



*“Walking with God:  
The Adventure of Generosity  
IV. Generosity That Moves  
Mountains (and Roofs)”*

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2025  
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

#### "Jesus Loves (Medley)"

arr. Elmo Mercer; cpr 1987 John T. Benson Publishing

### WELCOME

Pastor Brian Janssen

### CALL TO WORSHIP *(Please Stand)*

Pastor Larry Ruby

Bless the Lord, who lifts us from the dust and forgives our sin.

**The Lord is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.**

When we were weak, the Lord sustained us; when we cried out, the Lord heard us.

**The Lord heals our wounds and restores our souls.**

Let us worship the God who makes all things new.

**Praise be to God, who forgives, renews, and gives life!**

### OPENING PRAYER *(Please Stand)*

Pastor Larry Ruby

### HYMN *(Please Stand)*

#### "Jesus Shall Reign"

No. 341

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**1** Jesus shall reign where'er the sun does its successive journeys run,  
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.

**2** To him shall endless prayer be made, and endless praises crown his head.  
His name like sweet perfume shall rise with every morning sacrifice.

**3** People and realms of every tongue dwell on his love with sweetest song,  
and infant voices shall proclaim their early blessings on his name.

**4** Let all the people rise and bring their special honors to our King,  
angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud amen.

### CALL TO CONFESSION *(Please be seated)*

Pastor Larry Ruby

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Pastor Larry Ruby

Merciful God, we confess that we often come to You only when we are desperate for healing. We have forgotten that every breath is a gift of Your grace. We have judged others instead of carrying them to You in love. We have doubted Your power to forgive and renew. Forgive us, Lord. Lift us again by Your mercy, that we may walk in faith, live in gratitude, and bear witness to the wholeness that comes from You alone, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. *Silent Confession*

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor Larry Ruby

Hear the good news: The One who said to the paralytic, *"Your sins are forgiven"* also says to us, *"Rise, take up your mat, and walk."* In Jesus Christ we are forgiven, renewed, and restored to life. **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 Larry Ruby

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

### "Pharoah, Pharoah"

**Sunday School Singers and Ringers; Led by Jenna Foltz; Guitar: Caleb Auldrige**

by Tony Sbrana; Copyright Tony Sbrana (admin by Songs and Creations Inc)

## PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Pastor Larry Ruby

## FIRST READING

### Psalm 41

Pastor Larry Ruby

Happy are those who consider the poor; the Lord delivers them in the day of trouble. The Lord protects them and keeps them alive; they are called happy in the land. You do not give them up to the will of their enemies. The Lord sustains them on their sickbed; in their illness you heal all their infirmities. As for me, I said, "O Lord, be gracious to me; heal me, for I have sinned against you." My enemies wonder in malice when I will die and my name perish. And when they come to see me, they utter empty words while their hearts gather mischief; when they go out, they tell it abroad. All who hate me whisper together about me; they imagine the worst for me. They think that a deadly thing has fastened on me, that I will not rise again from where I lie. Even my close friend in whom I trusted, who ate of my bread, has lifted the heel against me. But you, O Lord, be gracious to me, and raise me up, that I may repay them. By this I know that you are pleased with me: because my enemy has not triumphed over me. But you have upheld me because of my integrity and set me in your presence forever. Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting. Amen and Amen.

## ANTHEM

### "Infinite Being"

Bethany Chime Choir

by John C. Dare; cpr 2008 by Dare Team Press

## SECOND READING

Mark 2:1-12

Pastor Brian Janssen

When he returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that he was at home. So many gathered around that there was no longer room for them, not even in front of the door, and he was speaking the word to them. Then some people came, bringing to him a paralyzed man, carried by four of them. And when they could not bring him to Jesus because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him, and after having dug through it, they let down the mat on which the paralytic lay. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Child, your sins are forgiven." Now some of the scribes were sitting there questioning in their hearts, "Why does this fellow speak in this way? It is blasphemy! Who can forgive sins but God alone?" At once Jesus perceived in his spirit that they were discussing these questions among themselves, and he said to them, "Why do you raise such questions in your hearts? Which is easier: to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Stand up and take your mat and walk'? But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins"—he said to the paralytic—"I say to you, stand up, take your mat, and go to your home." And he stood up and immediately took the mat and went out before all of them, so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, "We have never seen anything like this!"

