



# *“I Shall Not Be Shaken”*

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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

"Suite No. 3: Air"

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

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### WELCOME

Pastor Ellen Dawson

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

Laura Dugan

It is time to become focused, not on our wants or complaints but on God.

**In the silent places of our souls we turn to God, our rock and our salvation.**

Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the good news of the Kingdom,  
reminding people that the realm of God was not far away.

**For in God we live and move and have our being.**

Jesus said: repent and believe the good news. The time has come.

**In the silent places of our souls we turn to God, our rock and our salvation.**

**Let us worship the Lord!**

### OPENING PRAYER

Laura Dugan

### HYMN *(Please Stand)*

**"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"**

**No. 71**

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**1** Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!  
Come, all who hear; now to his temple draw near, join me in glad adoration!

**2** Praise to the Lord, above all things so wondrously reigning;  
sheltering you under his wings, and so gently sustaining!  
Have you not seen all that is needful has been sent by his gracious ordaining?

**3** Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you:  
surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.  
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do, if with his love he befriends you.

**4** Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!  
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him.  
Let the Amen sound from his people again; gladly forever adore him.

### CALL TO CONFESSION

Laura Dugan

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Laura Dugan**

**God of grace, we are sorry that we have become so engrossed with ourselves and with worldly matters. We confess our self-centered way of looking at life and our tendency to lean on the wisdom of others instead of the wise words of Scripture. We also confess that we often believe we can manage everything by ourselves. Forgive us. We pray that you will give us a wider vision, so that in You we may find our true selves and the reason for our being. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.** *Silent Prayer of Confession.*

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**Laura Dugan**

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. Hear the good news! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. **Thanks be to 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**

**Laura Dugan**

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**

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**Laura Dugan**

**FIRST READING**

**Psalm 62:5-12 NRSV**

**Laura Dugan**

For God alone my soul waits in silence, for my hope is from him.  
He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken.  
On God rests my deliverance and my honor; my mighty rock, my refuge is in God.  
Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him;  
God is a refuge for us.  
Those of low estate are but a breath; those of high estate are a delusion;  
in the balances they go up; they are together lighter than a breath.  
Put no confidence in extortion, and set no vain hopes on robbery;  
if riches increase, do not set your heart on them.

Once God has spoken; twice have I heard this:  
that power belongs to God, and steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord.  
For you repay to all according to their work.

**SECOND READING**                      **Mark 1:14-20**                      **NRSV**                      **Pastor Ellen Dawson**

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the good news of God and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea, for they were fishers. And Jesus said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people." And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**                                      **"I Shall Not Be Shaken"**                                      **Pastor Ellen Dawson**

## **WE RESPOND**

### **THE PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**THE OFFERTORY**                                      **Improvisation**                                      **by Jon Kolenchak**  
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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*) “**'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus**” **Verses 1, 3, 4** **No. 442**

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**1** 'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, just to take him at his word,  
just to rest upon his promise, just to know, "Thus saith the Lord."

**Refrain:**

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him! How I've proved him o'er and o'er!  
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust him more!

**3** Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus, just from sin and self to cease,  
just from Jesus simply taking life and rest, and joy and peace. [Refrain]

**4** I'm so glad I learned to trust you, precious Jesus, Savior, Friend,  
and I know that you are with me, will be with me to the end. [Refrain]

**BENEDICTION** (*Please Stand*)

**Pastor Ellen Dawson**

**POSTLUDE**

## **WELCOME TO BETHANY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**We are delighted to have you in worship with us today!**

**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, or outside of the Nursery.

**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 flowers in our Sanctuary this morning are presented**

*by Robin Miller in memory of her mom, Pat Miller.*

*Welcome to our guest Organist this morning, John Kolenchak. Nadina Robusto is off this week.*

**FLOWERS FOR THE SANCTUARY in 2024** – a Sign up sheet is in the Welcome Center, or contact the church office. The cost for a vase is \$30.00

**SECRET SISTERS** - Reminder to the ladies participating in secret sisters. It is now mid-January. Don't forget to send a thoughtful note or an acknowledgment that she is in your thoughts and prayers.

**2024-2025 PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION** -Preschool registration for currently enrolled families and church members began on January 17<sup>th</sup>. Registration will open for the public on January 29<sup>th</sup>. Learn more: [www.bethanypresby.org/preschool](http://www.bethanypresby.org/preschool)

The Associate Pastor Nominating Committee (APNC) has been meeting and working to complete the minister information form for the position. This form will be used to match our church with potential candidates. If any members of the congregation have any questions, please reach out to a committee member.

## **PROGRAM AND EVENT NEWS**

**ASH WEDNESDAY FISH DINNER – February 14<sup>th</sup>** The Deacons will once again be hosting a fish dinner before our Ash Wednesday Worship Service. **PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUESTED AND THE LAST DAY TO PRE-REGISTER IS FEBRUARY 5<sup>TH</sup>.** You can pre-register on the pink bulletin insert, on our website or by calling the church office.

**BYG: Upcoming Events for Bethany Youth Group**

*All 6th - 12th graders are invited to join us every Sunday!*

*Mark your calendars for these events!*

**TODAY - January 21st:** Ice Skating at 4:30pm at South Park Outdoor Skating Rink!

**January 28th:** Alec's world-famous pepperoni rolls and "Fruits of the Spirit."

**February 4th:** BYG in the Youth Lounge at 5:00pm. Make your own tacos from Moe's, an obstacle course and our small group discussion on "Distractions"!

