



# *“Ready For Action!”*

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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

### "Give Thanks Unto the Lord Our God"

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### WELCOME

Pastor Brian Janssen

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

Dale Anderson

God the Lord speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

**God says, "Gather to me my faithful ones, who made a covenant with me."**

Those who bring thanksgiving as their sacrifice honor the Lord.

**To those who go the right way I will show the salvation of God.**

Let us worship God!

### OPENING PRAYER *(Please Stand)*

Dale Anderson

### HYMN *(Please Stand)*

### "How Firm a Foundation"

No. 411

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1 How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in His excellent Word! What more can he say than to you he has said, to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

2 Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed, for I am your God, and will still give you aid; I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand, upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

3 When through the deep waters I call you to go, the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow; for I will be near you, in trouble to bless, and sanctify to you your deepest distress.

4 When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie, my grace, all sufficient, shall be your supply; the flame shall not hurt you; I only design your dross to consume, and your gold to refine.

### CALL TO CONFESSION *(Please be seated)*

Dale Anderson

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Dale Anderson

By faith you called Abraham to sojourn, O God; by faith Sarah conceived even when she was past the age. We read of their witness and marvel at their obedience; our faith is meager by comparison. We rarely venture out without knowing the destination; we want to know what's in it for us before we commit ourselves to your call. Forgive our lack of daring and commitment and help us to trust you completely. Amen. *Silent Confession*

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Dale Anderson

Remember that “faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. . . . By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.” We can therefore look “forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God.” For by the faith of Jesus, the Cornerstone, we are forgiven. **Praise God! 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

Dale Anderson

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 PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Debby Hayes  
Dale Anderson

## FIRST READING

Genesis 15:1-6

Dale Anderson

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, “Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” But Abram said, “O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” And Abram said, “You have given me no offspring, so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.” But the word of the Lord came to him, “This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.” He brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your descendants be.” And he believed the Lord, and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

## SECOND READING

Luke 12:32-40

Pastor Brian Janssen

“Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. “Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night or near dawn and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. “But know this: if the owner of the house had known at

what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

**“Ready For Action!”**

**Pastor Brian Janssen**

## **WE RESPOND**

**COMMISSIONING OF SUMMERSVILLE MISSION TEAM**

**THE PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**THE OFFERTORY**

**"Holy Gifts We Offer"**

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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 THE LORD’S PRAYER**

## **WE ARE SENT**

**HYMN** (*Please Stand*)

**“For the Beauty of the Earth”**

**No. 40**

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**1** For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies, for the love which from our birth  
over and around us lies.

**Refrain:**

Christ, our Lord, to you we raise this, our hymn of grateful praise.

**2** For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night, hill and vale and tree and  
flower, sun and moon and stars of light, [Refrain]

**3** For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child, friends on earth, and friends  
above, for all gentle thoughts and mild, [Refrain]

**4** For the church that evermore lifteth holy hands above, offering up on every shore her  
pure sacrifice of love, [Refrain]

**BENEDICTION**

**Pastor Brian Janssen**

**POSTLUDE**

**"Toccata"**

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## **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**

The flowers are presented to the glory of God by Deb Pyle. The flowers are also presented to the glory of God by Janet Jones in honor of her parents.

A donation to the Memorial Fund in memory of Roberta Gerstacker was received from Elizabeth Bello.

## **PROGRAM AND EVENT NEWS**

A warm welcome and many thanks to our guest organist, Rebecca Gard. We thank you for sharing your incredible gifts with us!

**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](mailto:music@bethanypresby.org)

### **Bethany Youth Group Upcoming Events!**

**Monday August 18th and 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 to join us for this event!

**CHURCH PICNIC** - Come enjoy our Church Picnic! We will have our 10:00am church service on Sunday, August 17<sup>th</sup> at Fairview Park at the Rotary Pavilion followed by crafts and games and a **BAKE OFF!** Sign up for the BAKE OFF in the Welcome Center!

**DAY AT THE LAKE** - Join us again for the annual “**Day at the Lake**” scheduled for **Saturday, August 23rd from 11am-3pm** at the North Shore Beach at Moraine State Park! Sail boat rides, beach fun, and hotdogs and a great day out experiencing the park and the beach with free sail boat lessons as well! Contact Bill Paviol 412-722-3102 with any questions!

**Notice:** Doug Bovard and Sharon Salvini will be leading a group study when Sunday school resumes! 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 3, 2025**

*Thank you for your continued support.*

	2025 YTD (\$)	2024 YTD (\$)	+/- (\$)
Contributions*	\$ 320,056	\$ 318,495	\$ 1,561
General Fund Subsidies (Transfers)	224,014	203,250	20,764
Investment Income **	9,952	30,718	(20,766)
Total General Fund Income	\$ 554,021	\$ 552,463	\$ (1,559)
Year to Date Budget	557,455		
+/- Budget	\$ (3,434)		

\*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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*“And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.” 2<sup>nd</sup>*  
Corinthians 9:8 reminds us of God’s abundance and overflowing provision. As we give generously and serve faithfully, we can trust in His promise to supply us with everything we need to carry out His work. Let us use His blessings to glorify Him!

### **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 10**

8:15AM and 10:00AM – Worship

### **Monday, August 11**

6:30PM - Body Carpenter Workout

6:30PM - Men's Huddle

### **Tuesday, August 12**

6:45PM - Session Team Meetings

7:00PM – DQ Music

7:00PM – ALANON

### **Wednesday, August 13**

11:30AM – Knitters

### **Thursday, August 14**

9:00AM – Quilters

12:00PM – Rotary

6:30PM - Bloom

7:30PM - AA

### **Friday, August 15**

### **Saturday, August 16**

FOOD BANK

### **Sunday, August 17**

**CHURCH PICNIC AT FAIRVIEW PARK FOR SECOND SERVICE**

8:15AM and 10:00AM – Worship