Bethany
Presbyterian Church

The Parable of the Ten Bridesmaids

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2026
10:45AM

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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 **"It is Good to Sing Thy Praises" Lever Harp: Nadina Robusto**
by William P. Rowlands; arr. Hugh A. Callison; Afghan Press

WELCOME **Pastor Justin Miller**

CALL TO WORSHIP *(Please Stand)* **Pastor Brian Janssen**

I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.
My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad.
O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together.
I sought the Lord, and he answered me, and delivered me from all my fears.
5 Look to him, and be radiant; so your faces shall never be ashamed.
This poor soul cried, and was heard by the Lord, and was saved from every trouble.
The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them.
O taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are those who take refuge in him.

OPENING PRAYER *(Please Stand)* **Pastor Brian Janssen**

HYMN *(Please Stand)* **"Great is Thy Faithfulness"** **No. 72**

1 Great is thy faithfulness, O God, my Father,
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
as thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:
Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see; all I have needed thy hand hath provided -- great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

2 Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

Refrain

3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine and ten thousand beside!

Refrain

CALL TO CONFESSION *(Please be seated)* **Pastor Brian Janssen**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION **Pastor Brian Janssen**
Faithful God, you have shown us your goodness, yet we do not always turn to you when we need strength. We allow the busyness of life to crowd out prayer and rely on our own efforts rather than trusting in your grace. We sometimes treat faith as something we can set aside until we need it, forgetting that a life rooted in you requires our ongoing attention. Forgive us, Lord. Renew our desire to seek you, help us choose your ways in our daily lives, and teach us to cultivate a faith that endures through seasons of waiting and uncertainty. Amen. *Silent Confession*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON **Pastor Brian Janssen**
Hear the good news: God is gracious and merciful, steadfast in love and faithful to the promises made to God's people. When we turn away, God continues to call us back; when our faith grows weak, God's grace remains sure. Friends, believe the Good News: **Through Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and given new life. 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.

PASSING OF THE PEACE **Pastor Brian Janssen**
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 Brian Janssen**

FIRST READING **Joshua 24:14-18** **Pastor Brian Janssen**

"Now, therefore, revere the Lord and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt and serve the Lord. Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living, but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods, for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went and among all the peoples through whom we passed, and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God."

SECOND READING **Matthew 25:1-13** **Pastor Justin Miller**

"Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten young women took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those young women got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet, and the door was shut. Later the other young women came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON **The Parable of the Ten Bridesmaids** **Pastor Justin Miller**

WE RESPOND

THE PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY **"Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"** **Bethany Choir**

by WIlliam J. Kirkpatrick; arr. W.F. Schmidt; cpr 2016 Willhelm Schmidt

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)*

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER **Pastor Brian Janssen**

We pray this in the name of our Savior, who taught us to pray, saying… 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)* **"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"** **No. 419**

1 My faith looks up to Thee, thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine!
Now hear me while I pray, take all my guilt away;
O let me from this day be wholly thine!

2 May thy rich grace impart strength to my fainting heart,
my zeal inspire; as thou hast died for me, O may my
love to thee pure, warm, and changeless be, a living fire!

3 While life's dark maze I tread, and griefs around me spread,
be thou my guide; bid darkness turn to day, wipe sorrow's
tears away, nor let me ever stray from thee aside.

4 When ends life's transient dream, when death's cold, sullen stream
shall o'er me roll, blest Savior, then, in love, fear and distrust remove;
O bear me safe above, a ransomed soul!

BENEDICTION

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.

NEWS FOR THE BODY OF CHRIST

Today's ushers are Deb Pyle, Karen Talerico, Sue Nagy and Heather Lucas

The flowers this morning are presented to the Glory of God by Karl and Sharon Salvini

NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY - UPDATE YOUR INFO – If any of your information has changed, please fill out one of the Update Cards located on the last page of this bulletin and also in the Welcome Center as we are preparing for a **new Church Directory**. Place completed card in the basket in the Welcome Center or in the offering plate by **November 29th, 2026.**

PROGRAM AND EVENT NEWS

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES DURING THE 10:45 SERVICE

Please note that we have the following Opportunities for children during the 10:45 Service:

Worship and Wonder for Children ages 3 to 2nd grade where children learn more about worshipping God. They are starting the year with the story of the Good Shepherd and then continuing stories of Creation and the Old Testament.

Faith and Friends for children in 3rd through 5th grade where children will explore lessons from the Bible in Life Curriculum through interactive learning, meaningful discussion and hands-on-activities. The Scripture lesson is the same as Sunday School; however, the lesson content and activities are different.

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION – Preschool registration for the 2026/2027 school year is still open on our website! Contact Danielle Gioia at Gioia.preschool@gmail.com with any questions! We are so excited for the coming year!

