



Six Kitchen Tables: I. When Crumbs Are Enough

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23, 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

" Prelude and Fugue in G Major" by J.S. Bach "

WELCOME

Pastor Brian Janssen

CALL TO WORSHIP *(Please Stand)*

Pastor Larry Ruby

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

Even the smallest crumb from the Master's table is enough to feed a hungry soul.

We come with empty hands and desperate hope.

The Lord surrounds his people, as the mountains surround Jerusalem.

We will not be moved, for our trust is in him.

Christ welcomes those who have no claim to bring but their need.

We gather at his table, unworthy and unafraid.

Come, let us worship the God who feeds the outsider and answers the persistent cry.

We worship the Lord, who never turns away a hungry heart

OPENING PRAYER *(Please Stand)*

Pastor Larry Ruby

HYMN *(Please Stand)* "Jesus What A Friend For Sinners" (vrs. 1,2,3,5) No. 90

- 1 Jesus! what a Friend for sinners! Jesus! Lover of my soul;
friends may fail me, foes assail me, he, my Savior, makes me whole.

Refrain

Hallelujah! what a Savior! Hallelujah! What a Friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving, he is with me to the end.

- 2 Jesus! What a Strength in weakness! Let me hide myself in him;
tempted, tried and sometimes failing, he my Strength, my victory wins.

Refrain

- 3 Jesus! What a Help in sorrow! While the billows o'er me roll,
even when my heart is breaking, he my Comforter, helps my soul

Refrain

- 5 Jesus! I do now receive him, more than all in him I find,
he has granted me forgiveness, I am his, and he is mine

Refrain

CALL TO CONFESSION *(Please be seated)*

Pastor Larry Ruby

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Pastor Larry Ruby

Merciful God, we confess that we have wanted a place of honor at your table rather than a place near your feet. We have measured out mercy to others in small and grudging portions, while asking you for more than we are willing to give. We have doubted that your grace reaches far enough to include us, or far enough to include those we have written off. Forgive our pride. Forgive our stinginess. Forgive our unbelief. Like the woman in the story, we kneel before you with nothing to offer but our need. Have mercy on us, O Lord. Amen.

Silent Confession

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor Larry Ruby

Hear this good news: the God who honored a Gentile woman's faith honors ours. In Christ, our sin is not held against us — it is carried away and remembered no more. The table of the Lord is not swept bare before we arrive; it is set, and there is more than enough. Friends, believe the gospel: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

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

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

Debby Hayes

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Pastor Larry Ruby

FIRST READING**Psalm 125****Pastor Larry Ruby**

Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved but abides forever. As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the LORD surrounds his people from this time on and forevermore. For the scepter of wickedness shall not rest on the land allotted to the righteous, so that the righteous might not stretch out their hands to do wrong. Do good, O LORD, to those who are good and to those who are upright in their hearts. But those who turn aside to their own crooked ways, the LORD will lead away with evildoers. Peace be upon Israel!

SECOND READING**Mark 7:24-30****Pastor Brian Janssen**

From there he set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a gentile, of Syrophoenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter." And when she went home, she found the child lying on the bed and the demon gone.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to  God.

SERMON**Six Kitchen Tables: I.
When Crumbs Are Enough****Pastor Brian Janssen****WE RESPOND****THE PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS****THE OFFERTORY**

"If You Search With All Your Heart"
Vocalists: Jacquelyn Nixon and Tim Nagy
by Craig Courtney; cpr 1994 Beckenhorst Press, Inc.;

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)* “Praise The One Who Breaks The Darkness” No 93

- 1 Praise the One who breaks the darkness with a liberating light.
Praise the One who frees the prisoners, turning blindness into sight.
Praise the One who preached the gospel, healing every dread disease,
calming storms and feeding thousands with the very bread of peace.
- 2 Praise the One who blessed the children with a strong yet gentle word.
Praise the One who drove out demons with a piercing two-edged sword.
Praise the One who brings cool water to the desert's burning sand.
From this well comes living water quenching thirst in every land.
- 3 Praise the one true love incarnate: Christ, who suffered in our place.
Jesus died and rose for many that we may know God by grace.
Let us sing for joy and gladness, seeing what our God has done.
Praise the one redeeming glory, praise the One who makes us one.

BENEDICTION

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 Pat Mishizen, Deb Perkins, Shaon Salvini and Karl Salvini

The flowers this morning are presented to the Glory of God by Laura Dugan in memory of her parents, Walter and Ruth Liehti.

