



“Hard but Good”

10:45AM
SUNDAY, MAY 26, 2024

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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 "America, the Beautiful" by Samuel A. Ward; arr. Stan Pethel
Clarinet: Colleen Jarrett

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WELCOME

Pastor Brian Janssen

CALL TO WORSHIP (*Please Stand*)

Pastor Ellen Dawson

Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
**Your name is above every name, O God, we will worship
you in the splendor of holiness.**

The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.
**May the Lord give strength to your people, O God, may the
Lord bless your people with peace.**

Let us worship God!

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN (*Please Stand*)

"I Sing the Almighty Power of God"

No. 31

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1 I sing the almighty power of God that made the mountains rise,
that spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;
the moon shines full at his command and all the stars obey.

2 I sing the goodness of the Lord that filled the earth with food;
he formed the creatures with his word and then pronounced them good.
Lord, how your wonders are displayed where'er I turn my eye,
if I survey the ground I tread or gaze upon the sky!

3 There's not a plant or flower below but makes your glories known;
and clouds arise and tempests blow by order from your throne;
while all that borrows life from you is ever in your care,
and everywhere that I may be, you, God, are present there.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Pastor Ellen Dawson

Source of redeeming grace and infinite goodness, bear us as in Christ we pray for forgiveness. While you reach out to us in fellowship, we turn from you in shame. We do not do what you command. We proclaim not your love, since we seldom serve others. We confess Christ as Savior, yet obey him indifferently, if at all. Our discipleship suffers, for we heed not your guidance. We are in need of repentance as we confess our sins. Have mercy upon us, and grant us your pardon.

Silent Confession

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

After Isaiah had confessed his uncleanness, a seraph flew to him, carrying a burning coal from the altar. The seraph touched Isaiah and said, "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." The sacrifice of Christ at the altar of God's eternal grace has touched our lives, and we too can rest in the assurance of God's pardon.

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Abbie Gardner

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Pastor Ellen Dawson

FIRST READING

Psalm 29

Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name; worship the LORD in holy splendor.
The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders,
the LORD, over mighty waters.

The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.
The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars;

the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.
He makes Lebanon skip like a calf and Sirion like a young wild ox.
The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire.
The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
The voice of the LORD causes the oaks to whirl and strips the forest bare,
and in his temple all say, "Glory!"
The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.
May the LORD give strength to his people!
May the LORD bless his people with peace!

SECOND READING

Isaiah 6

Pastor Brian Janssen

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty, and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said,

"Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory."

The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said, "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!"

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said, "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!" And he said, "Go and say to this people:

'Keep listening, but do not comprehend; keep looking, but do not understand.'

Make the mind of this people dull, and stop their ears, and shut their eyes, so that they may not look with their eyes and listen with their ears and comprehend with their minds and turn and be healed."

Then I said, "How long, O Lord?" And he said,

"Until cities lie waste without inhabitant,
and houses without people, and the land is utterly desolate;
until the LORD sends everyone far away,
and vast is the emptiness in the midst of the land.

Even if a tenth part remain in it, it will be burned again,
like a terebinth or an oak whose stump remains standing when it is felled."
(The holy seed is its stump.)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

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WE RESPOND

THE PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY **"To God Be the Glory" music by William H. Doane**
arr. Stan Pethel
Clarinet: Colleen Jarrett

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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*)

“Battle Hymn of the Republic”

No. 730

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1 Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord;
he is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored;
he hath loosed the fateful lightning of his terrible swift sword;
his truth is marching on.

Refrain:

Glory, glory, hallelujah!
Glory, glory, hallelujah!
Glory, glory, hallelujah!
His truth is marching on.

2 I have seen him in the watchfires of a hundred circling camps,
they have builded him an altar in the evening dews and damps;

I can read his righteous sentence by the dim and flaring lamps;
his day is marching on. [Refrain]

3 He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat;
he is sifting out the hearts of all before his judgment seat.
O be swift, my soul, to answer him; be jubilant, my feet!
Our God is marching on. [Refrain]

4 In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea,
with a glory in his bosom that transfigures you and me;
as he died to make us holy, let us die to make all free,
while God is marching on. [Refrain]

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.

NEWS FOR THE BODY OF CHRIST

The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are presented by
Alice Eiszler, in loving memory of her husband, Jeffrey.

Our Deacons will once again be serving hot dogs to the parade crowds tomorrow as Bridgeville celebrates Memorial Day. The parade begins at 10AM. Bring a chair and join us in front of the church for this fun event!

A warm welcome and special thanks to Colleen Jarrett, guest Clarinetist. Thank you for sharing your beautiful gifts with us, again!

PROGRAM AND EVENT NEWS

VBS – YOUTH & ADULT VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED! We have a record number of participants registered already & will need as many helping hands as possible. Adult volunteers are also very much needed! Our dates for this year are June 17-21 & the time commitment is 8:45am - 12:10pm. Volunteer hours are available & any necessary forms will be signed.

