



“Choosing for Holiness”

SUNDAY, JANUARY 3, 2021
10:45 A.M. EST
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To trust in Jesus
To love like Jesus
To grow in Jesus
To bring others to Jesus

WORSHIP THE LORD

*Sunday, January 3, 2021
Second Sunday After Christmas - 10:45 a.m.
www.bethanypresby.org/sermons*

*For those attending real time worship in the sanctuary, Please remain masked. For safety, join
in singing with a soft singing voice, or sing in spirit.*

WE GATHER

Prelude

“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”

J.S. Bach

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Welcome

Pastor Bill Youmans

Gathering Prayer

Sharon Salvini

WE PRAISE

Hymn No. 482

“Sanctuary”

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Lord, prepare me
To be a sanctuary,
Pure and holy,
Tried and true;
With thanksgiving,
I'll be a living
Sanctuary for You.
(repeat)

Invocation

Pastor Bill Youmans

Hymn No. 229

“The First Noel”

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1 The first Noel, the angel did say,
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as
they lay; in fields where they lay keeping
their sheep, on a cold winter's night that
was so deep.

Refrain:

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,
born is the King of Israel.

2 They looked up and saw a star
shining in the east, beyond them far,
and to the earth it gave great light,

and so it continued both day and night.
[Refrain]

3 And by the light of that same star
three wise men came from country far,
to seek for a king was their intent,
and to follow the star wherever it went.
[Refrain]

4 Then let us all with one accord
sing praises to our heavenly Lord,
who hath made heaven and earth of naught,
and with his blood our life hath bought.
[Refrain]

WE LISTEN

Prayer of Confession

Sharon Salvini

Heavenly Father, you adopted us, and made us heirs of eternal life. On our own, we are unfit to live with you. We fail to live your family values. Our reactions and choices are against your ways. You are holy and we fall short. Have mercy on us when our lives fail to reflect Jesus. Remind us of the new and beautiful life you have planted in us. Hear us now as we confess our shortcomings to you... (Pray in Silence)

Assurance of Pardon

Sharon Salvini

Response

“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.

Prayer of Illumination

Sharon Salvini

First Reading

Exodus 19:1-6

On the third new moon after the Israelites had gone out of the land of Egypt, on that very day, they came into the wilderness of Sinai. (2) They had journeyed from Rephidim, entered the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness; Israel camped there in front of the mountain. (3) Then Moses went up to God; the LORD called to him from the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the Israelites: (4) You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. (5) Now therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, (6) but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites."

Hymn No. 664

"Thy Word"

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Chorus

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet,
And a light unto my path.
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet,
And a light unto my path.

1 When I feel afraid,
And I think I've lost my way,
Still You're there right beside me.
Nothing will I fear,
As long as You are near,
Please be near me to the end,

Chorus

2 I will not forget,
Your love for me, and yet
My heart forever is wandering.
Jesus, be my guide,
And hold me to Your side,
I will love You to the end.

Chorus

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, (2) To the church of God in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus and called to be his holy people, together with all those everywhere who call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ--their Lord and ours: (3) Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. (4) I always thank my God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus. (5) For in him you have been enriched in every way--with all kinds of speech and with all knowledge-- (6) God thus confirming our testimony about Christ among you. (7) Therefore you do not lack any spiritual gift as you eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed. (8) He will also keep you firm to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. (9) God is faithful, who has called you into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

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WE RESPOND

Hymn No. 393

“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

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1 Blest be the tie that binds
our hearts in Christian love;
the fellowship of kindred minds
is like to that above.

2 Before our Father's throne
we pour our ardent prayers;
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,
our comforts and our cares.

3 We share our mutual woes,
each other's burdens bear;
and often for each other flows
the sympathizing tear.

4 From sorrow, toil, and pain,
and sin we shall be free;
and perfect love and friendship reign
through all eternity.

Installation of Officers

Elder Tom Aspinall
Class of 2021

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Sharon Salvini

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.

Dedication Prayer

Pastor Bill Youmans

Response

“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.

Benediction

Pastor Bill Youmans

Postlude

NEWS FOR THE BODY OF CHRIST

Donation Request: Diabetes/Small Medical Supplies

Jean Roemer has learned of an upcoming opportunity to send diabetes and small medical supplies to Malawi. ***If you have any diabetes supplies and/or small medical supplies that you are not using, we would be grateful for the donation.*** Donations can be dropped off on Sunday mornings, or contact the church office to make arrangements for weekday drop offs.

Welcome Our New Senior Pastor – Rev. Brian Janssen

It is an exciting time at Bethany as we prepare for our new senior pastor, the Rev. Brian Janssen, to begin on January 13. We invite you to join us for worship on Sunday, January 17 to welcome him on his first Sunday.

Sunday, January 10, will be the Rev. Bill Youmans last Sunday with us. Please join us for worship to wish him well!

Kids on the Move: Join us for a children's fellowship hour this Sunday!

