



# *New Beginnings: I. Grounded in Trust*

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10:00AM

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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**

**"Blessed Assurance"**

**Lever Harp: Nadina Robusto**

by Phoebe Knapp; arr. Rhett Barnwell; cpr 2003 Seraphim Music

**WELCOME**

**Pastor Brian Janssen**

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

**Pastor Larry Ruby**

We gather to worship the God who calls people into new possibilities.

**We come seeking the One who is faithful in every generation.**

When the road ahead is unclear, God remains our guide.

**When we are uncertain, God remains steadfast.**

Come, let us worship the God who leads us forward in faith.

**We will trust in the Lord and rejoice in God's presence among us.**

**OPENING PRAYER** *(Please Stand)*

**Pastor Larry Ruby**

**HYMN** *(Please Stand)*

**"God of Creation, All-Powerful"**

**No. 27**

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**1** God of creation, all-powerful, all-wise, Lord of the universe rich with surprise,  
Maker, Sustainer, and Ruler of all, we are your children--you hear when we call.

**2** God of the ages, through time's troubled years you are the One in whom history  
coheres; nations and empires your purpose fulfill, moving in freedom,  
yet working your will.

**3** God of redemption, who wrought our rebirth, called out your church from the ends of  
the earth, still you are Savior--put darkness to flight;  
overcome sin by salvation's pure light!

**4** God of your people, your Word still stands fast-- do for us now as you've done in the  
past! Yours is the Kingdom--your triumph we claim,  
challenging evil in Jesus' strong name.

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**Pastor Larry Ruby**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Pastor Larry Ruby**

**Gracious God, we confess that we do not always trust you with our lives. We cling to what is familiar, worry about what lies ahead, and seek security in our own plans rather than in your promises. We hesitate when you call us to grow, to serve, or to follow where you lead. Forgive us for the times we have allowed fear to guide our decisions instead of faith. Renew our confidence in your goodness,**

**strengthen our trust in your care, and help us to follow you with courage and hope. Through Christ our Lord. Amen. *Silent Confession***

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**Pastor Larry Ruby**

Hear the good news: God's faithfulness does not depend upon the strength of our faith, but upon the steadfastness of God's love. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, restored, and set free to live with confidence and hope. Trust in this promise and walk in peace. **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**

**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**

**Celina Farabaugh**

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**Pastor Larry Ruby**

**FIRST READING**

**Romans 4:13-25**

**Pastor Larry Ruby**

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law, neither is there transgression. For this reason the promise depends on faith, in order that it may rest on grace, so that it may be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (who is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations"), in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So shall your descendants be." He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), and the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore "it was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

## SECOND READING

Genesis 12:1-9

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Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

So Abram went, as the Lord had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother's son Lot and all the possessions that they had gathered and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran, and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan, Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. Then the Lord appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him. From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east, and there he built an altar to the Lord and invoked the name of the Lord. And Abram journeyed on by stages toward the Negeb.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

## SERMON

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## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## WE RESPOND

## THE PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

### THE OFFERTORY

"There is a Savior"

Soloist: Ruth Doyle

by Greg Nelson, Bob Farrell, and Sandi Patti Helvering; cpr 1986, 1988 New Wings Music, a div. of Lorenz Creative Services

### 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

## COMMUNION

### THE INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Leader: Holy God, we praise You. Let the heavens be joyful, and the earth be glad. We bless You for creating the whole world, for Your promises to Your people Israel, and for Jesus Christ in whom Your fulness dwells. Born of Mary, He shares our life.

**People: Eating with sinners, He welcomes us.**

Leader: Guiding His children, He leads us.

**People: Visiting the sick, He heals us.**

Leader: Dying on the cross, He saves us.

**People: Risen from the dead, He gives new life.**

Leader: Therefore, we praise You, joining our voices with choirs of angels, and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of Your name.

**SANCTUS**      *Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.*

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again. 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.**

### THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

**DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS** - People may now come forward.

Communion servers will serve from the front of the church and each row will be invited to come forward to receive the bread and cup. For those who are unable to come forward, communion will be still be offered to you at your seat after the standing participants are done.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

### WE ARE SENT

**HYMN** (*Please Stand*)      **"How Can I Keep From Singing?"**      **No. 424**

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**1** My life flows on in endless song, above earth's lamentation. I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new creation.

**Refrain:** No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging.  
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?

**2** Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear that music ringing.  
It finds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing? [Refrain]

**3** What though my joys and comforts die, The Lord my Savior liveth.  
What though the darkness gather round? Songs in the night he giveth. [Refrain]

**4** The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing!  
All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from singing? [Refrain]

## BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

### "Be of Good Courage"

by Georg Philipp Telemann; arr. Hal H. Hopson; cpr 2006 Hope Publishing

## **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.

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

Today's ushers are Tom & Carole Aspinall, Dolly McRea, and Maxine Berton.

