



Given to This Church: II. A Mighty Extravagance

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, 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 **"Angels Watching Over Me"** written and led by Bonnie Hendershot
Harmonization by the Bethany Choir

WELCOME **Pastor Brian Janssen**

CALL TO WORSHIP *(Please Stand)* **Pastor Justin Miller**

Please stand if you are able and join in the call to worship.

Someone unlocked these doors this morning.

Someone turned on the lights, swept the floor, and made this room warm.

Before any of us arrived, the work of this day had already begun.

And long before that, God was at work — and is working still.

We come to worship the God who provides,

who gives before we think to ask, and keeps giving when we forget to say thank you.

Come, then. Let us worship God together.

With glad and grateful hearts, we come.

OPENING PRAYER *(Please Stand)* **Pastor Justin Miller**

HYMN *(Please Stand)* **"When Morning Gilds the Skies"** **No. 111**

- 1** When morning gilds the skies, my heart awaking cries, may Jesus Christ be praised! Alike at work and prayer to Jesus I repair, may Jesus Christ be praised!

- 2** Does sadness fill my mind? A solace here I find, may Jesus Christ be praised! Or fades my earthly bliss? My comfort still is this, may Jesus Christ be praised!

- 3 The night becomes as day, when from the heart we say, may Jesus Christ be praised! The powers of darkness fear when this sweet chant they hear, may Jesus Christ be praised!
- 4 Be this, while life is mine, my canticle divine, may Jesus Christ be praised! Be this th'e eternal song through all the ages long, may Jesus Christ be praised!

CALL TO CONFESSION *(Please be seated)*

Pastor Justin Miller

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Pastor Justin Miller

Gracious God, we are restless people in a world you have filled. You have given us more than we can name, and still we lie awake counting what we lack. We confess that we notice what is missing and overlook what is already here. We take for granted the work of hands we never see. We receive, and do not return thanks. We hold tightly what you gave us to hold loosely. Forgive us. Teach us to recognize enough when we have it. Loosen our grip, and steady our trust, and let our whole lives be the thanks we have been slow to say; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silent Confession

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor Justin Miller

Hear the good news. There are people in this church's long history whose names no one here remembers — who taught, and swept, and cooked, and prayed, and were never once thanked. God has not forgotten a single one of them. And God has not forgotten you. You are not loved because your work was noticed. You are loved because Jesus Christ has claimed you, and nothing can undo that. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel. **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. 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 Justin Miller

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.**

Let us share the peace of Christ with our neighbor.

WE LISTEN

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP

STEWARDSHIP VIDEO

MOMENT FOR MISSION

The kids can come forward for the Children's Sermon

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Debby Hayes

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Pastor Justin Miller

FIRST READING

I Thessalonians 2:1-8

Pastor Justin Miller

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but, just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals but to please God, who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed, nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

SECOND READING**Mark 14:3-9****Pastor Brian Janssen**

While he was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at the table, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment of nard, and she broke open the jar and poured the ointment on his head. But some were there who said to one another in anger, "Why was the ointment wasted in this way? For this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor." And they scolded her. But Jesus said, "Let her alone; why do you trouble her? She has performed a good service for me. For you always have the poor with you, and you can show kindness to them whenever you wish, but you will not always have me. She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for its burial. Truly I tell you, wherever the good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

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Pastor Brian Janssen**CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

WE RESPOND

THE PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY **"Thank You, Lord" written and led by Bonnie Hendershot;
Harmonization by the Bethany Choir**

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 Justin Miller

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 Hope is Built on Nothing Less"

No 405

- 1 My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain:

On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand: all other ground is sinking sand;
all other ground is sinking sand.

- 2 When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace;
in every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.

Refrain

- 3 His oath, his covenant, his blood, support me in the whelming flood;
when all around my soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay.

Refrain

- 4 When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found;
dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne.

Refrain

BENEDICTION

**CLOSING REPLY "Be With Us, Lord" written and led by Bonnie Hendershot;
Harmonization by the Bethany Choir**

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 Laura Dugan, Connie Segeleon, Karen Talerico and Heather Lucas

The flowers this morning are presented to the Glory of God and in memory of Our Brother and Uncle, Billy Arbogast by Julie, Chris, Jenna and Michael Foltz.