You can register as a volunteer at <https://vbspro.events/p/bethanypresby>
Contact Celina Farabaugh (cfarabaugh19@gmail.com or 724-554-6370) if you have any questions. *Please spread the word to any adults you may know who would be interested in volunteering as well.*

SUMMER BLOOM – June 6th - Bloom will move to outdoor praise this summer! On June 6th, we will be kicking off the Summer season with our Bloom session in the Church courtyard. Come sing along or jam on your instrument- Let everything that has breath Praise the Lord!

VBS DECORATION DAY – June 11. We will be decorating the church for VBS on Tuesday, June 11th beginning at 12noon. If you can spare a little time to help turn our church into an undersea adventure, we would love to have you join us.

DEAR BETHANY GOLFERS -Saturday, June 22nd starting at 8:30am. Please consider joining us and bringing some friends to our annual Bethany Golf outing being held at Ft. Cherry Golf Course on Saturday, June 22nd. Our event is open to all golfers and uses a golfer friendly 'Scramble' format. Cost is \$87 (check/cash) or \$90 (on-line payment), and includes your round of golf and luncheon afterwards! Registration forms can be found in the Welcome Center.

BYG: UPCOMING EVENTS FOR BETHANY YOUTH GROUP.

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

May 26th - BYG will not be meeting tonight

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

GOLDEN OLDIES TRIPS!

These trips are being led by our Golden Oldies, but all church members are welcome. Please contact Carole Aspinall at 412-833-8114 for more information.

OHIO AMISH COUNTRY/SUGAR CREEK and the production of "RUTH".

Wednesday, July 10. Departing at 7am, returning around 8pm. \$150 for Golden Oldies Members. \$160 for Non-members. Last day to register is today.

DANIEL at Sight and Sound Theater, September 4th and 5th.

MISSION NEWS AND OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

THE SUMMERSVILLE, WV MISSION TRIP 2024, work week will be from August 11th through the 17th. Lodging provided at Summersville Presbyterian Church. Full and half week options available. Russ Bedner, Dave Colton or Connie Segeleon can answer questions regarding the trip.

SARRIS CANDY –The Sarris Candy sales proceeds for May are going to Campus Life.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND WORSHIP AND WONDER are on hiatus for the summer and will resume on SEPTEMBER 8TH.

CHURCH FINANCES AS OF MAY 19, 2024:

Thank you for your continued support.

	2024 YTD (\$)	2023 YTD (\$)	+/- (\$)
Contributions*	\$ 208,402	213,987	\$ (5,586)
General Fund Subsidies (Transfers)	130,625	91,043	39,582
Investment Income **	4,902	8,501	(3,600)
Total General Fund Income	\$ 343,928	\$313,532	\$ 30,396
Year to Date Budget	359,209		
+/- Budget	\$ (15,281)		

*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.

No checks, no problem!
A QR Code for online giving is available.



WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, May 26

8:15AM and 10:00AM - Worship

Monday, May 27

MEMORIAL DAY

10:00AM – Parade

Tuesday, May 28

6:30PM - Men's Huddle

7:00PM – ALANON

7:00PM – DQ Group

Wednesday, May 29

11:30AM - Knitters

7:00PM - Scouts

Thursday, May 30

9:00AM – Quilters

12:00PM - Rotary

7:30PM - AA

Friday, May 31

Saturday, June 1

Sunday, June 2

GRADUATION SUNDAY

8:15AM and 10:00AM – Worship with Communion

5:00PM - BYG



**Members and Relatives of Members of
Bethany Presbyterian Church
who lost their lives serving in the Military**

*member of Bethany Church or Sunday School
Thanks to Joe Oyler for compiling this list.

WILLIAM CAMPBELL

Union Army -Civil War -died November 4. 1862, from typhoid fever. Buried at Robinson Run Cemetery. Great-great uncle of member Marion Grafe.

*** JOHN PARK HICKMAN**

Union Army -Civil War -died April 27. 1863 in Aquia Creek Hospital near Fredericksburg. VA. Buried at Melrose Cemetery.

*** RICHARD LESNETT**

Union Army -Civil War -mortally wounded on May 28. 1864 at Haws Shop. Virginia -buried at Arlington National Cemetery. Third cousin of deceased members Dell Lesnett and Edward Schneider, & Richard Schneider. Fourth cousin of members John Schneider and Becky Findlay.

*** JOHN JORDAN**

Union Army -Civil War - died September 20, 1864 in the Confederate Prisoner of War Camp at Andersonville, Georgia. Buried at Melrose Cemetery.

*** BENJAMIN KERR**

Union Army - Civil War -died October 4, 1864 in the Confederate Prisoner of War Camp at Andersonville, Georgia.

DANIEL FINNEGAN

Union Army -Civil War -died from disease at Fort Monroe, Virginia, on October 6, 1864. Great great-grandfather of member Mary Bressanelli and deceased members Nancy Fink and Ruth Kohlmyer.

*** J. BOYD ALEXANDER**

Union Army -Civil War -died November 27. 1864 in the Confederate Prisoner of War Camp in Salisbury. NC. Buried at Bethany Cemetery.

