



# Bethany Presbyterian Church

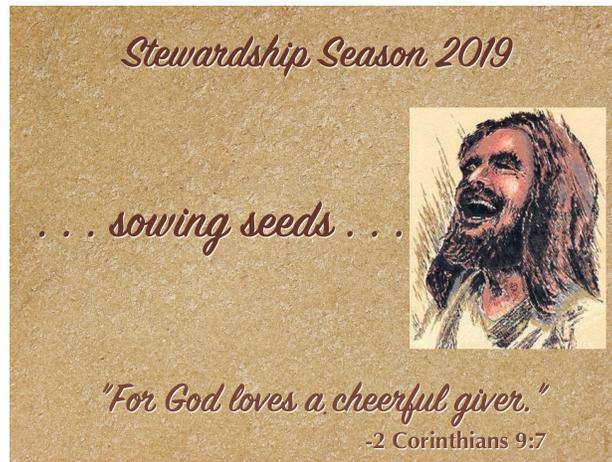
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November 10, 2019 – 11:00 am

*Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost*



*"Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."  
2 Corinthians 9:7 (CEB)*

## GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

### PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*Welcome to our service of worship! Join in with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength . . . don't hold back! Sing from your toes! Pray from your guts. Worship the Eternal Creator from your soul. It's not about perfect music. It's not about the perfect prayer. It's about joining the holy roar of a community honestly wrestling with what it means to follow their Creator.*

### TRINITY CHIMES

**PRELUDE:** *O, Wondrous Food of Blessing*

P. QUINCE

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### AN OFFERING OF PEACE

May the Peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

*(Please take a moment to share the peace of Christ with your neighbor.)*

\* **GATHERING SONG:** *You Are My Strength When I am Weak*

LAUDES DOMINI

*You are my strength when I am weak; You are the treasure that I seek; You are my all in all.  
When I fall down, you pick me up; when I am dry, you fill my cup; You are my all in all.  
Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is your name! Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is your name!  
Taking my sin my cross my shame; Rising again I bless your name; You are my all in all.  
Seeking You as a precious jewel; Lord to give up I'd be a fool; You are my all in all.  
Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is your name! Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is your name!*

## \* CALL TO WORSHIP

Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth.

***We glorify our God with songs of thanksgiving and joy.***

God has done great things for us, filling us with grace.

***God fed our ancestors in the wilderness, God clothes us with hope.***

We will offer our hearts to God, always saying, 'Thank you!' to the One who loves us.

***We will sing our praises, shouting of God's presence in our lives.***

## \* OPENING HYMN: *You Call Us, Lord, to Worship*

LANCASHIRE

*You call us, Lord, to worship; the day is set aside.  
Your love is overflowing; the doors are opened wide.  
Yet as we see your goodness, we see what we have been.  
And so we humbly ask you, "Forgive us of our sin!"  
We are forgiven people; we know your love's embrace.  
The peace of Christ is with us; forgiveness fills this place.  
We hear your word in scripture, in sermon and in song.  
Again, again, you tell us: we're loved and we belong.  
We share our joys and sorrows and then we offer prayer  
For people who are hurting, for nations everywhere.  
We bring our tithes and offerings, returning what is yours,  
For what we keep may vanish, but what we give endures.  
We celebrate your love, Lord, with water, wine and bread.  
For at your font we're welcomed and at your feast we're fed.  
We pray the prayer you taught us; we sing your praise and then  
Through daily, faithful living, we worship you again.*

# OFFERING OURSELVES FOR RENEWAL

## A PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### AN OFFERING OF SCRIPTURE

#### **2 CORINTHIANS 9:1-8**

PEW BIBLE, PAGE 1412

This is the Word of the Lord.

***Thanks be to God.***

### AN OFFERING OF PRAYERS

Lord, everywhere we look we see the imprint of your creative love. The wondrous works of nature show your majesty. As we gather today to celebrate your love and creation, keep us mindful that we are part of that created order, meant to be stewards and not destroyers. Prepare us to work for you in ministries of peace and justice.

