

"Matters of the Heart"

10:00AM FATHER'S DAY SUNDAY, JUNE 16, 2024

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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

"This is My Father's World" Traditional English Melody

arr. Jason D. Payne

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WELCOME Pastor Brian Janssen

CALL TO WORSHIP (Please Stand)

Pastor Ellen Dawson

May the Lord answer you in the day of trouble, and may the name of the God of Jacob protect you!

May the Lord remember all of our offerings and regard with favor our sacrifices of praise.

May the Lord grant you your heart's desire, and fulfill all of your plans.

Our pride is in the name of the Lord who hears us when we pray and answers our needs.

Let us worship God!

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN (Please Stand)

"How Great Thou Art"

No. 51

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1 O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder consider all the worlds thy hands have made, I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Refrain:

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee: how great thou art, how great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee: how great thou art, how great thou art!

- **2** When through the woods and forest glades I wander and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees, when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur, and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze. [Refrain]
- **3** And when I think that God, his Son not sparing, sent him to die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing, he bled and died to take away my sin. [Refrain]
- **4** When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in humble adoration, and there proclaim, "My God, how great thou art!" [Refrain]

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, you call us to live in mystery, to walk by faith. Yet we long for plans with goals and schedules. It's hard to live by faith. You call us to place our trust in you, to live according to your direction. Yet we want life to make sense from a human point of view. It's hard to live by faith. You call us to feel the mystery of life, to marvel at the power of your love. Yet it's not easy to accept your promise that everything old has passed away. It's hard to live by faith. Forgive us, holy maker of reality. Forgive us for playing god instead of accepting our humanity. Silent Confession

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Fear not, for our creator, the loving maker of all reality, forgives us, and redeems us from violence and oppression. God sows the good news in tiny seeds, inviting us to tend the soil of community, and marvel as they grow.

In the name of Jesus, who is the Christ, you are forgiven. **Amen.**

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"Gloria Patri"

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

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

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

RECOGNITION OF VBS VOLUNTEERS Pastor Brian Janssen

FIRST READING Psalm 20 Pastor Ellen Dawson

The LORD answer you in the day of trouble!

The name of the God of Jacob protect you!

May he send you help from the sanctuary and give you support from Zion.

May he remember all your offerings and regard with favor your burnt sacrifices.

May he grant you your heart's desire and fulfill all your plans.

May we shout for joy over your victory and in the name of our God set up our banners.

May the LORD fulfill all your petitions.

Pastor Ellen Dawson

Now I know that the LORD will help his anointed;

he will answer him from his holy heaven with mighty victories by his right hand.

Some take pride in chariots and some in horses,

but our pride is in the name of the LORD our God.

They will collapse and fall, but we shall rise and stand upright.

Give victory to the king, O LORD; answer us when we call.

SECOND READING

1 Samuel 15:34-16:13

Pastor Brian Janssen

Then Samuel went to Ramah, and Saul went up to his house in Gibeah of Saul. Samuel did not see Saul again until the day of his death, but Samuel grieved over Saul. And the LORD was sorry that he had made Saul king over Israel.

The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the LORD said, "Take a heifer with you and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do, and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the LORD commanded and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably. I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely his anointed is now before the LORD." But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him, for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him, for we will not sit down until he comes here." He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy and had beautiful eyes and was handsome. The LORD said, "Rise and anoint him, for this is the one." Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

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

SERMON "Matters of the Heart" Pastor Brian Janssen

WE RESPOND

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

THE PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY "Good, Good Father" by Pat Barrett and Anthony Brown Guitar: Brian Hayes and Karen Harkins

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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)

"We Are Called to Be God's People"

No. 580

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- 1 We are called to be God's people, showing by our lives his grace, one in heart and one in spirit, sign of hope for all the race. Let us show how he has changed us, and remade us as his own, let us share our life together as we shall around his throne.
- **2** We are called to be God's servants, working in his world today; taking his own task upon us, all his sacred words obey. Let us rise, then, to his summons, dedicate to him our all, that we may be faithful servants, quick to answer now his call.
- **3** We are called to be God's prophets, speaking for the truth and right, standing firm for godly justice, bringing evil things to light. Let us seek the courage needed, our high calling to fulfill, that the world may know the blessing of the doing of God's will.