*** LLOYD WARRENSFORD**

U. S. Army -World War 1 - died in France of pneumonia in 1918. Buried in France. Second cousin of member Roberta Gerstacker.

***RAYMOND ROACH**

U. S. Army -World War 1 -died in the United States after being exposed to mustard gas in France in 1918. Buried at Melrose Cemetery. Childhood friend of deceased member Arthur Godwin.

RUDOLPH KOVACH

U. S. Army -World War 1 -killed by machine gun fire in France. Buried at Holy Child Cemetery. Great Uncle of deceased member Richard Kovach.

EDWARD SCHOLLAERT

U. S. Army -World War 1 -died of wounds inflicted at Exmorieux Farm, France, on November 24, 1918. Third cousin of member Lois Kirsopp.

LAWRENCE SCHOLLAERT

U. S. Army Air Corps -World War 2 -killed during a Japanese Air Raid on the Island of Biak in the Pacific Theater on March 22, 1945. Second cousin of member Lois Kirsopp.

JAMES STEIN

U. S. Navy World War 2 -died when his airplane was shot down over Saipan in 1943. Brother of deceased member Joan Marshall.

JOHN HOWARD

U. S. Army -World War 2 -died in combat in Europe. Brother of deceased member Marion Franks.

JOSEPH O'BRIEN

U. S. Army Air Corps -World War 2 -died when his B 24 was shot down over Italy in 1943. Uncle of deceased member Jack O'Brien.

ANDREW ZURA

U. S. Army Air Corps -World War 2 -killed in action on November 27, 1943, when his troop Ship was sunk in the Mediterranean Sea. Uncle of member Emily Brady.

BERNARD KRAMER

U. S. Army -World War 2 -died in combat at Saipan August 7, 1944. Uncle of deceased member Eileen Sturgill.

HARRY GREEN

U. S. Army Air Corps -World War 2 -died when his airplane was shot down over Germany in 1944. Uncle of deceased member Natalie Walters.

ROBERT KENNEL

U. S. Army Air Corps -World War 2 -KIA, on June 7, 1944 during Normandy Invasion. Cousin of deceased members Richard Kennell and Lois Bettine.

*** SAMUEL ALLENDER**

U. S. Army Air Corps -World War 2 -Flight Engineer on B17 missing following bombing of mission over Greece in January 1944. Son of deceased members Samuel and Edith Allender.

WILLIAM HAGERTY

U. S. Army -World War 2 -died in combat on Guam July 28, 1944. Second cousin of member Thomas Jones.

WILLIAM FRANKS

U. S. Navy -World War 2 -died when he was swept out of his LST by a large wave during the invasion of a Japanese held Pacific Island. Cousin of deceased member Lois Lewis.

SAMUEL BALLOTTI

U. S. Army -World War 2 -was killed in action while crossing the Rhine River in Germany in March 1945 -buried at Holy Souls Cemetery in Robinson Township. Brother-in-law of deceased member Helen DiGiovanni.

WILLIAM BARZANTY

U. S. Army Air Corps -World War 2 -accidental death on March 21, 1945, during basic training. Buried at Robinson Run Cemetery. Uncle of former member Dane Barzanty.

JAMES KELVINGTON

U. S. Army -World War 2 -died when his truck crashed at a bombed out bridge in Germany on November 15, 1945. Left a wife and two children. Cousin of member Sandra Miklavic.

***AMOS JONES**

U. S. Navy -died in an airplane crash on a reconnaissance mission in Iceland in December 1953 -buried at Arlington National Cemetery. Brother of former member Gary Jones.

JAMES HUEY

U. S. Army -World War II and Korean War -died September 24, 1954 when his ship went down during a typhoon while returning to U. S. from Japan. Brother-in-law of deceased member Marie Gillis.

***RICHARD JOHNSON**

U.S. Air Force -died in an airplane accident while training to be a fighter pilot in October 1954. Buried at Melrose Cemetery. Son of deceased members Richard and Sally Johnson.

*** LESLIE (SAM) PATTON**

U. S. Army -died in an automobile accident January 31, 1955 -buried at Melrose Cemetery. Brother of deceased member Jane Patton and uncle of deceased member Diane Bellotti.

THOMAS PREAUX

U. S. Air Force -Vietnam War - died when his airplane was shot down on April 24, 1967 in Vietnam. Cousin of member Ruth Jones.

KENNETH BROWN

S. Air Force -Vietnam War -accidental death in Thailand May 1, 1968 -buried at Melrose Cemetery. Son of deceased member Isabel Brown.

ROBERT ROUNDING

U. S. Air Force -Vietnam War -died in an airplane crash while on a training mission in California in 1968. Father of former member Julie Pitts.

MARK WOLSTONCROFT

U. S. Army -died in an accident in 1974. Brother of former member Ralph Wolstoncroft.

RYAN LANE

War Against Terrorism -killed in action July 2009 in Afghanistan step-son of former member Dawn Lane.