ADULT CHIMES AND HANDBELL TREE -We will resume in November! If you are interested in learning to ring, ding, hit, or hammer a joyful noise in worship - please message Nadina for more information about joining us this season at music@bethanypresby.org

CITY MISSION DONATIONS- The City Mission, one of Bethany's Mission Partners, has installed a new **Blue** donation collection bin located on the side of the church next to the **red shed in front of the extended parking area. They advised that they would be making collections every Monday.**

ROTARY COMMUNITY PROJECT– The Rotary of Bridgeville-South Fayette is initiating a Community Service Program for Bridgeville and South Fayette families (limited scope). The Rotary will assess every request; however as they have a limited number of members and limited skills, they would welcome any individuals who would be able to help. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Bill Paviol at 412-722-3102. Please keep the Rotary and this Project in your prayers.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – is being held **November 22, 2026** 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 2027 Terms of Call for the Rev. Dr. Brian Janssen and the Terms of Call for the Rev. Justin Miller.

BETHANY DEACONS BACKPACK DRIVE - The Bethany Deacons are hosting another backpack drive to gift to the Southwood Boy's home. These bags will be gifted to every new admission throughout the 2027 year. **We will be collecting donations until November 29th.** You will be supporting the purchasing of the backpack and the essential items we provided them with: socks, towels, toothbrush, shampoo, a Bible and more! All items are purchased and put together by the Deacons. Cash or checks made out to Bethany Presbyterian Church with **"backpack"** in the memo are accepted. You can drop an envelope with cash or a check in the collection bag on the poster in the Welcome Center, place it in the offering collection plate or give to Edgar Shaffer.

SECRET SISTER NEWS – We are starting our Secret Sister operation for the 2027 season and have placed Secret Sister Packets in the Welcome Center. Please pick up one, fill out the questionnaire and place the completed form in the collection bag included on the display by **TODAY, Sunday, November 8th** if you would like to be a part of the Secret Sisters next year. We would love to have you! Also, please **"Save the Date"** of **December 6th** for our Reveal Luncheon at 12:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. If you have any questions, please contact Pat Mishizen at 412-417-3541 or Judy Davidson at 412-343-7530.

BLOOM AND CAFÉ BETHANY – Our next Bloom and Café Bethany event will be this **Thursday, November 12th at 6:00pm**. There will be a catered dinner followed by a Modern Worship Service for families at **7:00pm**. We would love to see you there as **this will be our last one for 2026**. Please sign up on the signup sheet located in the Welcome Center.

LAURELVILLE MUD WEEKEND - is quickly approaching! All 6th - 12th grade students are invited to come to LMW **December 11th - 13th**. There are information packets on the Ministry Table in the Welcome Center. It is a great weekend of fun, high-energy worship, messages, discussions, and of course the MUD! Cost is $150 ($30 deposit to save your spot, then $120 remaining balance to be paid by December 1st.)

CHURCH FINANCES AS OF NOVEMBER 1, 2026

Thank you for your continued support.

	2026 YTD ($)	2025 YTD ($)	+/- ($)
Contributions*	$ 477,782	$ 442,970	$34,812
General Fund Subsidies (Transfers)	323,880	308,140	15,740
Investment Income **	10,958	13,609	(2,651)
Total General Fund Income	$ 812,620	$ 764,719	$47,901
Year to Date Budget	781,816		
+/- Budget	$ 30,804		

*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.

QR Code for online giving

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!

WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, November 8
8:15AM – Worship
9:30AM - Sunday School
10:45AM – Worship
Adult and Youth Ukulele Practice – after 10:45 Service
12:00PM Friendsgiving
4:30PM – Bethany Youth Group Urban Air Adventure Park

Monday, November 9
4:30PM - Body Carpenter Workout
6:30PM - Men's Huddle Group

Tuesday, November 10
10:00AM – Additional Choir Rehearsal
6:45PM – Session Teams Meeting
7:00PM – ALANON

Wednesday, November 11
9:30AM - Staff Bell Choir
11:30AM – Knitters
6:30PM – Budget Committee Meeting
7:00PM – Cantata / Choir Practice

Thursday, November 12
9:00AM – MomCO AM
9:00AM – Quilters
12:00PM - Rotary
6:00PM – Bloom and Café Bethany
7:00PM – Modern Worship Service
7:00PM – MomCO PM
7:00PM - Dartball
7:30PM – AA

Friday, November 13

Saturday, November 14

Sunday, November 15
8:15AM – Worship
9:00AM – Troop 2 Pancake Breakfast
9:30AM - Sunday School
10:45AM – Worship
Adult and Youth Ukulele Practice after 10:45 Service
12:00PM – Intercessory Prayer
5:00PM – Bethany Youth Group Friendsgiving

ANY CHANGES TO YOUR
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PLACE COMPLETED CARD IN THE BASKET IN THE WELCOME CENTER OR IN THE OFFERING PLATE BY NOVEMBER 29TH 2026



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