Today we celebrate the Baptism of Tate Jameson Jarvis, the son of Jason and Breana Jarvis, who was born on April 16th, 2026.

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to Jason and Meagan Smith, Jennifer Smith and Joshua Smith and their families on the passing of Cheryl Smith, their beloved mother and to Mike Suchoza and family on the passing of his beloved sister-in-law, who joined the Church Triumphant on October 9, 2026.

A special thanks to Bonnie Hendershot for sharing her music with us this morning! Her songs are dedicated to honor cancer survivors and for cancer awareness efforts. October is both Liver and Breast Cancer awareness month. We thank God for Bonnie sharing her talents with us and the Bethany Choir for their creative talents in harmonization.

A Few Words from Bonnie:

"Angels Watching Over Me" was written for a guy in my choir in Florida. He came to rehearsal one night and announced he had been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. Three weeks later, he said "I have had a miracle from God". He didn't have pancreatic cancer. He had cancer and it was treatable. He sang this song with me and today he is still alive and well. "Thank You, Lord" was written by request from Jackie Nixon. She asked someone else, but they didn't come through. She asked me and this song is the result. Many of us have had this disease touch our lives in some form or another. I would like to dedicate this song to any and all survivors. The first 3 verses are to honor all survivors. The last verse is dedicated to the memory of those who lost the fight. May God bless all whose lives have been touched by this terrible disease and survived. May the memory of those who didn't be forever in your heart. "Be With Us, Lord" just came to me one day and since I had never written a benediction response, I wrote this one.

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!

SUNDAY SCHOOL COLLECTION- This year our Sunday School Offering will go to our Mission Partner, Feed My Starving Children.

ADDITIONAL CHOIR REHEARSAL- Thought about trying out the choir, but can't make an evening rehearsal? Please join us at **10:00AM on Tuesdays** for our newest addition! We will meet in the Choir Room to work on warm-ups with our Music Associate, Caleb Aldridge, and then "lock in" on the weekly anthem with Music Director, Nadina Robusto. Hope to see you there!

UPWARD SPORTS - Registration for the 2027 season opened on **October 1st** on the Bethany Website at bethanypresby.org and some of the divisions may have reached capacity. **Please still register for the Waitlist** by clicking the Upward Sports Page button at the bottom of the Website Home Page as adjustments may occur and a few more spots could open up. Those spots will be given out on a first-come first serve basis from the Waitlist.

CANTATA CALL!- we are very excited to share our Cantata on **December 13, 2026**. Everything is coming together with the guest musicians and all of the music is here- it is time to prepare! (Brand new Cantata to us this year, featuring excerpts from Vivaldi's "Gloria" and Tchaikovsky's "Nutcracker Suite"!). **Cantata Choir practice is from 6:45pm – 7:30pm** each Wednesday (exception the week of Thanksgiving) and this **Wednesday, October 22nd is the last chance to join**. We would love to have you! Any instrumentalists that would like to share their gifts are welcome! Please see Nadina or email music@bethanypresby.org for more details.

CONGREGATION MEMBER/FAMILY PROFILE- We are asking all Members/Families to complete a Congregation Member Profile in order to create a Binder for Pastor Justin to get to know each of us better. The Forms are located on the table on the right side of the Welcome Center. See Denise Leigh if you need help with a picture. Please return the completed ones in the basket beside the forms by **October 25, 2026**.

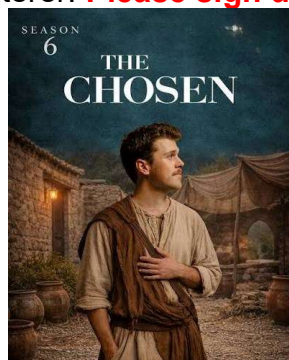
CITY MISSION DONATIONS- The City Mission, one of Bethany's Mission Partners, has installed a new **Blue** donation collection bin located on the side of the church next to the **red shed in front of the extended parking area**. They advised that they would be making collections every Monday.

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](mailto:Bill.Paviol@rotary.org). Please keep the Rotary and this Project in your prayers.