BENEDICTION (Please Stand)

Pastor Brian Janssen

POSTLUDE

WELCOME TO BETHANY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

We are delighted to have you in worship with us this morning!

FOR OUR FAMILIES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN – Caring for children in the nursery this morning is Michelle Kuchta. Our nursery 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

The sanctuary flowers this morning are presented in honor of Tom and Ruth Jones in celebration of their 72nd wedding anniversary

and by

Barb Mours to the Glory of God

We are celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism of Henry Mitchell Young, son of Jessica and Robert Young, little brother of Peter Young, at our 10am service this morning.

I want to say thank you, for all of the prayers, condolences and cards on my family's recent loss. Bill Stephan

PROGRAM AND EVENT NEWS

SUMMER BLOOM – Thursday, June 27. -Bloom is moving outside this summer for praise and fellowship! Our next session will be on June 27 when we gather on the front and side lawn of Bethany from 6:30 - 8 pm. Come join us for praise through contemporary music! Bring your own comfy lawn chair, and feel free to bring a snack along with you, too! (Inclement weather option will return indoors to the Welcome Center). Hope to see you there!

ANNUAL GOLF OUTING –Saturday, June 22nd starting at 8:30am. TODAY IS THE LAST DAY TO REGISTER. Please consider joining us and bringing some friends to our annual Bethany Golf outing being held at Ft. Cherry Golf Course on Saturday, June 22nd. Our event is open to all golfers and uses a golfer friendly 'Scramble' format. Cost is \$87 (check/cash) or \$90 (on-line payment), and includes your round of golf and luncheon afterwards! Registration forms can be found in the Welcome Center.

DANIEL at Sight and Sound Theater, September 4th **and 5**th. If you are interested in being a part of a trip to the Sight and Sound Theater in September to see the new production of "Daniel", please contact Carole Aspinall at 412-833-8114. This is a trip being led by our Golden Oldies, but all church members are welcome.

MISSION NEWS AND OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

THE SUMMERSVILLE, WV MISSION TRIP 2024, work week will be from August 11th through the 17th. Lodging provided at Summersville Presbyterian Church. Full and half week options are available. Russ Bedner, Dave Colton or Connie Segeleon can answer questions regarding the trip.

SARRIS CANDY –The Sarris Candy sales proceeds for June will benefit the Church of Central Africa Presbyterian, Blantyre Synod Health & Development Commission, BSHDC, to help with the disastrous drought in that region

JUNE SPECIAL OFFERING - VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - The special offering envelope for June supports Vacation Bible School. Online giver? Not receiving envelopes? You can still donate to this special offering either by selecting "Vacation Bible School" in the online giving portal or noting that your donation is for VBS on your check or a pew envelope. Thank you for your contribution to this great program for the youth of Bethany and the community!

CHURCH FINANCES AS OF JUNE 9, 2024

Thank you for your continued support.

	2024 YTD (\$)	2023 YTD (\$)	+/- (\$)
Contributions*	\$ 235,316	244,551	\$ (9,235)
General Fund Subsidies (Transfers)	151,250	105,419	45,832
Investment Income **	16,360	5,756	10,604
Total General Fund Income	\$ 402,926	\$355,726	\$ 47,201
Year to Date Budget	413,134		
+/- Budget	\$ (10,208)		



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

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

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

WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, June 16 FATHER'S DAY 8:15AM and 10:00AM – Worship

> Monday, June 17 VBS

6:30PM – Body Carpenter Workout 7:00PM – Deacon Meeting

> Tuesday, June 18 VBS

6:30PM - Men's Huddle 7:00PM - ALANON 7:00PM - DQ Group

Wednesday, June 19 VBS

11:30AM – Knitters

Thursday, June 20 VBS

9:00AM – Quilters 12:00PM – Golden Oldies 7:30PM - AA

> Friday, June 21 VBS

Saturday, June 22
DIAPER BANK
8:30AM – Annual Golf Outing at Ft. Cherry Golf Club

Sunday, June 23 8:15AM and 10:00AM – Worship