



Given to This Church: I. Our Trust in Jesus

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2026
10:45AM

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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

"Herr Jesu Christ, Dich Zu Uns Wend"

BWV 632; by J.S. Bach

WELCOME

Pastor Brian Janssen

CALL TO WORSHIP *(Please Stand)*

Pastor Justin Miller

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

Someone unlocked these doors this morning.

Someone turned on the lights, swept the floor, and made this room warm.

Before any of us arrived, the work of this day had already begun.

And long before that, God was at work — and is working still.

We come to worship the God who provides,

who gives before we think to ask, and keeps giving when we forget to say thank you.

Come, then. Let us worship God together.

With glad and grateful hearts, we come.

OPENING PRAYER *(Please Stand)*

Pastor Justin Miller

HYMN *(Please Stand)* "I Sing the Almighty Power of God"

No 31

- 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 *(Please be seated)*

Pastor Justin Miller

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Pastor Justin Miller

Gracious God, we are restless people in a world you have filled. You have given us more than we can name, and still we lie awake counting what we lack. We confess that we notice what is missing and overlook what is already here. We take for granted the work of hands we never see. We receive, and do not return thanks. We hold tightly what you gave us to hold loosely. Forgive us. Teach us to recognize enough when we have it. Loosen our grip, and steady our trust, and let our whole lives be the thanks we have been slow to say; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silent Confession

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor Justin Miller

Hear the good news. There are people in this church's long history whose names no one here remembers — who taught, and swept, and cooked, and prayed, and were never once thanked. God has not forgotten a single one of them. And God has not forgotten you. You are not loved because your work was noticed. You are loved because Jesus Christ has claimed you, and nothing can undo that. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel. **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!**

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 Justin Miller**

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.**

Let us share the peace of Christ with our neighbor.

WE LISTEN**MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP**

STEWARDSHIP VIDEO

MOMENT FOR MISSION

The kids can come forward for the Children’s Sermon

CHILDREN’S SERMON**Pastor Brian Janssen****PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION****Pastor Justin Miller****FIRST READING****Isaiah 25: 1-9****Pastor Justin Miller**

O Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you; I will praise your name, for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure. For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the palace of foreigners is a city no more; it will never be rebuilt. Therefore, strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you. For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat. When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm, the noise of foreigners like heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds; the song of the ruthless was stilled. On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the covering that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day, “See, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.”

SECOND READING**Philippians 4: 1-20****Pastor Brian Janssen**

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my coworkers, whose names are in the book of life. Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. As for the things that you have learned and received and heard and noticed in me, do them, and the God of peace will be with you. I rejoice in the Lord greatly that now at last you have revived your concern for me; indeed, you were concerned for me but had no opportunity to show it. Not that I am referring to being in need, for I have learned to be content with whatever I have. I know what it is to have little, and I know what it is to have plenty. In any and all circumstances I have learned the secret of being well-fed and of going hungry, of having plenty and of being in need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me. In any case, it was kind of you to share my distress. You Philippians indeed know that in the early days of the gospel, when I left Macedonia, no church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving except you alone. For even when I was in Thessalonica, you sent me help for my needs more than once. Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the profit that accumulates to your account. I have been paid in full and have more than enough; I am fully satisfied, now that I have received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God. And my God will fully satisfy every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.**SERMON****Given to This Church: I.
Our Trust in Jesus****Pastor Brian Janssen****CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM****WE RESPOND****THE PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS****THE OFFERTORY****"From the Day You Were Born"**
by Russell Nagy; cpr 1993 High Street Music**Bethany Choir**

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)*

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor Justin Miller

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)*

"The Summons"

No 350

- 1** Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
 Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
 Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,
 will you let me life be grown in you and you in me?
- 2** Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
 Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
 Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?
 Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?
- 3** Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?
 Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?
 Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,
 and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?
- 4** Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
 Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
 In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.
 Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

BENEDICTION

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 Deb Pyle, Sue Nagy, Carol Cowser and Karen Lucas

The flowers this morning are presented to the Glory of God in memory of Tom Hayes by Debby Hayes and Family.

Today we celebrate the Baptism of Charles Edmond Cochran and Robert William Cochran, the sons of John Cochran and Caitlyn Rastetter Cochran, who were born February 23rd, 2026.

PROGRAM AND EVENT NEWS

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES DURING THE 10:45 SERVICE

Please note that we have the following Opportunities for children during the 10:45 Service:

Worship and Wonder for Children ages 3 to 2nd grade where children learn more about worshipping God. They are starting the year with the story of the Good Shepherd and then continuing stories of Creation and the Old Testament.

Faith and Friends for children in 3rd through 5th grade where children will explore lessons from the Bible in Life Curriculum through interactive learning, meaningful discussion and hands-on-activities. The Scripture lesson is the same as Sunday School; however, the lesson content and activities are different.

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

FLOWERS – December 6th is still open if you would like to have flowers for the altar. Please contact the Church Office to reserve a date.

NEW ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT – Please join us in extending a warm welcome to our new Administrative Assistant, Bri Mock. Bri joined our team last week and is looking forward to getting to know everyone and be a part of the team.

SUNDAY SCHOOL COLLECTION- This year our Sunday School Offering will go to our Mission Partner, Feed My Starving Children.

