redeemed us by his blood.

2 Alleluia! not as orphans are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluia! he is near us; faith believes nor questions how.
Though the cloud from sight received him when the forty days were o'er,
shall our hearts forget his promise, "I am with you evermore?"

3 Alleluia! heavenly High Priest, here on earth our help, our stay;
Alleluia! hear the sinful cry to you from day to day.
Intercessor, Friend of sinners, earth's Redeemer, hear our plea,
where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Pastor Ellen Dawson

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, in your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of this world. Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people divided against ourselves as we cling to the values of a broken world. The profit and pleasures we pursue lay waste the land and pollute the seas. The fears and jealousies that we harbor set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation. We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom, of intellect and reason, and have turned them into bonds of oppression. Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us. Set us free to serve you in the world as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ. *Silent Confession*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news! Christ died for us, Christ rose for us,
Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.

The old life has gone; a new life has begun!

Brothers and sisters, know and believe the good news of the gospel:

In Jesus Christ you are forgiven.

Praise the Lord! 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 SERMON

Pastor Brian Janssen

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Pastor Ellen Dawson

FIRST READING

1 John 5:9-13

If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater, for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

SECOND READING

Acts 1:1-11

Pastor Brian Janssen

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and teach until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Getting on With It"

Pastor Brian Janssen

WE RESPOND

THE PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY "My Sheep Listen to My Voice" Cellist, Hope Trotta

Words and Music by Julie I. Myers and Shayla L. Blake; Arr. Shayla L. Blake

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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)*

"Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise"

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1 Hail the day that sees him rise, Alleluia!
to his throne beyond the skies; Alleluia!
Christ, the Lamb for sinners given, Alleluia!
enters now the highest heaven. Alleluia!

2 There for him high triumph waits, Alleluia!
lift your heads, eternal gates, Alleluia!
he has conquered death and sin. Alleluia!
Take the King of glory in! Alleluia!

3 See! the heaven its Lord receives, Alleluia!
yet he loves the earth he leaves, Alleluia!
though returning to his throne, Alleluia!
still he calls us all his own. Alleluia!

4 See! he lifts his hands above! Alleluia!
See, he shows the prints of love! Alleluia!
Hark! His gracious lips bestow, Alleluia!
blessings on his church below. Alleluia!

BENEDICTION *(Please Stand)*

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, 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

TODAY IS NAMETAG SUNDAY.

*We encourage you to take a moment to greet someone new,
or to say hi to someone you haven't seen for a while.*

HANGING BASKET SALE TODAY Flower Baskets are available for \$25.00 per basket. ALL proceeds from this sale will go to one of Bethany's Mission Partners: *LIVING IN LIBERTY*. Living in Liberty restores dignity, freedom and a new life to victims of commercial sexual exploitation by creating a safe, secure, loving and nurturing community where healing occurs and new life begins.

SECRET SISTERS - Reminder to the ladies participating in Secret Sisters. As we enter our busy summer season, don't forget to send a thoughtful note or an acknowledgment that she is in your thoughts and prayers.

SUMMER WORSHIP HOURS – Beginning on Sunday, May 26th, our Sunday Worship Services will be at 8:15am and 10:00am.

UPDATE MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION - Does our Church database have YOUR family membership record correct? Here is your chance to update YOUR record for our annual Guide Book & Directory (if you haven't already done so).

It is time for us to update our database with any changes, additions, or deletions that may have occurred in YOUR family over the past year. Have you changed your phone number? Have you moved? Are you preparing to move soon? Are all of your children still at home and are they all included in your membership record? Do you want your record published? If you have not already informed the Church Office about changes to your record, please let us know now so that the information in the Guide Book & Directory is correct. Thank you for your help!

CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS - The Bethany Discipleship Team encourages our members to register their kids for Summer Camps that will enrich their child's faith. You may apply for funds to assist with the cost. Application forms can be found in the Welcome Center, or on-line on our website. The current scholarship is a total of \$250 per child, per calendar year. **SCHOLARSHIP QUALIFICATIONS:**

- Parent or Legal Guardian* is a member of Bethany Presbyterian Church.
 - *Exception: If the child went through the Confirmation Program and joined the church even if their parent is not a member.
 - Age Limit: Entering 3rd Grade up to Young Adult, age 23.
 - Child/Youth/Young Adult must be active in the programs of the church.
- “Active” means that the child/youth/young adult attends at least 12 times during the year, including Sunday Worship, Sunday School, BYG, or other church events.
- Presbyterian or Christian Camp approved by the Discipleship team.