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

## SERMON

**"Walking With God: The Adventure of Generosity**

**IV. Generosity That Moves Mountains (and Roofs)" Pastor Brian Janssen**

## WE RESPOND

## THE PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Pastor Larry Ruby

## THE OFFERTORY

**"Sing, Rejoice a Song of Praise"**

**Bethany Choir**

from the motet "Exultate, Jubilate" by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart; arr. John Leavitt

## 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 THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor Larry Ruby

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*)

**"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"**

**No. 507**

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- 1 A mighty Fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing; our helper he amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing. For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe; his craft and power are great, and, armed with cruel hate, on earth is not his equal.
- 2 Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing; were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing: Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he; Lord Sabaoth his name, from age to age the same, and he must win the battle.
- 3 And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to triumph through us: The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him; his rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure, one little word shall fell him.
- 4 That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth; the Spirit and the gifts are ours thro' him who with us sideth: Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also; the body they may kill: God's truth abideth still; his kingdom is forever.

## BENEDICTION

Pastor Brian Janssen

## CLOSING RESPONSE

**"God Be With You"**

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## 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.

**WORSHIP AND WONDER** is during our 10:45am service! Children will leave with Miss Debby after the Children's Sermon. All kids from ages 3-2<sup>nd</sup> grade are invited! Teen helpers are to see Miss Debby and she can be reached at 412-266-0982.

## **NEWS FOR THE BODY OF CHRIST**

The flowers are presented to the Glory of God by Lisa Ann Smith to Rick Smith for 35 years of marriage.

Special thanks to our Bethany Chime Choir for sharing their beautiful gifts with us in worship today! It is a treasure to hear their beautiful music praising God. And additional special thanks to our Sunday School Singers and Ringers for sharing their fun song and dance with us today! Thank you to Jenna Foltz for leading their singing and to Caleb Auldridge for accompaniment on guitar.

## **PROGRAM AND EVENT NEWS**

Looking for a way to get more involved at Bethany? Already attending worship on Sundays? Then maybe the role of Usher is perfect for you! We are recruiting Ushers to help at both services, no experience necessary, and someone will show you what you need to do if you've never ushered before. Please contact Dale Anderson at [dalea591@gmail.com](mailto:dalea591@gmail.com) for more details!

**UKULELE** - Youth Ukulele Choir will resume today, October 26<sup>th</sup> following the 10:45 worship service. This will include K-12 students, and parents are asked to either stay in the class, or wait in the Welcome Center for students that need to take a break during the class. Looking forward to hearing them all together and having them share their gifts in worship soon! We will not be meeting on November 9<sup>th</sup> due to Friendsgiving.

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD BOX COLLECTION: - REMINDER:** The Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child Boxes must be returned by SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2<sup>nd</sup>. Boxes, including information and gift suggestions are still available in the Welcome Center by the Nursery and can be filled for girls and boys ages 2 to 4, 5 to

9, or 10 to 14. 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 shipping costs.

### **BETHANY YOUTH GROUP UPCOMING EVENTS**

November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, and 16<sup>th</sup> will be BYG Group Nights 5:00pm-6:30pm. We will be focusing on Gratitude!! We hope to see you there!

The Laurelville Mud Weekend registration has been extended to Sunday November 16<sup>th</sup>. Grab a packet in the Welcome Center for more information!!

Sunday November 23<sup>rd</sup> we will meet in the kitchen after church to bake a variety of treats to then deliver to the residents of Bridgeville Towers!

Stay tuned for information on our December Events! We have some awesome things to look forward to!

### **New Sunday School Class with Pastor Brian**

Join Pastor Brian for a new Sunday school class continues from 9:30–10:30am in the Library. We'll be studying We Who Wrestle With God by Jordan Peterson. To help us prepare and order enough books, please register online using the QR code below.