ADDITIONAL CHOIR REHEARSAL- Thought about trying out the choir, but can't make an evening rehearsal? Please join us at **10:00AM on Tuesdays** for our newest addition! We will meet in the Choir Room to work on warm-ups with our Music Associate, Caleb Auldridge, and then "lock in" on the weekly anthem with Music Director, Nadina Robusto. Hope to see you there!

UPWARD SPORTS - Registration for the 2027 season will open on **October 1st** on the Bethany Website at bethanypresby.org. Click the Upward Sports Page button at the bottom of the Website Home Page for all information.

CANTATA CALL!- we are very excited to share our Cantata on **December 13, 2026**. Everything is coming together with the guest musicians and all of the music is here- it is time to prepare! (Brand new Cantata to us this year, featuring excerpts from Vivaldi's "Gloria" and Tschaikovsky's "Nutcracker Suite"!). **Cantata Choir practice has started and is from 6:45pm – 7:30pm** each Wednesday (exception the week of Thanksgiving). Any instrumentalists that would like to share their gifts are welcome! Please see Nadina or email music@bethanypresby.org for more details.

CONGREGATION MEMBER/FAMILY PROFILE- We are asking all Members/Families to complete a Congregation Member Profile in order to create a Binder for Pastor Justin to get to know each of us better. The Forms are located on the table on the right side of the Welcome Center. See Denise Leigh if you need help with a picture. Please return the completed ones in the basket beside the forms by **October 25, 2026**.

CITY MISSION DONATIONS- The City Mission, one of Bethany's Mission Partners, has installed a new **Blue** donation 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.

ROTARY COMMUNITY PROJECT– The Rotary of Bridgeville-South Fayette is initiating a 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](mailto:Bill.Paviol@rotary.org). Please keep the Rotary and this Project in your prayers.

ANGELS' PLACE COLLECTION- The Mission Team is collecting "Wish List" items for our Mission Partner, Angels' Place during the **Month of October**. Angels' Place is a family cooperative community and home away from home with childcare and early childhood education for low income single parents. Their goal is to provide a clean, safe, fun and comfortable environment where families are free to play, grow and learn. The "Wish List" includes the following: Paper Towels, Paper Plates, Small Dixie Cups, 13 Gallon Kitchen Trash Bags, Hand Soap and Non-Perishable snacks for Children. A collection box will be located outside of the Nursery.

THE CHOSEN SEASON SIX, EPISODE 1 VIEWING PARTY- We have early access to the first episode of season 6 of the Chosen! The Membership Team is hosting a catered dinner and viewing party in the Welcome Center **on Sunday, October 25th**. Dinner will at approximately 6:00pm with the viewing beginning at 7:00pm. There is a Sign-Up Sheet on the table on the right side of the Welcome Center if you plan to attend as we will need a number for the caterer.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD COLLECTION – The Bethany mission team will participate in the Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child Collection for children ages 2 to 14 around the world. **Boxes are available today, October 11th**, on the tables in the Welcome Center and **must be returned by Sunday, November 1st**. Boxes can be filled for girls or boys ages 2 to 4, 5 to 9 or 10 to 14 and information and gift suggestions are attached to each box. Returned boxes should be closed with a rubber band and include either 10 in cash or a \$10 check to Bethany Presbyterian Church to aid with the shipping costs.



SAVE THE DATE- It may seem early, however the Discipleship Team will again be hosting the annual **Friendsgiving Event on Sunday, November 8th** and wanted to make sure you got it on your calendar. Additional information will follow.



CHURCH FINANCES AS OF OCTOBER 4, 2026

Thank you for your continued support.

	2026 YTD (\$)	2025 YTD (\$)	+/- (\$)
Contributions*	\$ 426,207	\$ 399,623	\$26,584
General Fund Subsidies (Transfers)	292,660	284,742	7,918
Investment Income **	10,958	12,422	(1,464)
Total General Fund Income	\$ 729,825	\$ 696,787	\$33,038
Year to Date Budget	710,509		
+/- Budget	\$ 19,316		

*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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October Special Offering- Men's and Women's Ministries

The special offering envelope for October supports the Men's and Women's Ministries of Bethany.

Online giver? Not receiving envelopes? You can still donate to this special offering either in the online giving portal or noting that your donation is for Men's and Women's Ministries on your check or a pew envelope.

Thank you for your contribution to Men's and Women's Ministries at Bethany.

WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, October 11

8:15AM – Worship
9:30AM - Sunday School
10:45AM – Worship & Baptism
Adult and Youth Ukulele Practice – after 10:45 Service
5:00PM – Bethany Youth Group Pumpkin Carving & Bonfire at The Gardner's

Monday, October 12

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

Tuesday, October 13

10:00AM – Additional Choir Rehearsal
6:45PM – Session Team Meeting
7:00PM – ALANON

Wednesday, October 14

11:30AM – Knitters
6:45PM – Choir Practice

Thursday, October 15

9:00AM – Quilters
12:00PM – Rotary
12:00PM Golden Oldies Luncheon
6:30PM – Bloom in Sanctuary
7:00PM - Dartball
7:30PM – AA

Friday, October 16

Saturday, October 17

8:30AM – 12:00PM – Food Bank

Sunday, October 18

8:15AM – Worship
9:30AM - Sunday School
10:45AM – Worship & Baptism
Adult and Youth Ukulele Practice after 10:45 Service
5:00PM – Bethany Youth Group