PROGRAM AND EVENT NEWS

BYG: UPCOMING EVENTS FOR BETHANY YOUTH GROUP.

All 6th - 12th grade students are welcome (and encouraged) to attend Bethany Youth Group

May 12th -Mother's Day -BYG will NOT be meeting today

May 19th - 5:00pm-6:30pm - BYG Group Night! Join us for a “mini pizza” night where we'll have Pizza Rolls, Pizza Bagels, and other fun Pizza flavored snacks! Our topic for tonight is all about Anxiety, and how we can go to God with all of our worries and anxieties!

May 26th -Memorial Day Weekend – BYG will not be meeting

Stay tuned for information for our June events!! 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 – May 16nd at 10AM - It's time to get the crafters together and make 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. The next Creation VBS, Thursday, May 16th will be **a take-home session** for extra-large dolphins, whales, turtles and other mega-sized sea creatures! If you are interested in taking home something to cut out please email Meagan at Marketing@bethanypresby.com. We welcome you to join us in creating the creation!

VBS – Registration is open on our website for 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.

DEAR BETHANY GOLFERS - Please consider joining us and bringing some friends to our annual Bethany Golf outing being held at Ft Cherry Golf Course on Saturday June 22nd. Our event is open to all golfers and uses a golfer friendly 'Scramble' format. Cost will be \$87 (cash/check) or \$90 (online payment) and includes your round of golf and luncheon afterwards! Registration forms can be completed and placed in the offering plates or dropped off at the church office – or register on-line on our website.

DANIEL at Sight and Sound Theater, September 4th and 5th. If you are interested in being a part of a trip to the Sight and Sound Theater in September to see the new production of "Daniel", please contact Carole Aspinall at 412-833-8114. This is a trip being led by our Golden Oldies, but all church members are welcome.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Worship and Wonder, and Sunday School, will be taking a hiatus for the summer. The last day for both will be next Sunday, May 19th. We hope to see you again in September.

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.

MISSION NEWS AND OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

DONATIONS FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: Thank you so much to all who have donated items! *We have received enough cardboard rolls. We are no longer in need of them.* We are in need of:

- Crepe Paper Streamers in shades of green
- Typewriter/Trace paper, various colors

PRAYERS FOR OUR MISSIONS – The Fellowship of Prayer is targeting prayers each month for missions we support. For the month of May, please join us in praying for the Malawi Chiradzulu Church of Central Africa Partnership (CCAP) with the Pittsburgh Presbytery and the Blantyre Synod in Malawi; and for the Sojourner House, which provides faith-based, compassionate residential recovery services in Pittsburgh.

SARRIS CANDY –The Sarris Candy sales proceeds for May are going to Campus Life.

CHURCH FINANCES AS OF MAY 5, 2024:

	2024 YTD (\$)	2023 YTD (\$)	+/- (\$)
Contributions*	\$ 188,672	193,128	\$ (4,456)
General Fund Subsidies (Transfers)	116,875	81,460	35,415
Investment Income **	15,457	8,501	6,956
Total General Fund Income	\$ 321,004	\$283,089	\$ 37,915
Year to Date Budget	323,596		
+/- Budget	\$ (2,592)		

*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.

May Special Offering – Youth Mission Fund -The special offering envelope for May supports future Youth Mission Trips. Online giver? Not receiving envelopes? You can still donate to these special offerings either by selecting “Youth Mission Trip” in the online giving portal or noting that your donation is for the Youth Mission Fund on your check or a pew envelope. Thank you for your prayers and support for the youth of Bethany!

WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, May 12

MOTHER'S DAY

8:15AM and 10:45AM - Worship

9:30AM – Sunday School

6:00PM – MOPS Steering Committee

Monday, May 13

6:30PM - Body Carpenter Workout

7:00PM – Session Teams

7:00PM – DQ Group

Tuesday, May 14

6:30PM - Men's Huddle

7:00PM - ALANON

Wednesday, May 15

11:30AM - Knitters

7:00PM - Choir

7:00PM - Scouts

Thursday, May 16

9:00AM – Quilters

10:00AM – Creation VBS

12:00PM – Rotary

12:00PM – Golden Oldies

7:30PM - AA

Friday, May 17

Saturday, May 18

FOOD BANK

Sunday, May 19

PENTECOST

8:15AM and 10:45AM - Worship

9:30AM – Sunday School (*the last day of Sunday School until September*)

5:00PM – BYG