We're so excited to welcome you and your children back to the nursery! We've put in place several protocols to make sure that your family stays safe and healthy. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Melina Robinson at melinamcconnell0@gmail.com.

As a reminder, the nursery will be open for both church services at 8:15 and 10:45 a.m.

- **Cleaning and Sanitation:** The entire space will be cleaned before and after each session utilizing the church's approved sprayer. Toys and supplies will be sanitized throughout the session. Any toy that has been potentially exposed to germs (i.e. sneezed or coughed on) will be placed in a bin until it can be properly disinfected.
- **Personal Protective Equipment:** Masks are required for children 2 years old and up. Nursery staff will be wearing face shields or masks.
- **Drop-off and Pick-up:** The church's COVID safety procedures will be required for all entering the building, including conducting a temperature scan and answering health and safety questions.
- **Hand Washing:** Everyone will be required to wash their hands before entering and exiting and during transitions.

Printed Offering Envelopes - New Schedule for 2021

Bethany will be transitioning to a quarterly mailing schedule for printed offering envelopes in 2021. You will receive your three-month supply of envelopes, including special offering collections, in December 2020, March 2021, June 2021 and September 2021. This new mailing structure has helped the church achieve savings by reducing the mailing schedule while maintaining the same envelope delivery service we have had in the past.

Thank you for your continued generosity! If you have any questions regarding this change, or if you'd like to stop receiving printed envelopes and change to online giving, please contact Kim McCann in the Finance Office (finance@bethanypresby.org) or any member of the Stewardship team.

WORSHIP INFORMATION

Ways to Worship from Home

We will continue to provide a livestream and audio option for worship with us on Sunday at 10:45 a.m. To listen to worship, simply use the dial-in information below. The number changes weekly, for security purposes, and will be updated by Thursday afternoon. To make sure you have the most accurate information, call the church at 412-221-5132 and dial extension 282 or visit the website at www.bethanypresby.org/sermons

The livestream will be available on the homepage of the website in addition to streaming on Facebook. We encourage you to like our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/bethanypresby) to make sure you receive reminders to watch service and updates on other upcoming events or happenings. If you have any questions, please contact tech@bethanypresby.org.

In-Person Worship Policies and Procedures

Our task force continues to monitor the COVID-19 pandemic and stays up to date on the latest guidelines. We continue to ask that you use good judgement. Please take a moment to familiarize yourself with our procedures and ensure you only return to church if you are symptom free and not considered high-risk. For more information visit: www.bethanypresby.org/covid-19

WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, January 3	Thursday, January 7
8:15 and 10:45 a.m.: In-Person Worship 10:45 a.m.: Livestream Worship	Pray for Dennis and Jackie Farrer 9:15 a.m.: Quilting
Monday, January 4	Friday, January 8
Pray for JR, Mandy, Tyler and Kathryn Evans 7:00 p.m.: Deacon Meeting 7:00 p.m.: PW Body Carpenter Workout	Pray for Bill, Samantha, Ava and Grace Faulkner
Tuesday, January 5	Saturday, January 9
Pray for Taylor Exacustides	Pray for Paul, Michelle, Storm and Sage Figura
Wednesday, January 6	Sunday, January 10
Pray for Jeff, Celina, Ashley and Hannah Farabaugh 10:00 a.m.: Fellowship of Prayer	Ordination and Installation Sunday 8:15 and 10:45 a.m.: In-Person Worship 10:45 a.m.: Livestream Worship

FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE

Church Finances as of December 27, 2020:

	2020 YTD (\$)	2019 YTD (\$)	+/- (\$)
Contributions*	514,451	575,507	(61,057)
General Fund Subsidies (Transfers)	220,644	225,644	(5,000)
Investment Income **	7,595	19,758	(12,163)
Total General Fund Income	742,689	820,908	(78,219)
Year to Date Budget	804,444		
+/- Budget	(61,755)		

*For purposes of this report, any prepaid pledges have been spread over 52 weeks.

** Investment income is updated monthly upon receipt of investment statements.

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP SHEET

Directions: Memorize the verse and answer the two questions as you listen to the Children's message. Remember to repeat the key words when the teacher says them and also repeat the prayer as well. Find the key words on the word search and enjoy everything you do.

Memory Verse: 1 Corinthians 1:4 "I always thank my God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus."

1. What does grace mean to you?
2. How does Jesus Christ give you grace?

Keywords – Always, Thank, God, Grace, Given, Christ, Jesus

Children's Prayer:

Dear God,
Thank you for giving us your grace through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen!

Word Search 1 Corinthians 1:4

F	S	J	I	B	W	N	G	Q	O	T	L	I	I	W	B
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B	W	Y	K	V	J	L	A	K	L	W	A	P	Y	N	R
Q	L	S	N	Q	I	Y	Y	L	K	P	P	R	E	G	M
J	A	V	J	Y	B	L	B	C	Q	P	J	V	G	B	K
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ALWAYS CHRIST GIVEN GOD GRACE JESUS THANK

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