



THE UPSIDE - DOWN KINGDOM

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16, 2026
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

" Gratitude"

Cello-Hope Trotta

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WELCOME

Pastor Brian Janssen

INTROIT

"Come and See the Works of the Lord"

Bethany Choir

J. Paul Williams and Music by Patti Drennan; cpr 2011 Fred Bock Music

CALL TO WORSHIP *(Please Stand)*

Pastor Brian Janssen

Please stand if you are able and in the call to worship

We gather this morning as a people bound together, not by likeness, but by love.

We gather to set aside rivalry, and to make room in our hearts for one another.

We gather because grace has come down to meet us where we are.

And because the lowest place has become, in God's hands, a place of honor.

Come, let us worship the God who lifts up the humble and blesses the servant.

OPENING PRAYER

Pastor Brian Janssen

HYMN *(Please Stand)*

"In Christ There Is No East or West"

No. 603

- 1 In Christ there is no east or west, In him no south or north,
but one great fellowship of love, through-out the whole wide earth.
- 2 In him shall true hearts everywhere their high communion find;
his service is the golden cord close binding humankind.
- 3 Join hands, disciples of the faith, what-e'er your race may be!
Who serves my Father as his child Is surely kin to me.
- 4 In Christ now meet both east and west; in him meet south and north;
all Christly souls are one in him, through-out the whole wide earth.

CALL TO CONFESSION *(Please be seated)*

Pastor Brian Janssen

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved as we ought. We have sought our own advantage instead of the good of others. We have clung to pride when we were called to humility. We have allowed division to take root where you intend unity. Forgive us. Break down what separates us from you and from one another. Give us hearts willing to set self aside, and shape us again into the likeness of the one who gave himself for us. Amen.

Silent Confession

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear this good news: the God who humbles the proud also lifts up the lowly, and meets our failure with a mercy that does not run out.

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.

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

CHILDREN’S SERMON

Debby Hayes

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Pastor Brian Janssen

SCRIPTURE READING

Philippians 2: 1-11

Pastor Brian Janssen

If, then, there is any comfort in Christ, any consolation from love, any partnership in the Spirit, any tender affection and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or empty conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, assuming human likeness. And being found in appearance as a human, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God exalted him even more highly and gave him the name that is above every other name, so that at the name given to Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Upside - Down Kingdom

Associate Pastor Candidate

WE RESPOND

THE PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY

"River in Judea"

Women's Trio

Kara Julius, Rebecca Stout, Priyanka Sepuri

Lyrics by Linda Marcus; Music by Jack Feldman; Arr.
John Leavitt; cpr 1989 Jack Feldman, Linda Marcus;

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*)

"They'll Know We Are Christians"

No. 595

1

We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord.
We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord.
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored.

Refrain

And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love.
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

2 We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand.
We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand.
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land.

Refrain

And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love.
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

3 We will work with each other; we will work side by side.
We will work with each other; we will work side by side.
And we'll guard each one's dignity and save each one's pride.

Refrain

And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love.
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

4 All praise to the Father; from whom all things come.
And all praise to Christ Jesus, his only Son.
And all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one

Refrain

And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love.
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

BENEDICTION

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CLOSING RESPONSE

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.

NEWS FOR THE BODY OF CHRIST

Today's ushers are Laura Dugan, Connie Segeleon, Clark Julius and Brady Stark.

The flowers this morning are presented to the Glory of God by Janet Jones in memory of her parents, Lee and Elsie Tresino.

Special thanks to Hope Trotta, Kara Julius, Rebecca Stout, Priyanka Sepuri and the Bethany Choir for sharing their talents with us in worship today.

We also want to give an extra special thanks to our Associate Pastor Nominating Team (APNC) of Denise Leigh, Alec Heiskell, Bob Julius, Jackie Nixon and Devin Underwood for all of their hard work and prayer over many months in search of our next Associate Pastor.

PROGRAM AND EVENT NEWS

DEBBY HAYES PLAY AND PRAY – has been extended through and including Sunday, September 6, 2026. All children can leave after the Children's Sermon and go to the Worship and Wonder Room.

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

NEW BIBLE STUDY - What if Bible study felt less like a lecture and more like a conversation? Join us for **Notes in the Margin**, a welcoming, discussion-based Bible study where we explore Scripture, ask questions, and grow in faith together. Whether you're new to faith, returning after time away, or looking to deepen your walk with God, you're invited. **Bi-weekly meetings on Tuesdays, from 6:30PM to 7:30PM and the next meeting is Tuesday, August 25th.** Bring your Bible, your questions, and an open heart. No expertise required!

T-SHIRTS! – We still have some Bethany T-Shirts left in various sizes for \$7. If you would like one, please see Edgar Shaffer or Laura Dugan.

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 the Church Office at 412-221-5132 or email Caleb Auldridge at musicassociate@bethanypresby.org.

