



# *Six Kitchen Tables: II. What to Bring to the Party*

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30, 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

### " Pour My Oil"

Harp and Guitar Duet:

**Lever Harp: Nadina Robusto; Guitar: Caleb Auldrige "**

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Music; The Worship Society; Remaining portion is unaffiliated;

### WELCOME

**Pastor Brian Janssen**

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

**Pastor Larry Ruby**

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

There is a depth of sorrow that only mercy can reach.

**Out of the depths, we cry to you, O Lord.**

There is a debt of sin that only grace can cancel.

**We wait for you, and in your word we hope.**

The one who is forgiven much learns to love much.

**Teach us to love you as those who have been forgiven.**

Come, let us worship the God whose steadfast love is greater than our shame.

**We worship the Lord, in whom is full and unfailing redemption.**

### OPENING PRAYER *(Please Stand)*

**Pastor Larry Ruby**

### HYMN *(Please Stand)*

### " Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above"

**No. 46**

- 1** Praise the Lord who reigns above and keeps his court below;  
praise the holy God of love, and all his greatness show;  
praise him for his noble deeds, praise him for his matchless power;  
him from whom all good proceeds let earth and heaven adore.
- 2** Celebrate th'e-ter-nal God with harp and psaltery,  
timbrels soft and cymbals loud in this high praise agree;  
praise him, every tuneful string; all the reach of heavenly art,  
all the powers of music bring, the music of the heart.
- 3** God, in whom they move and live, let every creature sing,  
glory to their Maker give, and homage to their King.  
Hallowed be his name beneath, as in heaven and on earth adored;  
praise the Lord in every breath, let all things praise the Lord.

**CALL TO CONFESSION** *(Please be seated)*

**Pastor Larry Ruby**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Pastor Larry Ruby**

**Gracious God, we confess that we have often played the part of the host who calculates love rather than the guest who simply receives it. We have measured out affection where we should have poured it out. We have judged others for the very things we hide in ourselves, and we have kept a careful distance from you, as though our reputation could shield us from your knowledge of our hearts. Forgive our calculation. Forgive our pride. Forgive the debts we pretend we do not owe. Have mercy on us, O Lord, according to your steadfast love. Amen.**

*Silent Confession*

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**Pastor Larry Ruby**

Hear this good news: with the Lord there is no keeping score, but full and constant mercy. The debt we could never repay has been canceled, not because we found a way to earn it, but because grace was never for sale. Whoever comes to Christ in humility is not turned away in shame, but is welcomed, forgiven, and sent out in peace. Friends, believe the gospel: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.  
**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

**RESPONSE** *(Please Stand)*

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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 130****Pastor Larry Ruby**

Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD. Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications! If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered. I wait for the LORD; my soul waits, and in his word I hope; my soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning, more than those who watch for the morning. O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with him is great power to redeem. It is he who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities.

**SECOND READING****Luke 7: 36-50****Pastor Brian Janssen**

One of the Pharisees asked Jesus to eat with him, and when he went into the Pharisee's house he reclined to dine. And a woman in the city who was a sinner, having learned that he was eating in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster jar of ointment. She stood behind him at his feet, weeping, and began to bathe his feet with her tears and to dry them with her hair, kissing his feet and anointing them with the ointment. Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw it, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what kind of woman this is who is touching him, that she is a sinner." Jesus spoke up and said to him, "Simon, I have something to say to you." "Teacher," he replied, "speak." "A certain moneylender had two debtors; one owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. When they could not pay, he canceled the debts for both of them. Now which of them will love him more?" Simon answered, "I suppose the one for whom he canceled the greater debt." And Jesus said to him, "You have judged rightly." Then turning toward the woman, he said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has bathed my feet with her tears and dried them with her hair. You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not stopped kissing my feet. You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven; hence she has shown great love. But the one to whom little is forgiven loves little." Then he said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." But those who were at the table with him began to say among themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?" But he said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to  God.

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## WE RESPOND

### THE PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

#### THE OFFERTORY

#### "The Lord's Prayer"

**Soloist: Michael John Talerico; Pianist: Xuelai Talerico**

by Albert Hay Malotte; cpr. 1935; New York: G. Schirmer, Inc.

#### 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)*

#### 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)*

#### " Rejoice the Lord is King! "

**No. 342**

- 1** Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore!  
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, and triumph evermore:

#### **Refrain**

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

- 2** Our Savior, Jesus reigns, the God of truth and love;  
when he had purged our stains, he took his seat above

#### **Refrain**

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

- 3** His Kingdom cannot fail, he rules both earth and heaven;  
the keys of death and hell are to our Jesus given:

**Refrain**

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

- 4** Rejoice in glorious hope for Christ the Judge shall come  
to gather all his saints to their eternal home:

**Refrain**

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

**BENEDICTION**

**CLOSING RESPONSE**

**POSTLUDE**

**"Coat of Many Colors"**

**Nadina Robusto and Caleb Auldrige**

by Dolly Parton; cpr 1969 (Renewed 1997) Velvet Apple Music

**Instrumental Duet**

**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 Dale Anderson, Carol Cowser, Sue Nagy and Connie Segeleon

The flowers this morning are presented to the Glory of God in remembrance of William T. Gray from Elaine and family.

Special thanks to Michael and Xuelai Talerico for sharing their musical gifts with us in worship today.

**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](mailto: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](mailto:finance@bethanypresby.org). See our website for more details.