***We can get caught up in selfish pursuits and completely over look the wonders of your creation, O God. All around us are majestic reminders of the beauty you offer to us. But we are weak and easily trapped into attitudes of indifference or destructive behavior.***

You have not given this world to us that we should destroy it, but rather that we should cherish it and make sure that all receive from its bounty. Forgive our overwhelming greed and selfishness.

***Help us to let go of the petty desires for wealth, position, and power, and bring us into a ministry which proclaims your love and justice for all your people. These things we pray in the name of the Master Servant, Jesus Christ, our Lord.***

### AN OFFERING OF SILENCE

### AN OFFERING OF GOD'S GRACE

God hears the cries of our hearts, sees our actions, knows our attitudes. In the midst of our sinfulness, God reaches out to heal and forgive us.

***Broken, we are mended; separated from others, we are made one; longing to serve, we are sent forth. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven. Amen.***

## 582 Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

Capo 3: (G) (D) (G) (D) (G) (D) (Em) (D)  
B<sup>b</sup> F B<sup>b</sup> F B<sup>b</sup> F Gm F

1 Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,  
2 World with - out end, with - out end. A - men.

and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,  
World with - out end, with - out end. A - men.

and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.  
World with - out end, with - out end. A - men.

As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men.

### \* SAYING WHO WE ARE AND WHAT WE BELIEVE

THE APOSTLES' CREED

As the people of God gathered in this place, who are we?

***We are a community of believers, called by God to WORSHIP, SERVE, TEACH, and SUPPORT.***

With the whole church, let us say what we believe. Do you believe in God the Father?

***I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.***

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

***I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.***

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

***I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.***

### AN OFFERING OF OUR RESOURCES

**OFFERTORY:** *Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray*

M. BARTLETT

\* **A DOXOLOGY:** *We Lift Our Voices* (see page 5 for music)

DWIGHT LILES

*We lift our voices; we lift our hands; we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering.*

*Lord, use our voices; Lord, use our hands; Lord, use our lives; they are yours: we are an offering.*

*All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.*

*We lift our voices; we lift our hands; we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering; we are an offering.*

### \* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

### \* HYMN OF THE DAY #335: *Though I May Speak*

O WALY WALY

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE 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.***

# LISTENING FOR GOD'S VOICE

MOMENT FOR MISSION: STEWARDSHIP 2019

GLENN PATTERSON

THE WORD IN MUSIC: *Changed*

LINDA LEE JOHNSON / TOM FETTKE

*In only a moment in a twinkling of an eye  
At the sound of the trumpet we will see Him come  
In only a moment we'll behold Him in the sky  
And the Lord Himself will quickly take us home  
We shall all be changed caught up to heaven  
In a cloud of glory we shall all be changed  
Transformed in victory death where is thy sting  
God conquered death and hell we shall all be changed  
We shall all be changed  
In only a moment Jesus Christ will call His own  
With the voice of the angel and the trumpet of God  
In only a moment we'll be raised from earth to heaven  
And we'll live in peace forever with the Lord*

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Sermon: . . . **sowing seeds** . . .

REV. JOHNSON

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD AS WE LEAVE TO SERVE

\* CLOSING HYMN: *God, We See What You Have Given*

NETTLETON

*God, we see what you have given; Signs of grace are everywhere!  
All around are gifts from heaven — Gifts enough for all to share.  
We are stewards of your bounty, Called to give as we've received;  
And your blessings have been plenty From the day we first believed.  
We are stewards of the richness that you send from heav'n above.  
For in Christ, you gave up greatness, humbly showing us your love.  
In a manger — gift from heaven! On a cross — with love and pain!  
You proclaimed we are forgiven; Now you send us in your name.  
We are stewards of your welcome that you showed through Christ the Son.  
In his living and his teaching, Jesus welcomed everyone.  
To the outcast and the stranger, He showed hospitality!  
By your Spirit, may we also give the welcome we've received.  
We are stewards, sent out sharing, offering you our very best.  
Through our serving and our caring may we give as we've been blessed.  
God of love, may faithful living be much more than Sunday talk.  
Send us loving, serving, giving; help us daily walk your walk!*

