



A Walk Worth Taking IV. The Newness of Life

10:00 AM
SUNDAY, AUGUST 1, 2021

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To trust in Jesus
To love like Jesus
To grow in Jesus
To bring others to Jesus

2 Lord, I come to Your awesome presence, From the shadows into Your radiance;
By the blood I may enter Your brightness, Search me, try me, consume all my darkness,
Shine on me, shine on me. **CHORUS**

3 As we gaze on Your kingly brightens, So our faces display Your likeness;
Ever changing from glory to glory, Mirrored here may our lives tell Your story,
Shine on me, shine on me. **CHORUS**

WE LISTEN

Call to Confession

Edgar Shaffer

The proof of God's amazing love is this: While we were sinners Christ died for us.
Because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God with confidence. In faith and
penitence, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Prayer of Confession

Edgar Shaffer

God of Light, we confess that we have gone astray and have left Your light. We follow the dim lights of the world of success and fortune. We follow the dim lights that call us to be more religious by following rules. Forgive us for not seeking the true Light of Your love for all the world. Forgive us for not following the ways of Jesus, who commanded us to love one another. Call us to be light-bearers of love, compassion and justice, in which the Mystery of Your Love is revealed. In the name of Jesus the Messiah, we pray. Amen.

Silent Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Edgar Shaffer

Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. **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

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.**

Let us share the peace of Christ with our neighbor.

Children’s Sermon

Pastor Brian Janssen

Anthem

"This Little Light of Mine"

**Jackie Nixon and
Carrie Emerson**

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Prayer of Illumination

Edgar Shaffer

First Reading

John 1:1-5

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In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not understood it.

Hymn

**"Be Thou My Vision"
No. 502**

Jackie Nixon

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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.

Second Reading

Ephesians 5:8-14

Pastor Brian Janssen

For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth) and find out what pleases the Lord. Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them. It is shameful even to mention what the disobedient do in secret. But everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for it is light that makes everything visible. This is why it is said: "Wake up, O sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

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WE RESPOND

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Pastor Brian Janssen

Hymn (*Please Stand*)

**"Praise the One Who
Breaks the Darkness"
No. 93**

Jackie Nixon

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- 1** Praise the One who breaks the darkness
with a liberating light.
Praise the One who frees the prisoners,
turning blindness into sight.
Praise the One who preached the gospel,
healing every dread disease,
calming storms and feeding thousands
with the very bread of peace.

- 2** Praise the One who blessed the children
with a strong yet gentle word.
Praise the One who drove out demons
with a piercing two edged sword.
Praise the one who brings cool water
to the desert's burning sand.
From this well comes living water
quenching thirst in every land.

- 3** Praise the one true love incarnate:
Christ who suffered in our place.
Jesus died and rose for many
that we may know God by grace.
Let us sing for joy and gladness,
seeing what our God has done.
Praise the one redeeming glory;
praise the One who makes us one.

Benediction (*Please Stand*)

Pastor Brian Janssen

Postlude



PASTORAL CONCERNS

RECOVERING FROM SURGERY OR ILLNESS

Lois Kirsopp

The flowers this morning are presented by

Jean Roemer in loving memory of her daughter, Julie Betschart.

If you know of a church member who needs prayers for recovery or is going to have surgery, please call the church office or email prayers@bethanypresby.org to be put on the prayer list. Thank you.

NEWS FOR THE BODY OF CHRIST

A replay of the 10:00 a.m. service is available on our website.

Bulletin and Past Worship Services: www.bethanypresby.org/sermons

Ministry Opportunity: Nursery Volunteers Needed

We have begun a search to find a new Nursery Director. As we continue this search, we would appreciate your help in providing volunteer coverage for our nursery on Sunday mornings. Please consider helping with this important ministry.

Volunteer or Learn More: Contact the church office

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY: Bethany Blood Drive

Bethany is partnering with Vitalant to host a “double donation” blood drive campaign, Save Lives - Feed Families. When you sign-up to donate blood, a donation will also be made to the Bridgeville Community Food Bank.

Reserve your spot today: www.bethanypresby.org/event/blood-drive

Golden Oldies Trip - August 11

Bethany Golden Oldies who are going on the trip to Sugar Creek, OH on August 11 must be at Bethany no later than 6:45AM. Our coach bus will depart at 7AM sharp. Bring a bag or container to hold what you purchase at our stops, and a small towel or blanket to help with the bus air conditioning. Please note that we have some people going who have allergies, so please refrain from wearing any perfume or cologne on the bus.