**Volunteers needed on June 14<sup>th</sup> for both services to volunteer for the nursery!**  
**Please call the office if you would like to volunteer!**

Beginning June 1 and continuing through Labor Day, Pastor Brian's weekly Sabbath day will move from Monday to Friday. This adjustment is being made so that his weekly time of rest may better coincide with his wife Lisa's summer work schedule, which includes half-day Fridays. As part of this change, Pastor Brian will be in the church office on Mondays throughout the summer. Thank you for your continued support in honoring healthy rhythms of Sabbath and renewal in ministry life.

### **PROGRAM AND EVENT NEWS**

**BETHANY CHURCH BLOOD DRIVE** – Our next Blood Drive is scheduled for **Sunday, June 28, 2026, from 8:30am-1:30pm. OUR BLOOD DRIVE GOAL IS 18 DONORS!!!** We currently have 4 scheduled donors. We are hoping for 14 more to call and schedule your appt ASAP. If you can, would you please help this happen? Schedule your appointment ASAP to select a donation time that is best for you. Posters are at each door entrance with details or call 1-877-25VITAL to schedule your appointment and at [vitalant.org](http://vitalant.org) provides a lot of information about donations and the urgent need. Thank you!

**MUSIC MINISTRY SUMMER NEWS!** - Although our regularly scheduled groups will take a well-deserved break for the summer months, music ministry will still offer some really wonderful ways for you to share in fellowship, hymns/choral works, modern Christian music, and also enhance your music skills :). Check the newsletter for more details about Sacred Music Sampling, Bell Tree Hour, and Creatives in the Chapel that will all start after VBS. **Starting in June**, though, we will offer **Choral Courtyard at 9:30 on Tuesdays**- No experience necessary to attend- we meet in the courtyard and sing hymns, learn a little about singing parts, and offer a sneak peek at some of the music the choir will sing in the Fall! Our **Music Associate, Caleb Auldridge**, will offer some 1:1 and small group sessions this summer to encourage our musicians to share their gifts in worship! Have you wanted to have a way to jam at Bloom or thought you'd like to give choir a try? These coaching sessions are offered this summer through music ministry- for YOU! Connect with him to schedule to practice your voice, guitar,

bass, or ukulele so you can join us in worship with your gifts! We'd love to have you jam with us at Bloom or offer your music in a time of worship this summer or upcoming regular season! Contact Nadina or Caleb for more info [music@bethanypresby.org](mailto:music@bethanypresby.org) or [musicassociate@bethanypresby.org](mailto:musicassociate@bethanypresby.org)

**PART-TIME POSITION** - We are looking for a Part-Time Custodian! Interested applicants can email their resume to [finance@bethanypresby.org](mailto:finance@bethanypresby.org). See our website for more details.

**BLOOM AND CAFÉ BETHANY** – Join us for our next Bloom and Café Bethany event on **Thursday, June 25th at 6:00pm!** There will be a catered dinner followed by a **modern worship service for families at 7:00 pm!** We hope to see you there! Please sign up for the event on the signup sheets in the Welcome Center!

**USHERS NEEDED** – Ushers are need for the summer months. If you are available, call or text Dale Anderson at 724-699-5631.

**JOIN THE BETHANY AUDIO & VIDEO TEAM** - Have you ever wondered how we operate our soundboard or record our services with video cameras? Volunteers are needed to support each service here at Bethany and we would love to have you join our audio & video tech team! This important ministry is another way to offer your God given talents to support the services and mission here at Bethany. No experience is necessary, we can teach you everything! Talk to any one of us after a service or Call or text Mike Segeleon at 412-389-0985 or email [msegeleon@msn.com](mailto:msegeleon@msn.com).

**VBS REGISTRATION** – Hooray! VBS registration is now open for children age 4 up to those who will enter 6th grade in the fall. Older children & adults can register as volunteers through the link on our website. Please register by signing up in the Welcome Center, reaching out to Celina Farabaugh at 724-554-6370, or by clicking the link on our website! We can't wait!

**CHURCH BBQ - It's a Red, White & Blue Celebration!** Join Us for Food, Fun & Fellowship! On **June 14<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am** in the Inner Courtyard/Fellowship Hall at the Church we will have **Hot Dogs, Baked Beans, Potato Salad, Chips and Cookies, Kids Crafts and Cornhole and a BALLOON ARTIST!** Bring your family, and friends for an afternoon of summer fun! We can't wait to see you there!

**PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION** – Preschool registration for the 2026/2027 school year is now open on our website! Contact Danielle Gioia at [Gioia.preschool@gmail.com](mailto:Gioia.preschool@gmail.com) with any questions! We are so excited for the coming year!

