



# *“At Just the Right Time”*

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 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

**"Creator of the Stars of Night" Lever Harp: Nadina Robusto**  
arr. Douglas Beck; cpr 2021 Music Art Spirit Press **Guitar: Caleb Auldridge**

### WELCOME

**Pastor Larry Ruby**

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

**Ruth Doyle**

Leader: It is the waiting time

**People:** We wait for the coming of the Incarnate God.

Leader: It is the waiting time

**People:** We wait for the star to lead us.

Leader: It is the waiting time

**People:** We wait for glad tidings of great joy.

Leader: It is the waiting time

**All: We come to worship anticipating the good news of new life.**

### ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING – Candle of Hope

**Celina, Ashley  
and Hannah Farabaugh**

### OPENING PRAYER *(Please Stand)*

**Ruth Doyle**

### HYMN *(Please Stand)*

**"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"**

**No. 154**

**1** O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear.

**Refrain:** Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

**2** O come, thou Day-spring, come and cheer our spirits by thine advent here; disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight. [Refrain]

**3** O come, thou Wisdom from on high, who order all things far and nigh; to us the path of knowledge show and cause us in her ways to go. [Refrain]

**4** O come, Desire of nations, bind all peoples in one heart and mind; bid envy, strife and quarrels cease; fill the whole world with heaven's peace. [Refrain]

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

**Ruth Doyle**

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Ruth Doyle**

**God of blessing and love, when the time was right you sent your Son to the world. Teach us the art of patience and give us an understanding of your wisdom. Forgive us for making this holy season of anticipation a whirlwind of lists and activities, a flood of joyless obligations and heartless generosity. Forgive our rush as we forgive those who rush past us. Lead us not into anxiety, but deliver us from pretense. For your kingdom is coming with the power of love and the glory of angelic carols, now and forever, heralded in the birth of the Christ. Amen.**  
*Silent Confession*

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**Ruth Doyle**

Hear our prayer, O Lord, and may we be assured that when we confess our confusion in this hustling season, God is faithful to forgive us and stay with us to meet our needs and guide our actions. **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**

**Ruth Doyle**

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**

**Debby Hayes**

## **HYMN OF ILLUMINATION**

## **“Open Our Eyes”**

**No. 491**

Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus, to reach out and touch him, and say that we love him. Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen. Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.

## **FIRST READING**

**Luke 1:1-5 (NIV)**

**Ruth Doyle**

Many have undertaken to draw up an account of the things that have been fulfilled among us, just as they were handed down to us by those who from the first were eyewitnesses and servants of the word. Therefore, since I myself have carefully investigated everything from the beginning, it seemed good also to me to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, so that you may know the certainty of the things you have been taught. In the time of Herod king of Judea...

## **SECOND READING**

**Galatians 4:4-5**

**Pastor Larry Ruby**

But when the time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under law, to redeem those under law, that we might receive the full rights of sons.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

**“At Just the Right Time”**

**Pastor Larry Ruby**

## **WE RESPOND**

**THE PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**THE OFFERTORY**

**"A Prelude to Advent"**

**Bethany Choir**

with "Prelude in E Minor" and "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"; arr. Ruth Elaine Schram; cpr. 2005 Hal Leonard

**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**

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*)

**"Lift Up Your Heads, O Mighty Gates"**

**No. 176**

**1** Lift up your heads, O mighty gates; behold, the King of glory waits!  
the King of kings is drawing near; the Savior of the world is here.

**2** Fling wide the portals of your heart; make it a temple, set apart  
from earthly use for heaven's employ, adorned with prayer and love and joy.

**3** Redeemer, come! I open wide my heart to you: here, Lord, abide!  
Let me your inner presence feel; your grace and love in me reveal.

**4** So come, my Sovereign enter in! Let new and nobler life begin!  
Your Holy Spirit guide us on, until the glorious crown be won.

**BENEDICTION**

**CLOSING RESPONSE**

**"Advent Benediction"**

**Bethany Choir**

by David Lantz III; cpr. 2025 Lantz Choral Publications

**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

Today's ushers are Laura Dugan, Hannah Farabaugh, Pat Mishizen and Deb Pyle.

## PROGRAM AND EVENT NEWS

### HOLY COW LISTENING SESSIONS

We will be hosting listening sessions for the Holy Cow Survey for the congregation. Sign up for a time on the sign up sheet in the Welcome Center or visit the link to sign up for a time that works best for you! The times available are:

Friday, December 5<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm

Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup> 10am and 1:30pm

Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup> after Worship

*\*Potential Zoom Session Monday, December 8, 6:30pm*

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScqDdk7y-A1fOO9gjSgG7zZZmdOR7-Qf8Vcd8Rx6MX6GSIffQ/viewform?usp=header>



**BRIDGEVILLE AREA FOOD BANK ANGEL TREE** – The Food Bank is asking for gifts (approximately \$20) for the children of the families that are assisted by our Food Bank. Should you desire to take an angel, sign-ups will be in the Welcome Center by the Tree so please **sign the list beside the number on your angel** (so that we will know who has committed), and RETURN the UNWRAPPED gift by Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup> **with the angel attached to the gift.** Thank you and Blessings!

