



# *“Shepherds and Sheep Dogs”*

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

**"Trio in F Major" by David Lasky**

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### WELCOME

**Pastor Brian Janssen**

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

**Pastor Ellen Dawson**

Day by day, God leads us:

**to the deep, deep pools of peace, to the green, lush lawns of grace.**

Day by day, Jesus calls us:

**to pour out ourselves in service, to anoint the stranger with hope.**

Day by day, the Holy Spirit shows us:

**the community we could be, the family we are called to become.**

Let us worship God!

### OPENING PRAYER

### HYMN *(Please Stand)* **"All Creatures of Our God and King" v. 1,2,3,5** **No. 23**

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All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing  
Alleluia, Alleluia!

O burning sun with golden beam, and silver moon with softer gleam,  
O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

O rushing wind that art so strong, you clouds that sail in heaven along,  
O praise him, Alleluia!

O rising morn in praise rejoice, O lights of evening, find a voice,  
O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

O flowing water, pure and clear, make music for your Lord to hear,  
Alleluia, Alleluia!

O fire so masterful and bright, providing us with warmth and light,  
O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless, and worship him in humbleness,  
O praise him, Alleluia!

Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, Three in One,  
O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gentle Shepherd, You guide us in right paths, You lead us in the ways of righteousness, but we have allowed our anger, our rage, our greed, and at times even hate, to direct our paths. We have overreacted, we have taken more than our share, we have despised others that seem to have it all. Forgive us, God, for not following Your ways. Forgive us for not remembering that we are Your sheep, and You are our Shepherd. Forgive us when we have not listened for Your voice and instead have acted in the ways of the world. Guide us back to Your path, to loving You and loving our neighbors. Help us to unclench our fists and lend out our hands in hope and healing, forgiveness and love. In the name of Christ our Shepherd we pray. Amen.

*Silent Confession*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The Good Shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The Good Shepherd knows the sheep, and the Good Shepherd lays down his life for the sheep so that the sheep may live. We are part of the flock, we are part of Christ's body. In Christ we find wholeness and restoration. Go forth and share this Good News. **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

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**

**ANTHEM****"My Heart is Filled" by Stuart Townend and Keith Getty  
Musicians from Bloom**

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**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION****Pastor Ellen Dawson****FIRST READING****1 John 3:16-24 (NRSV)**

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers and sisters. How does God’s love abide in anyone who has the world’s goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

Little children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us, for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God, and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

**SECOND READING****Psalm 23 (KJV)****Pastor Brian Janssen**

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:

thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.****SERMON****“Shepherds and Sheep Dogs”****Pastor Brian Janssen**

## WE RESPOND

### THE PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

#### THE OFFERTORY "Give Me Oil In My Lamp" by Sevinson & Williams arr. Joseph Martin; Bethany Choir

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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*) "You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd" No. 99

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**1** You, Lord, are both lamb and shepherd. You, Lord, are both prince and slave. You, peacemaker and sword bringer of the way you took and gave. You, the everlasting instant; you, whom we both scorn and crave.

**2** Clothed in light upon the mountain, stripped of might up on the cross, shining in eternal glory beggared by a soldier's toss, you, the everlasting instant; you, who are both gift and cost.

**3** You, who walk each day beside us, sit in power at God's side. You who preach a way that's narrow, have a love that reaches wide. You, the everlasting instant; you, who are our pilgrim guide.

**4** Worthy is our earthly Jesus! Worthy is our cosmic Christ! Worthy your defeat and victory. Worthy still your peace and strife. You, the everlasting instant; you, who are our death and life.

#### 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 - A Nursery Room**, under the guidance of Nursery Director, Melina Robinson, 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.

### **PASTORAL CONCERNS**

Roberta Gerstacker, Marlene Haley, Karen Talerico

*The sympathy of the congregation is extended to the Yenchik Family on the passing of Kevin Yenchik, son of Duane and Christine Yenchik, on Monday, April 15, 2024.*

#### **Prayers for our College Students**

Tanner Zissis - Senior at University of Central Florida

Kathryn Nagy - Senior at University of Pittsburgh

Would you like to be a **Prayer Partner** for one of our College Students? A few of our church members are currently in college and will be going through finals soon. Please stop by the table in the Welcome Center today to get an envelope with the student's information on it so you can be praying for them during finals! Thank you.

