



“The Truth and The King”

10:45AM
CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2023

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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 "Rejoice, the Lord Is King!" arr. Anna Laura Page; by John Darwall
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WELCOME

Pastor Ellen Dawson

CALL TO WORSHIP *(Please Stand)*

Laura Dugan

We give thanks and praise to Jesus Christ, King and Lord of all!

Jesus has the name above all names!

We sing to the King of righteousness, who humbled himself only to be exalted.

At the name of Jesus, every knee will bow!

He is the Lord of Lords, and the King of Kings,

We will forever praise His Holy name!

Let us give Him all glory, honor, and praise, now and forevermore.

OPENING PRAYER *(Please Stand)*

Laura Dugan

HYMN *(Please Stand)*

"Rejoice, the Lord Is King!"

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1 Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, and triumph evermore: Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

2 Our Savior, Jesus, reigns, the God of truth and love; when he had purged our stains, he took his seat above: Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

3 His Kingdom cannot fail, he rules both earth and heaven; the keys of death and hell are to our Jesus given: Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

4 Rejoice in glorious hope for Christ the Judge shall come to gather all his saints to their eternal home: Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

CALL TO CONFESSION

Laura Dugan

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Laura Dugan

Dear Lord, we worship You as our God and King, as the One true God, as the faithful Guardian of our souls. We come to You in this time of worship to stop, to breathe, and to listen. We want to open our hearts to You and share the secrets we keep, our sins, and our lack of faith. We lay it all before You. We confess that we have sinned and are in desperate need of You, Jesus, our Redeemer. We have followed the enticing idols offered by the world instead of worshipping You alone. In the safe place of prayer, Lord, hear our hearts speak. We are sorry; please

forgive us. Holy Spirit, come inside our hearts and transform us by Your love and forgiveness, we humbly pray.
Silent Prayer of Confession.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Laura Dugan

Jesus came to us not to reign as a king over us, but to serve us. He gave himself so that we might be redeemed. Know and believe the Good News of the Gospel: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! 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

Laura Dugan

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 Music as you all take a moment to share the peace of Christ with those around you.

WE LISTEN

CHILDREN'S MUSIC

"Join Hands and Sing" by John D. Miller

Soloist: Jenna Foltz and the Sunday school Singers

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PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Laura Dugan

FIRST READING

2 Samuel 23:1-7 (NRSV)

Laura Dugan

Now these are the last words of David:

The oracle of David, son of Jesse, the oracle of the man whom God exalted,
the anointed of the God of Jacob, the favorite of the Strong One of Israel:
The spirit of the LORD speaks through me; his word is upon my tongue.

The God of Israel has spoken; the Rock of Israel has said to me:

"One who rules over people justly, ruling in the fear of God,
is like the light of morning, like the sun rising on a cloudless morning,
gleaming from the rain on the grassy land."

Is not my house like this with God? For he has made with me an everlasting covenant,
ordered in all things and secure.

Will he not cause to prosper all my help and my desire?

But the godless are all like thorns that are thrown away, for they cannot be picked up
with the hand; to touch them one uses an iron bar or the shaft of a spear.

And they are entirely consumed in fire on the spot.

SECOND READING**John 18:33-37 (ESV)****Pastor Ellen Dawson**

So Pilate entered his headquarters again and called Jesus and said to him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” Jesus answered, “Do you say this of your own accord, or did others say it to you about me?” Pilate answered, “Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have delivered you over to me. What have you done?” Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But my kingdom is not from the world.” Then Pilate said to him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world—to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice.”

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.**SERMON****“The Truth and The King”****Pastor Ellen Dawson****WE RESPOND****THE PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS****THE OFFERTORY****"My God, My King, Thy Praise I Sing"****author: Henry F. Lyte; composer: Gordon Young**

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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*)

“Be Thou My Vision”

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1 Be thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art--
thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

2 Be thou my Wisdom, and thou my true Word, I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou and thou only, first in my heart, high King of heaven, my Treasure thou art.

3 High King of heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's
Sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

BENEDICTION (*Please Stand*)

Pastor Ellen Dawson

POSTLUDE

WELCOME TO BETHANY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

We are delighted to have you in worship with us today!

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, or outside of the Nursery.