**February 11th:** Super Bowl Pre-Game Get Together at 3:00pm - come hungry for Philly Pretzel Factory and among other games, **ROOMBA OF DOOM!**

...and...

**Sunday, March 3rd:** Bowling at Sports Haven with a chance to win the coveted BYG Bowling Trophy!

**SAVE THE DATE:** 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.

**GOLDEN OLDIES Membership Dues for 2024** is being collected now through the February 15<sup>th</sup> meeting. The cost this year is \$25.00. If you are unable to attend the meeting in February, but would still like to join for the year, please contact the church office or Carole Aspinall.

**HELP WANTED**

*Contact the church office to learn more about these ministry/volunteer opportunities at the church*

**UPWARD-** Our 2024 season is beginning on January 20<sup>th</sup> and we need your help! We need referees, score board operators, devotion leaders, and player snack helpers. All of these jobs are simple to do and offer great fun and fellowship. If you haven't experienced our Upward program, we encourage you to check us out this year!

**USHERS** – Ushers are needed for the 10:45 service.

**SOUND BOARD OPERATOR FOR THE 8:15AM SERVICE-** It is a very easy, but important job.

**SOUND ENGINEER FOR THURSDAY EVENING BLOOM SESSIONS!**

Qualified candidates must be available from 6:00pm-8:30pm Thursday evenings. Skills needed are for the setup and tear down of our small portable sound system, including lifting 35 lb. speakers onto stands, running cables and plugging all the parts together; and also operating a sound board. None of these tasks are hard to learn and we can train anyone who has an interest.

## 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.

**FREE ONLINE MARRIAGE COURSE** - Step out of the cold this winter and put your marriage on the front burner! Join other couples (virtually) in our region for *The Marriage Course*. Beginning **Tuesday, February 27, 2024 from 7:00-9:00 p.m.**, and running for seven consecutive weeks, *The Marriage Course* offers couples practical support for strengthening your relationship, no matter how long you have been married. You will participate virtually from the comfort of your own home. The sessions are completely private (cameras and sound are off) with no group work. The sessions will help you to: Understand each other’s needs; Communicate more effectively; Grow closer by learning methods to resolve conflict; Recover from ways you have hurt each other; Recognize how your upbringing affects your relationship...and much more!

There is **NO FEE** to attend *The Marriage Course*, and the course workbooks can even be downloaded for free. This course is being offered by the Mid Atlantic leaders of Alpha USA. Alpha is a worldwide Christian organization that teaches people about the basics of Christianity. To secure your spot, please register at: <https://alphamidatlantic.org/events/regional-online-marriage-course-4/>.

## MISSION NEWS AND OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

**PRAYERS FOR OUR MISSIONS** – The Fellowship of Prayer is targeting prayers each month for missions we support. For the month of January, please pray for the Medical Benevolence Foundation, who works with medical missions around the world; and the Coalition for Christian Outreach (CCO), whose mission is to “transform college students to transform the world”.

## CHURCH FINANCES AS OF JANUARY 16, 2024:

	2024 YTD (\$)	2023 YTD (\$)	+/- (\$)
Contributions*	\$ 18,840	25,030	\$ (6,190)
General Fund Subsidies (Transfers)	13,750	14,375	(625)
Investment Income **	0	0	0
Total General Fund Income	\$ 32,590	\$ 39,405	\$ (6,815)
Year to Date Budget	35,124		
+/- Budget	\$ (2,534)		

\*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.



## January Special Offering - Initial Offering

The special offering envelope for January supports the Initial Offering. This collection helps to defray the cost of the church offering envelopes.

Online giver? Not receiving envelopes? You can still donate to this special offering either by selecting "Initial Offering" in the online giving portal or noting that your donation is for the Initial Offering on your check or a pew envelope. Thank you for your contribution to Initial Offering!

## WEEK AHEAD

### Sunday, Jan 21

8:15AM and 10:45AM– Worship  
9:30AM – Sunday School  
12:00PM- Confirmation Class  
4:30PM – BYG Ice Skating

### Monday, Jan 22

5:30-8:30PM – Upward practices  
6:30PM – Body Carpenter Workout  
7:00PM – Session Meeting

### Tuesday, Jan 23

5:30-8:30PM – Upward practices  
6:30PM – Men's Huddle  
7:00PM – Grief Class Book Study  
7:00PM – Coed Dart Ball  
7:00PM - ALANON

### Wednesday, Jan 24

11:30AM – Knitters  
5:30-7:30PM – Upward practices  
7:00PM - Choir  
7:00PM - Scouts

### Thursday, Jan 25

9:00AM – Morning MOPS  
9:00AM – Quilters  
12:00PM - Rotary  
5:30-8:30PM – Upward practices  
6:30PM – Bloom  
7:00PM – Dart Ball  
7:30PM - AA

### Friday, Jan 26

### Saturday, Jan 27

UPWARD GAME DAY  
Diaper Bank  
11:30AM - Knitters

### Sunday, Jan 28

8:15AM and 10:45AM– Worship  
9:30AM – Sunday School  
12:00PM- Confirmation Class  
5:00PM – BYG