\* SENDING

The God of laughter sends us out.  
**So we can share joy with everyone.**  
The Brother of the poor sends us out.  
**So we may bring hope and healing to the broken and despairing.**  
The Spirit of wonder sends us out.  
**So we may join all creation in offering thanks.**

\* CHARGE AND BLESSING

\* POSTLUDE: *New Faith, New Life*

F. RITTER

\* Please stand in body or spirit.

# We Lift Our Voices

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## We Are an Offering

The musical score is written in 4/4 time and consists of eight staves of music. The lyrics are: "We lift our voices; we lift our hands; we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering. Lord, use our voices; Lord, use our hands; Lord, use our lives; they are yours: we are an offering. All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you. We lift our voices; we lift our hands; we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering; we are an offering." The chords are: F, C, F, C, F, C, Dm7, F, C, F, C, C, F, C, F, G7, Em7, Asus A, Dm7, F, G, Esus E, Am, F, C, Bb, Dm, F, C, F, C, F, C, Dm7, C, Dm7, C.

We lift our voices; we lift our hands; we lift our  
lives up to you: we are an of-fer-ing. Lord, use our  
voic - es; Lord, use our hands; Lord, use our  
lives; they are yours: we are an of-fer - ing.  
All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we  
give to you, we give to you. We lift our  
voices; we lift our hands; we lift our lives up to you:  
we are an of-fer-ing; we are an of-fer-ing.



# Our Faith Community @ Work

**WORSHIP Ministry:** (Lead Elders: Nancy Purcell and A. J. Campbell)

**WELCOME** to this service of worship at Bethany Presbyterian Church (PCUSA). Whether you are a member or a visitor we are so glad that you are worshipping with us this morning and pray that this time of worship will be both renewing and rewarding for you. If you have any questions about Bethany, please speak to the pastor or call the church at 336.227.4041. You can find us online through our website at [www.bethanypreschurch.org](http://www.bethanypreschurch.org); on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/bethanypresbyterian](http://www.facebook.com/bethanypresbyterian); or on Twitter by following [@bpresbyterian](https://twitter.com/bpresbyterian).

***“I will show love to those who were called unloved and, to those who were called ‘not-my-people’, I will say ‘you are my people’ and they will answer, ‘you are our God.’”*** (Hosea 2:23) Bethany Presbyterian Church is a place where the mind is nourished as well as the spirit, and where we affirm the dignity and worth of every person. As we are all created in the image of God, we believe discrimination is incompatible with Christ’s Gospel of unconditional love. While we celebrate our Presbyterian identity, we acknowledge that we are not alone on the path to understanding God. We invite conversations that move us to seek a deeper understanding of life in the Spirit. **Be who you are and be welcome here.**

**For our children:** Childcare is available during the entire worship hour for infants and preschool children. Children are invited and welcome to stay in the service, in whatever manner befits their person: they should feel free to squirm, whine, dance, sing, cry, pray, or otherwise make themselves known. Activities for children can be found at several locations throughout the sanctuary. See an usher if you can’t find one.

**Audio and Visual Assistance:** A hearing enhancement system is available for those who have a need. An usher will be happy to provide you with a receiver this morning. Large print bulletins are also available.

Please take a moment – members and guests – to sign the **Fellowship Pads** that are located on each row. If you are a guest, please share any contact information you wish to, so that we may be in touch.

**Operating our audio and video systems** this morning is **Rick Purcell**. Anyone wishing to join this team of volunteers please contact the church office at any time.