**BETHANY DEACONS BACKPACK DRIVE** - The Bethany Deacons are hosting another backpack drive to gift to the Southwood Boy's home. These bags will be gifted to every new admission throughout the 2026 year. **You can donate until Dec. 25<sup>th</sup>!** We are asking for \$20 per backpack. You will be supporting the purchasing of the backpack and the essential items we provided them with: socks, towels, toothbrush, shampoo and more! All items are purchased and put together by the Deacons. Cash or checks with **"backpack"** in the memo are accepted. Please put cash in a labeled envelope and place in the offering plate, or give to Sarah Paviol or Edgar Shafer.

**BETHANY NATIVITY "LIGHT UP" NIGHT** – On Thursday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30, BLOOM will hold a "LIGHT UP" Night at the Bethany Nativity located on the front lawn of the church. Dave Colton and Laura Dugan spent several hours with the Thursday evening Bloom musicians and singers cleaning and painting areas of the Nativity figures that were in need of some "brightening and freshening" and they also painted the roof and sides of the manger. All thought it would be a great idea to have a "Light Up" Night dedication ceremony to show-off the revitalized Nativity. Please join us for some spiritual words and caroling at the nativity with our Bloom musicians and singers. We also invite you to bring your favorite Christmas Cookies or Dessert for some socializing and additional music after the caroling.

**SECRET SISTER REVEAL LUNCHEON** – Join us for **The Reveal Luncheon FOR THE 2025 SECRET SISTERS** on December 7<sup>th</sup> at 12:00pm in Fellowship Hall to see who your Secret Sister has been this whole year! Contact Pat Mishizen 412-417-3541 or Judy Davidson 412-343-7530 for any questions. Appetizers and desserts will be provided. We can't wait to see you there!

**BYG DECEMBER EVENTS - December 5<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup>** - Laurelville Mud Weekend - While official registration has closed, if your plans have changed and you'd like to join us, reach out to Abbie ASAP and she might be able to squeeze you in!

**Saturday December 13<sup>th</sup>** - Family Christmas Movie Night - We will be watching The Best Christmas Pageant Ever! It will be in the Welcome Center. Doors open at 5pm and the movie will start at 5:30pm. We will have concessions and seating, but if you want to bring your own you are more than welcome! Families of ALL AGES are invited to this event - children under 12 years old must have an adult with them!

**Sunday December 21<sup>st</sup>** - Progressive Dinner - We will meet at the church at 4pm. We will stop at various volunteer's houses and have multiple courses that include snacks, sides, entrees, and desserts. This event will serve as our Christmas party, so bring an item from home (or an item purchased for less than \$5), to participate in our White Elephant Gift Exchange. Christmas PJs and festive attire are highly encouraged!!

We will NOT meet Sunday December 28<sup>th</sup>

Make sure to stop in the Welcome Center and grab January and February's schedules!

# MISSION NEWS AND OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

## CHURCH FINANCES AS OF NOVEMBER 23, 2025

*Thank you for your continued support.*

	2025 YTD (\$)	2024 YTD (\$)	+/- (\$)
Contributions*	\$ 474,198	\$ 469,127	\$ 5,071
General Fund Subsidies (Transfers)	310,015	306,375	3,640
Investment Income **	13,609	35,097	(21,489)
Total General Fund Income	\$ 797,822	\$ 810,600	\$(12,777)
Year to Date Budget	846,124		
+/- Budget	\$ (48,302)		

\*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.

### November Special Offering - Membership Support Fund

The special offering envelope for November supports the Membership Support Fund. This fund benefits Bethany members in need of assistance.



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## WEEK AHEAD

### Sunday, November 30

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Advent

8:15AM and 10:45AM – Worship

9:30AM - Sunday School

Youth and Adult Ukulele Practice after  
the second service

### Monday, December 1

6:30PM - Body Carpenter Workout

6:30PM - Men’s Huddle Group

### Tuesday, December 2

7:00PM – ALANON

7:00PM - Joint Session Deacon Meeting

### Wednesday, December 3

11:30AM – Knitters

12:30PM - Hand Chimes

7:00PM – Choir Practice

### Thursday, December 4

6:30PM - Bloom “Light Up” Night

### Friday, December 5

6:30PM – Holy Cow Listening Session  
Bridgeville Light Up Night

### Saturday, December 6

10:00AM and 1:30PM - Holy Cow  
Listening Sessions

### Sunday, December 7

8:15AM and 10:45AM – Worship

9:30AM - Sunday School

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