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

**The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are presented by**

*John Turnbull in memory of his son, Donald,*

**and**

*by Nikki O'Brien in memory of Jack*

A Celebration of Life will be held for Dick Pyle on Friday, May 3. Interment at the National Cemetery of the Alleghenies will be at 10:30am, followed by a service at Bethany and a luncheon in the Great Room immediately following the service.

Our Property Team is putting together a list of members who have medical training and/or AED or CPR Certification, and would like to be included on the list, please contact the church office. For more information, or if you have questions, contact Bill Paviol.

**GUIDE BOOK & DIRECTORY ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITY** -We are in the process of updating our annual Guide Book & Directory for the church. This book will contain everything pertinent to our church: the various ministries, organizations, committees, activities, functions and events plus a complete directory of all members. This book is being provided and direct-mailed to each family at no cost to our church, and it is again being subsidized by local businesses that advertise. If you own or manage a business and would like to find out about advertising in our book, please call the Church Office. Recent survey results by Guide Book Publishing show that 92.1% of families would rather patronize a Guide Book & Directory advertiser over a non-advertiser. It “will pay” to advertise in our new Guide Book & Directory.

**UPDATE MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION** - Does our Church database have YOUR family membership record correct? Here is your chance to update YOUR record for our annual Guide Book & Directory (if you haven't already done so). It is time for us to update our database with any changes, additions, or deletions that may have occurred in YOUR family over the past year. Have you changed your phone number? Have you moved? Are you preparing to move soon? Are all of your children still at home and are they all included in your membership record? Do you want your record published? If you have not already informed the Church Office about changes to your record, please let us know now so that the information in the Guide Book & Directory is correct. Thank you for your help!

**CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS** - The Bethany Discipleship Team encourages our members to register their kids for Summer Camps that will enrich their child's faith. You may apply for funds to assist with the cost. Application forms can be found in the Welcome Center, or on-line on our website. The current scholarship is a total of \$250 per child, per calendar year. **SCHOLARSHIP QUALIFICATIONS:**

- Parent or Legal Guardian\* is a member of Bethany Presbyterian Church.
  - \*Exception: If the child went through the Confirmation Program and joined the church even if their parent is not a member.
  - Age Limit: Entering 3rd Grade up to Young Adult, age 23.
  - Child/Youth/Young Adult must be active in the programs of the church.
- “Active” means that the child/youth/young adult attends at least 12 times during the year, including Sunday Worship, Sunday School, BYG, or other church events.
- The Presbyterian or Christian Camp is approved by the Discipleship team.

## **PROGRAM AND EVENT NEWS**

**VBS – Registration is open on our website for VBS!** Go on an undersea adventure with us to “SCUBA VBS - Diving Into Friendship with God”! For children age 4 through entering 5th grade, June 17-21 from 9am - noon. Youth & adult volunteers are needed! Please contact Celina Farabaugh, if you have any questions or to sign up as a volunteer, at [cfarabaugh19@gmail.com](mailto:cfarabaugh19@gmail.com) or 724-554-6370.

**BYG: UPCOMING EVENTS FOR BETHANY YOUTH GROUP.**

All 6th - 12th grade students are welcome (and encouraged) to attend Bethany Youth Group

**April 21<sup>st</sup> - 5:00pm-7:00pm** - Practice for Youth Sunday! Come enjoy some cheesy appetizers for dinner, while we warm up and practice for Youth Sunday!

**April 28<sup>th</sup> - 8:15 and 10:45 Services - YOUTH SUNDAY!** We are so excited to be leading worship and sharing all about Forgiveness. Forgiveness was the topic put on our hearts for this year's Youth Sunday. Breakfast will be provided for all youth participants between the services. *We will NOT have a BYG Group Night on April 28<sup>th</sup>.*

**May 5<sup>th</sup> - 5:00pm-6:30pm - BYG Group Night!** Join us for all the festive Cinco De Mayo dips and chips: Queso, Guacamole, Salsa - oh my! We will snack on these delicious dips while we talk about some of Jesus' Parables (and maybe even acting some of them out).

**May 19<sup>th</sup> - 5:00pm-6:30pm - BYG Group Night!** Join us for a "mini pizza" night where we'll have Pizza Rolls, Pizza Bagels, and other fun Pizza flavored snacks! Our topic for tonight is all about Anxiety, and how we can go to God with all of our worries and anxieties!

**BYG will NOT be meeting on Mother's Day (5/12) or Memorial Day Weekend (5/26)**

Stay tuned for information for our June events!! Students & Parents, if you haven't already, you can join our Remind for text updates about BYG! Text the message @byg2024 to the phone number 81010 - If you have any issues just contact Abbie.