**FLOWERS** – We still have dates open if you would like to have flowers for the altar. September 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>, November 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>, and December 6<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> are all available. Please contact the Church Office to reserve a date.

**BACK TO SCHOOL BASH** – The second Annual **Back to School Bash is TODAY! from 5pm -7pm.** It will be an open-house style so feel free to come and go as needed. There will be a tie-dye station, food, music from our Bloom Musicians and a **MINI GOLF COURSE IN OUR YARD!** We look forward to having a great time with everyone of all ages- hope to see you there.

**NOTES IN THE MARGIN 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 September 8th.** Bring your Bible, your questions, and an open heart. No expertise required!

**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.

**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](mailto:membershipchair@bethanypresby.org)

**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 (see the model in the Welcome Center) and the \$30 fee also includes lunch. The fee is due to Heather Lucas by September 13th; however, you can sign up starting today.

**FALL KICK-OFF DAY**- **September 13th is our Fall Kick-Off Day for the following:**

- We will be returning to our **Regular Worship Hours** of 8:15 and 10:45;
- All **Sunday School Classes** will begin;
- **Children's Worship Opportunities** for Children ages 3 to 5th will also begin;
- The **Bethany Youth Group** will start at 5pm;
- We will hold a "**Blessing of the Backpacks**" during the Children's sermon for all aged children and
- This will be **Pastor Larry Ruby's last day** as our Interim Associate Pastor and we invite everyone to bring him a card to thank him for his time with us at Bethany and to wish him well in whatever future endeavors he pursues. Baskets for cards will be available at both entrances to the Sanctuary.
- The **Youth Ukulele practice** will also resume on September 13th in the Sanctuary after the 10:45 Service. Looking forward to seeing all of you ready to play.

**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](mailto:musicassociate@bethanypresby.org).

**HARVEST STREET MISSION COLLECTION** - The Mission Team will be collecting donated clothing items **in the Welcome Center until the end of 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.

**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.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**- Bethany Missions Partner, **Feed My Starving Children**, is in need of volunteers! Please consider giving 2 hours of your time (there are still **2 hour** time slots from **12:00pm to 2:00pm** and **3:00pm to 5:00pm** available and **clean up slots from 3:00pm to 5:00pm** also available) **on Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup> 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](http://give.fmssc.org/southhills). Please contact Betsy Dobbs with any questions at: 412-498-6778.

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY** - Bethany has a volunteer opportunity for anyone 12 years and older with **Sojourner House** on **Wednesday, September 16th from 9:30-noon**. We will complete the painting work we started on August 15<sup>th</sup> at their Green Space/play yard. If you are available and interested in this opportunity please (call or text) Karen Talerico at 412-913-3789 .

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE**

**Sunday School** begins on **September 13<sup>th</sup>**! Please make plans to join us for Sunday School this fall from **9:30 -10:30am**. The following is an outline of the classes and activities available for **all age groups**,

**Toddlers and Babies 3 and under – Nursery Care is available during Sunday School**

**Children and Youth – Ages 3 Through 12<sup>th</sup> Grade**

**From 9:30am to 9:45 am** - All meet in the Choir Room for singing and musical instruments with the Sunday School Musical Team.

**Preschool Ages 3-5 -Rooms 244-245** for Bible Story, Coloring Page and Play Time

**Classes with the Bible in Life Curriculum by David C. Cook**

**Grades 1-3 in Room 239**

**Grades 4-7 in Room 240**

**Grades 8 – 12 in room 236**

**Adult Classes**

**Women of the Bible** – in Fellowship Hall with Devin Underwood

**Through the Bible** – In the Bethany Room with Doug Bovard

**Women's Sunday School Class** – Room 224 with Becky Yanak

**2 Corinthians** – In the Chapel with Mark Rackley

Additional and detailed information is available in the **September Newsletter** or in the flyer titled, "**Bible Studies, Events, and Ministries**," available in the Welcome Center.

We still 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](mailto:cfarabaugh19@gmail.com)

## CHURCH FINANCES AS OF AUGUST 23, 2026

*Thank you for your continued support.*

|                                    | 2026 YTD (\$) | 2025 YTD (\$) | +/- (\$) |
|------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|----------|
| Contributions*                     | \$ 358,094    | \$ 340,306    | \$17,789 |
| General Fund Subsidies (Transfers) | 253,635       | 246,787       | 6,848    |
| Investment Income **               | 9,632         | 9,952         | (319)    |
| Total General Fund Income          | \$ 621,361    | \$ 597,044    | \$24,317 |
| Year to Date Budget                | 604,469       |               |          |
| +/- Budget                         | \$ 16,893     |               |          |

\*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 30**

8:15AM and 10:00AM Worship  
5:00PM -Back to School Bash

### **Monday, August 31**

4:30PM - Body Carpenter Workout  
6:30PM - Men's Huddle Group

### **Tuesday, September 1**

7:00PM – ALANON

### **Wednesday, September 2**

10:00AM Fellowship of Prayer  
11:30AM – Knitters  
12:00PM – Golden Oldies Board Meeting in the Chapel  
7:00PM – Choir Practice

### **Thursday, September 3**

9:00AM – Quilters  
12:00:PM – Rotary  
6:30PM – Bloom  
7:00PM - Dartball  
7:30PM – AA

### **Friday, September 4**

### **Saturday, September 5**

### **Sunday, September 6**

#### **COMMUNION SUNDAY**

8:15AM and 10:00AM - Worship