Special thanks to Jackie Nixon and Tim Nagy for sharing their musical gifts with us in worship this morning.

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!

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT- We are looking for an Administrative Assistant and will consider either Full-Time or Part-Time candidates. Interested applicants can email their resume to finance@bethanypresby.org. See our website for more details.

NEW PART-TIME CUSTODIAN- Please join us in extending a warm welcome to our new Part-Time Custodian, Jacob Payo. Jacob is local to Bridgeville and is excited to be joining the Staff here at Bethany.

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 this 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 and will have them on sale in the Welcome Center today.

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 has installed a new **Blue** collection bin 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 every Monday. 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.

“HELPING HANDS” – The Rotary of Bridgeville-South Fayette is initiating a “Helping Hands” Community Service Program for Bridgeville and South Fayette families (limited scope). The Rotary will assess every request; however as they have a limited number of members and limited skills, they would welcome any individuals who would be able to help. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Bill Paviol at 412-722-3102.

READY TO SING?- The Bethany Choir resumes rehearsals at **7:00pm on Wednesday, August 28th.** No experience is necessary and no auditions are required; therefore if you would like to join us, we would love to welcome you to the choir. Childcare will be provided. You can contact Nadina at music@bethanypresby.org if you would like to join or have any questions.

BLOOM AND CAFÉ BETHANY- Join us for our first Bloom and Café Bethany event of the Fall on **Thursday, September 10th at 6:00pm!** There will be a catered dinner followed by a **Modern Service for families at 7:00pm.** We would love to see you there. Please sign up on the signup sheet in the Welcome Center.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!- Bethany Missions Partner, **Feed My Starving Children**, is in need of volunteers! Please consider giving 2 hours of your time (there are various 2 -hour time slots) **on Saturday, September 12th at the South Fayette Intermediate School** to pack meals for starving children around the world. Kids age 5 and up can participate. Seated jobs are also available. The highest level of need is for people able to lift up to 50 pounds. Learn more and register to help at : give.fmssc.org/southhills. Please contact Betsy Dobbs with any questions at : 412-498-6778.

MISSION TEAM NEWS!- The Mission Team recently held two volunteer events with two of our Mission Partners and they were as follows:

- On July 23rd, Lisa Smith, Peg Bolam, Barb Boehmer, Jeanine Rainone and Karen Talerico volunteered at the **City Mission Warehouse** and spent the morning sorting bins of donated purses, luggage, backpacks and similar items
- On August 15th, Barb Crawford, Bonnie Miller, Robin Miller, Susan Anderson, Barb Boehmer, Pat Mishizen, Laura Dugan and Karen Talerico volunteered at the **Sojourner House Green Space** and spent the morning weeding, pruning and painting.

We want to thank Karen Talerico for her work in arranging these volunteer opportunities and hope to have more in the future

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.



**WOMEN'S
MINISTRY**
Craft and Lunch

SEPT 20TH

After the 10:45am Church Service in Fellowship Hall

We will be making a chunky finger knit pumpkin craft!

Cost is \$30 per person ages 10 and up.
Includes lunch and the craft.
Childcare will be provided

SIGN UP TODAY
Money is due to Heather
Lucas by Sunday
September 13th!



CHURCH FINANCES AS OF AUGUST 16, 2026

Thank you for your continued support.

	2026 YTD (\$)	2025 YTD (\$)	+/- (\$)
Contributions*	\$ 348,317	\$ 333,655	\$14,663
General Fund Subsidies (Transfers)	245,830	239,196	6,634
Investment Income **	9,632	9,952	(319)
Total General Fund Income	\$ 603,779	\$ 582,802	\$20,977
Year to Date Budget	587,195		
+/- Budget	\$ 16,584		

*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 23

8:15AM and 10:00AM Worship

Monday, August 24

4:30PM - Body Carpenter Workout

6:30PM - Men's Huddle Group

Tuesday, August 25

6:30PM – Notes in the Margin Bible Study

7:00PM – Session Meeting

7:00PM – ALANON

Wednesday, August 26

11:30AM – Knitters

5:00PM BYG Wings Wednesday

7:00PM – Choir Practice Resumes

Thursday, August 27

9:00AM – Quilters

12:00:PM – Rotary

6:30PM – Bloom at the Gazebo

7:30PM – AA

Friday, August 28

Saturday, August 29

Sunday, August 30

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