**SECRET SISTER REVEAL LUNCHEON** – Join us for **The Reveal Luncheon** on December 7<sup>th</sup> at 12:00pm in Fellowship Hall! Contact Pat Mishizen 412-417-3541 or Judy Davidson 412-343-7530 for any questions. Appetizers and desserts will be provided. Hope to see you there! Pick up a Secret Sister packet for the 2026 season in the Welcome Center and fill out the questionnaire and return it to the church office by Sunday, November 9<sup>th</sup> if you would like to join!

**FRIENDSGIVING** – Join us on Sunday, November 9<sup>th</sup> at 12:00pm after the second service for our annual Friendsgiving and Potluck dinner! If you are interested in helping in the kitchen on Saturday the 8<sup>th</sup> or Sunday the 9<sup>th</sup> please contact Gary Phillips at 724-926-2682. Register with the QR code with how many will be attending and what Potluck dish you would like to bring!



**NEW MEMBER CLASS** - We will be having a New Member Class on November 15<sup>th</sup>. The class will run from 9am-12pm on Saturday, November 15<sup>th</sup> in the Chapel. A light breakfast will be served. If there are any questions and to RSVP you can reach out to the Membership team at [Membershipchair@bethanypresby.org](mailto:Membershipchair@bethanypresby.org). Childcare will be provided.

**THE CHOSEN VIDEO CLASS** - We are excited to extend an invitation to everyone for The Chosen Season 5 video class. Whether you have joined us in the past or are new to these gatherings, we would love to have you with us. Our sessions will take place in the choir room on Sunday evenings at 7:00pm, starting September 21<sup>st</sup> and they promise to be a great opportunity to connect, discuss, and enjoy this fantastic series together. If you have any questions or need further details, please feel free to reach out to Edgar Shaffer or Pam Petrow.

**BLOOD DRIVE** – Bethany Church will have our next Blood Drive on Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> from 8:00am – 1:30pm. Register at [vitalant.org](http://vitalant.org).



## MISSION NEWS AND OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

### CHURCH FINANCES AS OF OCTOBER 19, 2025

*Thank you for your continued support.*

	2025 YTD (\$)	2024 YTD (\$)	+/- (\$)
Contributions*	\$ 422,120	\$ 418,099	\$ 4,021
General Fund Subsidies (Transfers)	299,924	272,000	27,924
Investment Income **	12,422	33,836	(21,414)
Total General Fund Income	\$ 734,466	\$ 723,935	\$ 10,531
Year to Date Budget	757,078		
+/- Budget	\$ (22,612)		

\*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.*

*“Who then is the faithful and wise manager, whom the master puts in charge of his servants to give them their food allowance at the proper time? It will be good for that servant whom the master finds doing so when he returns.”*

Jesus instructs us in Luke 12:42-43 that being a good steward of the Lord’s abundance is a privilege and a responsibility. Let us live faithfully and be ready for the Master’s return.



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 by noting that your donation is for the Men’s and Women’s Ministries on your check or a pew envelope.

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

## **WEEK AHEAD**

### **Sunday, October 26**

8:15AM and 10:45AM – Worship  
**YOUTH Ukulele after 10:45 service**  
9:30AM - Sunday School

### **Monday, October 27**

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

### **Tuesday, October 28**

7:00PM – ALANON  
7:00PM – Session Meeting

### **Wednesday, October 29**

11:30AM – Knitters  
12:30PM – Hand Chimes  
6:30PM - Troop 2 Scouts  
7:00PM - Choir Practice

### **Thursday, October 30**

9:00AM – Quilters  
10:00AM – **ADULT** Ukulele  
12:00PM – Rotary  
6:30PM – Bloom  
7:00PM - Dart Ball  
7:30PM - AA

### **Friday, October 31**

Halloween

### **Saturday, November 1**

### **Sunday, November 2**

### **COMMUNION/COMMITMENT SUNDAY**

8:00AM - Blood Drive  
8:15AM and 10:45AM – Worship  
**YOUTH Ukulele after 10:45 service**  
9:30AM - Sunday School  
5:00PM – BYG Group Night