HARVEST STREET MISSION COLLECTION - The Mission Team will be collecting donated clothing items **in the Welcome Center** during **July and August** for Harvest Street Mission. Harvest Street Mission is a small non-profit that started organizing and providing for folks who live on the streets, in shelters or in low income housing with a focus on the North Side of Pittsburgh. The Mission is in need of "new" men's underwear, size Large and X-large. They are also needing men's/women's summer shirts (t-shirts/not undershirts) and other summer clothing that one would want to donate. These items can be used. A box for donations will be in the Welcome Center.

BACK TO SCHOOL BASH – The second Annual **Back to School Bash** will be **Sunday, August 30th 5pm -7pm**. It will be open-house style this year so feel free to come and go as needed. We will have a tie-dye station, food, music from our Bloom Musicians and a **MINI GOLF COURSE IN OUR YARD!** It will be a great time for all ages- we hope to see you there. You can RSVP in the Welcome Center to let us know your shirt size.



SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE- Sunday School begins on September 13th! Please make plans to join us for Sunday School this fall from 9:30 -10:30am. Classes are available for all age groups, we've got something for everyone! **Look for information in the coming weeks!** We need a few people who are willing to be placed on a substitute teacher list, to fill in as needed throughout the year. Please reach out to Celina Farabaugh if you'd like to help out! [724-554-6370](tel:724-554-6370) or cfarabaugh19@gmail.com

NEW MEMBERS CLASS- The Membership Team will be holding a New Members Class on Saturday, September 19th in the Chapel from 9:00am to 12:00pm. Anyone interested in becoming a member of Bethany and/or interested in learning about Bethany Presbyterian Church is invited to attend. Please contact the Church Office at 412-221-5132 or email Heather Lucas at membershipchair@bethanypresby.org

CITY MISSION DONATIONS- The City Mission will be providing us with a new collection bin which is located on the side of the church next to the red shed in front of the extended parking area. They advised that they would be making collections once a week. As the City Mission is one of our Mission Partners, we wanted to remind everyone that this bin is available when you are cleaning out your closets etc.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY CRAFT AND LUNCH- September 20th after the 10:45 Service in Fellowship Hall for anyone 10 and up. We will be making a chunky finger knit pumpkin and the \$30 fee also includes lunch. The fee is due to Heather Lucas by September 13th; however, you can sign up starting today.

A promotional poster for Bethany Women's Ministry. At the top is the Bethany logo with the tagline "Living with the Heart of Jesus". Below it, the text "WOMEN'S MINISTRY" is written in large, bold, serif capital letters, followed by "Craft and Lunch" in a smaller, elegant script font. A decorative horizontal line with a central diamond separator leads to the date "SEPT 20TH" in large, bold, sans-serif capital letters. Below the date, it says "After the 10:45am Church Service in Fellowship Hall" and "We will be making a chunky finger knit pumpkin craft!". The cost is listed as "\$30 per person ages 10 and up. Includes lunch and the craft. Childcare will be provided". A black button with white text says "SIGN UP TODAY". Below the button, it states "Money is due to Heather Lucas by Sunday September 13th!". On the right side of the poster is a close-up image of a chunky finger-knit pumpkin. The background of the poster is a soft-focus image of a green, hilly landscape under a light sky.

Bethany
Living with the Heart of Jesus

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CHURCH FINANCES AS OF AUGUST 9, 2026

Thank you for your continued support.

	2026 YTD (\$)	2025 YTD (\$)	+/- (\$)
Contributions*	\$ 337,902	\$ 328,920	\$8,983
General Fund Subsidies (Transfers)	238,025	231,605	6,420
Investment Income **	9,632	9,952	(319)
Total General Fund Income	\$ 585,559	\$ 570,476	\$15,083
Year to Date Budget	569,921		
+/- Budget	\$ 15,638		

*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.



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August Special Offering – Disaster Relief Fund

The special offering envelope for August supports “Disaster Relief Fund” administered through the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance program.

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

Thank you for your contribution to the Disaster Relief Fund.

WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, August 16
One Worship Service at 10:00am
Congregational Meeting to Follow

Monday, August 17
4:30PM - Body Carpenter Workout
6:00PM – BYG Milkshake Monday
6:30PM - Men's Huddle Group

Tuesday, August 18
7:00PM – ALANON

Wednesday, August 9
11:30AM – Knitters

Thursday, August 20
9:00AM – Quilters
12:PM – Golden Oldies Luncheon
6:30PM – Bloom in the Sanctuary
7:30PM – AA

Friday, August 21
6:00PM -BYG Froyo Friday

Saturday, August 22
9:AM -Supplemental Diaper Bank

Sunday, August 23
8:15AM and 10:00AM - Worship

**GET READY FOR OUR FALL KICK OFF DAY
ON SEPTEMBER 13TH**



FALL KICK OFF DAY SEPTEMBER 13TH

SERVICES RETURN TO 8:15AM & 10:45AM

SUNDAY SCHOOL STARTS AT 9:30AM

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS DURING CHILDREN'S SERMON

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR 3 Y/O TO 5TH GRADE

BETHANY YOUTH GROUP STARTS AT 5PM