**SECRET SISTERS LUNCHEON** – Join us on **June 28<sup>th</sup> in Fellowship Hall at 11am** for our Summer Secret Sisters Luncheon! Great food and great fun will be had! Don't forget to show love to your Secret Sister with cards, gifts, and treats! This makes it all the more special for the reveal at the end of the year. See you there!



# Bethany Presbyterian Annual Golf Outing



## Saturday June 27<sup>th</sup> Calling All Golfers!

You're invited to attend Bethany's annual golf outing on Saturday at Fort Cherry Golf Club. Whether you're a foursome, pair or single player – all are welcome. Please join us for a great day of fellowship and golf. We'll be using a scramble format and traditional tee times beginning at @ 9:44 through 11:30 leaving you much of the day and evening available!

- Where: Fort Cherry Golf Course
- When: Sat June 27<sup>th</sup> tee times @ 9:44-11:30 am
- Why: **Great time with friends!**
- What: \$ 85 gets you Golf & BBQ Lunch afterwards

**Don't delay – sign up TODAY!**

Registering your team and/or paying is super easy! You can now register online via [www.Bethanypresby.org](http://www.Bethanypresby.org) and then make a payment for \$88 or you can write a check to Bethany Presbyterian c/o Golf outing for \$85 and put it in the offering plate on Sunday. If you have any questions, please contact one of the below Golf committee members:

Ron Gastgeb	rcgastgeb@verizon.net	412 953 – 7987
Bill Paviol	paviol@yahoo.com	412 722 – 3102
Bill Just	bjust@chubb.com	412 417 – 0089

Your Registration & Payment are needed by Sunday June 21<sup>st</sup>

Golfer Names: \_\_\_\_\_ Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name1: \_\_\_\_\_ Name2: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name3: \_\_\_\_\_ Name4: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Team Captain's or your e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**A GREAT FATHERS DAY GIFT! ALL GOLFERS WELCOME!**

**THIS IS AN ALL CHURCH GOLF OUTING! WOMEN, CHILDREN, MEN,  
GRANDPARENTS AND GRANDKIDS ARE ALL WELCOME!!!**

**GOLDEN OLDIES TRIP** – The Golden Oldies are going to see **JOSHUA** at the Sight and Sound Theater **September 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>** so mark your calendars! During the trip they will experience Turkey Hill Ice Cream and Lab as well as the Dutch Apple Dinner and Show of “Pretty Woman”. See Carole Aspinall for details and any questions.

### **MISSION NEWS AND OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE**

**WV MISSIONS TRIP** - Mark your calendars, the 2026 Summersville, WV trip mission work week ( WVMaw ) will be from Sunday June 28<sup>th</sup> through Friday July 3<sup>rd</sup>. Anyone 12 and older are welcome! This is a great mission for youth who are out of school for the summer. If you are interested and would like more information, please contact Doug Bovard at [dbovard@verizon.net](mailto:dbovard@verizon.net) 412-979-9324, Connie Segeleon at [conniesege@gmail.com](mailto:conniesege@gmail.com) 412-855-6829, or Mike Segeleon at [msegeleon@msn.com](mailto:msegeleon@msn.com) 412-389-0985.

### **CHURCH FINANCES AS OF MAY 31, 2026**

*Thank you for your continued support.*

	<b>2026 YTD (\$)</b>	<b>2025 YTD (\$)</b>	<b>+/- (\$)</b>
Contributions*	\$ 234,198	\$ 232,746	\$ 1,452
General Fund Subsidies (Transfers)	156,100	159,411	(3,311)
Investment Income **	5,860	5,683	176
<b>Total General Fund Income</b>	<b>\$ 396,157</b>	<b>\$ 397,840</b>	<b>\$(1,682)</b>
Year to Date Budget	389,399		
<b>+/- Budget</b>	<b>\$ 6,758</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.*

*“Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms”. 1 Peter 4:10 calls us to action to share with others our God given talents and blessings. Let us receive His grace and strength so that we may glorify Him and serve generously.*

### **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!



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for online  
giving

## **WEEK AHEAD**

**Sunday, June 7**

**Communion Sunday**

8:15AM and 10:00AM – Worship

**Monday, June 8**

4:30PM - Body Carpenter Workout

6:30PM - Men's Huddle Group

**Tuesday, June 9**

9:30AM – Choral Courtyard

6:45PM – Session Team Meetings

7:00PM – ALANON

**Wednesday, June 10**

11:30AM – Knitters

6:30PM - Troop 2 Scouts

**Thursday, June 11**

9:00AM – Quilters

12:00PM – Rotary

3:00PM – Adult Ukulele

6:30PM – Bloom at Gazebo

7:30PM – AA

**Friday, June 12**

**Saturday, June 13**

11:00AM – Knitters

**Sunday, June 14**

**11:00AM - Church BBQ**

8:15AM and 10:00AM – Worship