ANGELS' PLACE COLLECTION- The Mission Team is collecting "Wish List" items for our Mission Partner, Angels' Place during the **Month of October**. Angels' Place is a family cooperative community and home away from home with childcare and early childhood education for low income single parents. Their goal is to provide a clean, safe, fun and comfortable environment where families are free to play, grow and learn. The "Wish List" includes the following: Paper Towels, Paper Plates, Small Dixie Cups, 13 Gallon Kitchen Trash Bags, Hand Soap and Non-Perishable snacks for Children. A collection box will be located outside of the Nursery.

BLOOM AT THE GAZEBO – Please join us for Bloom at the Triangle Park Gazebo at 6:30pm this **Thursday, October 22nd**. There will be lots of fun, music and your choice of warm drinks. We would love to have you join us for this Fall music experience.

THE CHOSEN SEASON SIX, EPISODE 1 VIEWING PARTY- We have early access to the first episode of season 6 of the Chosen! The Membership Team is hosting a catered dinner and viewing party in the Welcome Center **on Sunday, October 25th**. Dinner will at approximately 6:00pm with the viewing beginning at 7:00pm. There is a Sign-Up Sheet on the table on the right side of the Welcome Center if you plan to attend as we will need a number for the caterer. **Please sign up by today, October 18th**.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD COLLECTION – The Bethany mission team will participate in the Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child Collection for children ages 2 to 14 around the world. **Boxes are available today, October 18th**, on the tables in the Welcome Center and **must be returned by Sunday, November 1st**. Boxes can be filled for girls or boys ages 2 to 4, 5 to 9 or 10 to 14 and information and gift suggestions are attached to each box. Returned boxes should be closed with a rubber band and include either \$10 in cash or a \$10 check to Bethany Presbyterian Church to aid with the shipping costs.



FRIENDSGIVING – Please join us on **Sunday, November 8th at 12:00pm** after the second service for our **annual Friendsgiving and Potluck dinner!** There will be a Sign-Up sheet in the Welcome Center, you can sign up on our website, Bethanypresby.org or by using the QR code below to include the number attending and the optional Potluck dish (salad, side dish, dessert, etc) you would like to bring. You can also contact Gary Phillips at 724-926-2682 if you would be interested in helping in the kitchen on Saturday the 7th or Sunday the 8th.



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 return it to the Church Office by **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.

CHURCH FINANCES AS OF OCTOBER 13, 2026

Thank you for your continued support.

	2026 YTD (\$)	2025 YTD (\$)	+/- (\$)
Contributions*	\$ 440,821	\$ 412,548	\$28,273
General Fund Subsidies (Transfers)	300,465	292,333	8,132
Investment Income **	10,958	12,422	(1,464)
Total General Fund Income	\$ 752,244	\$ 717,303	\$34,941
Year to Date Budget	732,101		
+/- Budget	\$ 20,143		

*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

October Special Offering- Men's and Women's Ministries

The special offering envelope for October supports the Men's and Women's Ministries of Bethany.

Online giver? Not receiving envelopes? You can still donate to this special offering either in the online giving portal or noting that your donation is for Men's and Women's Ministries on your check or a pew envelope.

Thank you for your contribution to Men's and Women's Ministries at Bethany.

WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, October 18

8:15AM – Worship
9:30AM - Sunday School
10:45AM – Worship & Baptism
12:00PM - Intercessory Prayer
Adult and Youth Ukulele Practice – after 10:45 Service

Monday, October 19

4:30PM - Body Carpenter Workout
6:30PM - Men's Huddle Group

Tuesday, October 20

10:00AM – Additional Choir Rehearsal
6:30PM- Notes in the Margin
7:00PM - Deacons Meeting
7:00PM – ALANON

Wednesday, October 21

9:30AM Staff Bell Choir
11:30AM – Knitters
6:45PM – Cantata / Choir Practice

Thursday, October 22

9:00AM – MOMco AM
9:00AM – Quilters
12:00PM - Rotary
6:30PM – Bloom at the Gazebo
7:00PM - Dartball
7:30PM – AA

Friday, October 23

Saturday, October 24

9:00AM – Supplemental Diaper Bank

Sunday, October 25

8:15AM – Worship
9:30AM - Sunday School
10:45AM – Worship
Adult and Youth Ukulele Practice after 10:45 Service
5:00PM – Bethany Youth Group
6:00PM The Chosen Dinner
7:00PM – The Chosen Viewing