Golden Oldies Luncheon - Aug 19

BYG Bike Ride - August 21

BYG will be having a bike ride on the Montour Trail on August 21 from 2-4:30 p.m. Contact Joan Kundra at 412-498-5118 for more information.

Annual Church Picnic - August 22

We are excited to announce the Annual Church Picnic is back this year on August 22 at Chartiers Park. Let's gather and celebrate together once again as we see friends and family that we have been apart from for so long. Stay tuned for more information!

Register Today: Pirates Game - August 27

Take us out to the ball game! On Friday, August 27, together as a church family we will be cheering on the Pirates as they take on the St. Louis Cardinals. Whether you are a Buccos fan, or are providing moral support, you won't want to miss this fun night out. Bring your friends and family and enjoy the beautiful city skyline on one of the last summer evenings.

Game tickets are \$10 and include a \$5 voucher that can be used on food or drink. You can pay online or bring a cash/check to the church, but we ask that you register so we have an accurate headcount.

Register today: www.bethanypresby.org/event/pirates

Teacher and Leadership Training - August 28

Saturday, August 28 from 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., we will be having a Leadership Training for Disciples of Christ. If you've ever taught or thought about teaching Sunday School or leading a Small Group or becoming a Youth Leader please attend. All are welcome!

Register today: www.bethanypresby.org/training



Bethany MOPS Meetings Starts September 2 and 9

Bethany MOPS is doing something we've never done before....TWO groups to serve ALL our mamas. For years, Bethany MOPS has had a waitlist to join our group so we're hoping this will help solve that (GREAT) problem! This coming MOPS year, there will be two separate groups.

The evening session will meet starting September 2 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. on the first and third Thursdays of the month. The morning group will meet starting September 9 from 9:15-11:15 a.m. on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month. Childcare will be provided at both meetings!

We are also always seeking volunteers to help with childcare. MOPS would welcome any one who has their clearances or has babysitting experience.

Contact Info:

Morning Coordinators: Amanda Schwotzer & Brittany Starr

Evening Coordinators: Gina Plundo Campbell & Mariana Cady

Pastor Brian's Installation Service - September 12

We will officially be welcoming Pastor Brian as our Senior Pastor on September 12. The service will begin at 4:00 p.m. and will be followed by a reception. We look forward to seeing you there!

Trunk or Treat - October 30

Mark your calendar! Trunk or Treat is coming back this year and we are so excited to see everyone's creative trunk ideas!

Golden Oldies Trip - November 2 and 3

The Golden Oldies are going to see "Esther" at the Sight and Sound Theater in Lancaster, and "Momma Mia" at the Apple Dinner Theater. We will be leaving on Tuesday, November 2, and returning on Wednesday, November 3. You do not have to be a Golden Oldie to come along. Two people sharing a room is \$325.00 per person. Reservation forms are at the reception desk.



FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE

Church Finances as of July 27, 2021:

	2021 YTD (\$)	2020 YTD (\$)	+/- (\$)
Contributions*	\$291,279	\$298,971	\$(7,692)
General Fund Subsidies (Transfers)	128,709	128,709	0
Investment Income **	14,409	(9,751)	24,160
Total General Fund Income	\$434,396	\$417,929	\$16,468
Year to Date Budget	442,633		
+/- Budget	\$ (8,237)		

*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, Aug 1

BLOOD DRIVE

8:15AM – Worship

10:00AM – Worship

Monday, Aug 2

Pray for Karalee, Frank, Jacob and Kaycee Nelson

7:00PM – Deacon Meeting

7:00PM – Session Team Meetings

7:00 PM – Body Carpenter Workout

7:00PM – The Tribe Bible Study

Tuesday, Aug 3

Pray for Peggy, Keith, Haley & Tyler Nicholson

10:00AM – PW Seated Workout

Wednesday, Aug 4

Pray for Sydney Niecgorski

10:00AM – Fellowship of Prayer

Thursday, Aug 5

Pray for Jackie Nixon

9:15AM – Quilters

12:00PM – Thursday Knitters

7:00PM – AA Meeting

Friday, Aug 6

Pray for Dean, Patricia, Dylan and Devin Nock

Saturday, Aug 7

Sunday, Aug 8

COMMUNION

8:15AM – Worship

10:00AM – Worship



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