**CREATION VBS – April 18<sup>th</sup> at 10AM** - It's time to get the crafters together and make some awesome decor for SCUBA - this year's Vacation Bible School theme! Join Celina and Meagan as they host Creation VBS every 1st and 3rd Thursday from 10- 12PM in The Youth Lounge. This week we'll be making *lobsters, clams with pearls* and *sea flowers*.

**SAVE THE DATE:** Saturday, June 22, 2024 --The Annual Bethany Church Golf Outing at Ft. Cherry Golf Club. (The Saturday after Father's Day.)

**DANIEL at Sight and Sound Theater, September 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>.** 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**

**MISSION TEAM SOJOURNER HOUSE COLLECTION** - The Mission Team thanks everyone who has donated to the Sojourner House collection to date. However, we still need the following items: Soap, Deodorant, Feminine Products, Laundry Soap, Cleaning Products, Toilet Paper and Paper Towels. Collection containers are located under the Mission Team Bulletin Board in the Welcome Center and the collection continues until April 28<sup>th</sup>.



**DONATIONS FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:** Thank you so much to all who have donated items! *As of today, we have enough cardboard rolls. We are no longer in need of them.* The items listed below we are in need of:

- RED Pool Noodles
- Crepe Paper Streamers in shades of green
- Small to Medium shallow (Amazon like) sized boxes
- Underwater trinkets/ scuba or snorkeling gear

**SARRIS CANDY** –The Sarris Candy sales proceeds for April are going to Camp Crestfield.

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL AND EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES**

***A listing of our Sunday School Classes can be found on the screens in the Welcome Center.***

**WORSHIP AND WONDER** – Children 4 years old through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade are welcome to follow the Worship and Wonder Teachers to the classroom (rm 234) after the Children’s sermon each week during our 10:45AM service. All helpers need to be in 6<sup>th</sup> grade and above. Helpers also need to pre-register by calling Debby Hayes at 412-266-0982

### **CHURCH FINANCES AS OF APRIL 14, 2024:**

	<b>2024 YTD (\$)</b>	<b>2023 YTD (\$)</b>	<b>+/- (\$)</b>
Contributions*	\$ 153,458	162,423	\$ (8,965)
General Fund Subsidies (Transfers)	96,250	71,876	24,374
Investment Income **	15,457	7,215	8,242
<b>Total General Fund Income</b>	<b>\$ 265,165</b>	<b>\$241,514</b>	<b>\$ 23,651</b>
Year to Date Budget	268,108		
<b>+/- Budget</b>	<b>\$ (2,943)</b>		

\*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.*

#### **April Special Offerings - Bethany Education Fund and Camp Fund**

The special offering envelopes for April support the Bethany Education Fund (blue envelope) and Camp Fund (yellow envelope). The Bethany Education Fund provides scholarships to Bethany high school seniors pursuing post-secondary education or training, and the Camp Fund provides scholarships to youth attending Christian summer camp programs as approved by the Discipleship team. Online giver? Not receiving envelopes? You can still donate to these special offerings either by selecting "Bethany Education Fund" or "Camp Fund" in the online giving portal or noting that your donation is for the Bethany Education Fund or Camp Fund on your check or a pew envelope. Thank you for your contribution to these valuable scholarship programs for the youth of Bethany!

## **WEEK AHEAD**

### **Sunday, Apr 21**

8:15AM and 10:45AM - Worship  
9:30AM – Sunday School  
5:00PM – BYG

### **Monday, Apr 22**

6:00PM – Confirmation Class Statements of Faith  
6:30PM - Body Carpenter Workout  
7:00PM – Session Meeting

### **Tuesday, Apr 23**

6:30PM - Men's Huddle  
7:00PM - Grief Class Book Study  
7:00PM - ALANON

### **Wednesday, Apr 24**

11:30AM - Knitters  
7:00PM - Choir  
7:00PM - Scouts

### **Thursday, Apr 25**

9:00AM – Morning MOPS  
9:00AM – Quilters  
6:30PM – Bloom Service  
7:30PM - AA

### **Friday, Apr 26**

### **Saturday, Apr 27**

DIAPER BANK

### **Sunday, Apr 28**

#### **YOUTH SUNDAY**

8:15AM and 10:45AM - Worship  
9:30AM – Sunday School  
12:00PM – Prayer Walk