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 in our Sanctuary this morning are presented
in memory of Bruce Nelson Colwell by his loving wife and sons.

POINSETTIAS – Are now on sale for Christmas. **TODAY IS THE LAST DAY FOR ORDERS.** Cost is \$8 for either a white, red or pink 6" pot. Order forms are available in the Welcome Center or email the church at office@bethanypresby.org.

WANTED

Sound Board Operator Volunteers for the 8:15am service!

Qualified candidates need to be able to hear & see the front of the church from the balcony, have at least one finger to push a button on queue and stay alert and quiet during the 8:15 service. It is a very easy, but important job. We have successfully trained nine year olds and sixty year olds! Call or text Mike Segeleon at 412-389-0985 if you have any questions or would like to part of this important team!

Sound Engineer Volunteer for Thursday Evening Bloom Sessions!

Qualified candidates must be available from 6:00pm-8:30pm Thursday evenings. Skills needed are for the setup and tear down of our small portable sound system, Lift 35 lb. Speakers onto stands, run cables and plug all the parts together. Also operate a 16 channel mix board & adjust volume levels as needed during the Bloom Session. None of these tasks are hard to learn and we can train anyone who has an interest. Call or text Mike Segeleon at 412-389-0985 if you have any questions or would like to part of this ministry!

Food Bank Angel Tree- Angels for our Food Bank Children are available in the Welcome Center. Please have your gifts/donations to the church by December 10th – unwrapped with the angel attached

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

There are no Sunday School classes today.

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. All helpers need to be in 6th grade and above. Helpers also need to pre-register by calling Debby Hayes at 412-266-0982.

MISSION NEWS AND OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

GIFT CARDS FOR SALE – Giant Eagle, Shop N Save and Starbucks cards are available for sale in the Welcome Center at the Sarris Candy cart. Perfect for the upcoming holidays! It’s first come, first served on the card inventory that we have - we are no longer taking orders for scrip/gift cards. Proceeds from the sales benefits the missions of the church.

SARRIS CANDY – Proceeds from Sarris Candy sales in the month of November will go to Guardian Angel Service Dogs. The primary focus is on rescuing, raising, and training the highest caliber medical service/assistance dogs. Highly trained dogs are paired with individuals afflicted by disabilities, including a focus on veterans with combat wounds.

NOVEMBER SPECIAL OFFERING - Membership Support Fund

The special offering envelope for November supports the Membership Support Fund. This fund benefits Bethany members in need of assistance. Online giver? Not receiving envelopes? You can still donate to this special offering either by selecting "Membership Support" in the online giving portal or noting that your donation is for the Membership Support Fund on your check or a pew envelope. Thank you for your contribution to Bethany members in need through the Membership Support Fund!

CHURCH FINANCES AS OF NOVEMBER 12, 2023:

	2023 YTD (\$)	2022 YTD (\$)	+/- (\$)
Contributions*	\$ 488,099	\$489,906	\$ (1,808)
General Fund Subsidies (Transfers)	363,588	302,518	61,041
Investment Income **	2,103	(36,429)	38,532
Total General Fund Income	\$ 853,760	\$755,995	\$ 97,765
Year to Date Budget	885,068		
+/- Budget	\$ (31,308)		

*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.

WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, Nov 26

8:15AM & 10:45AM -Worship

5:00PM – BYG

6:00PM – The Chosen

Monday, Nov 27

7:00PM – Body Carpenter Workout

Tuesday, Nov 28

6:30PM – Men's Huddle

7:00PM – Coed Dart Ball

7:00PM – ALANON

Wednesday, Nov 29

11:30AM – Knitters

7PM – Choir

7pm – Scouts

Thursday, Nov 30

9AM – AM MOPS

9AM - Quilters

12PM – Rotary

6:30PM – Bloom Service

7PM – Dartball

7:30PM - AA

Friday, Dec 1

Saturday, Dec 2

9AM – Cantata Practice

Sunday, Dec 3

8:15AM – Worship

10:45AM -Worship with Cantata

5:00PM – BYG

7:00PM – The Chosen

A reminder that with the approaching holidays, staff is extremely busy, and many have scheduled vacations. If you need to meet with a staff member, we ask that you make an appointment if possible, to assure the staff person's availability.