**Audio Recordings** of each Sunday’s sermons are available through a link on our website, on our Facebook page, or at [www.buzzsprout.com/9198](http://www.buzzsprout.com/9198).

Resources used in today’s worship:

- *The Text this Week* website ([www.textweek.com](http://www.textweek.com))
- [carolynshymns.com](http://carolynshymns.com) - Hymns by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette
- *Feasting on the Word* worship resources.

Today begins our journey through our **2019 Stewardship Season**. Our theme this year is taken from 2 Corinthians 9:7, ***“For God Loves a Cheerful Giver.”*** Mark your calendar for these important dates:

- Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup> - Stewardship Season I: . . . **sowing seeds** . . .
- Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup> - Stewardship Season II: . . . **healing hearts** . . .
- **Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup> - CONSECRATION SUNDAY: . . . cheerful charity . . .**
- **Celebration Luncheon following worship**

Mark your calendars also for our special Advent Series: ***Away in a Manger***, which begins on Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, the first Sunday of Advent.

Do you have a smartphone? Are you on Facebook? If so, take a moment to **“check in” on Facebook**, letting your friends know that you are here at Bethany Presbyterian Church! It may seem like a small thing, but in reality, it is a wonderful message of evangelism and witness, as you let the cyber-world know what is important to you.

**SERVE Ministry:** (Lead Elders: Jean Payne and Randy Cousins)

Our ongoing prayer list is below. Please let the church office know if there are any changes.

Bill Faucette	Diane Miller	John & Ann Sutton
Jack Cook	Peter Slater	Ruby Martin
Joan Richardson	Joey Leake	Shirley Lane
Teresa Wilborn	Shannon Russell	Ida Whitney
Tiffany Tauchren	Mary Moore	Katherine Turner
Jean Berry	Barbara Cousins	Jeremy Harden
Christy Lutterloh	Pat Kennedy	Anne McDaniels
Eleanor Thompson	Donna Mitchell-Ayers	Mike Sutton
Nancy Sutton	Pete Campbell	Steward Dillard
Norma Proctor	Family of Don Boggs	Shelvia Russell
Katherine Bayliff	Alex Thomas	Foy Bayliff
Randy Thompson	Glenn Thompson	Ritchie Fishburne
Frederica Beatty	Carol Brooks	Janie Holt Clapp

**TEACH Ministry:** (Lead Elders: Karen Maxwell and Tracey Troxler)

All are invited to take advantage of the several educational opportunities for all ages on Sunday mornings. Sunday school classes begin at 9:45 a.m.

**Fellowship Class** (Fellowship Classroom – by ramp door)

This class is using our denomination's *Present Word* curriculum and lives up to the class name in all aspects of their life here at Bethany. The Fellowship Class is currently participating in the *Feasting on the Word* summer series.

**Children** (Upstairs – the really, really green room!)

This class for younger children is using our denomination's *We Believe* curriculum in introducing our children to the faith.

**Youth** (Upstairs, across from the choir room)

Using a variety of creative curricula, this class explores topics that relate to faith and adolescence.

**SUPPORT Ministry:** (Lead Elders: Ron Osborne, Chip Allen, and Ben Russell)

Elders of the Month for November are **Karen Maxwell** and **Tracey Troxler**.

## This Week's Calendar:

Today:

- **STEWARDSHIP SEASON I**
- 9:45 - Sunday school for all ages
- 11:00 – Worship

Wednesday, the 13<sup>th</sup>:

- 7:00 - Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, the 17<sup>th</sup>:

- **STEWARDSHIP SEASON II**
- 9:45 - Sunday school for all ages
- 11:00 – Worship

### Session

**Moderator:** Rev. John W. Johnson

**Clerk:** Rick Purcell

**Treasurer:** Ron Osborne

### Class of 2019:

A. J. Campbell

Ron Osborne

Jean Payne

### Class of 2020:

Chip Allen

Randy Cousins

Karen Maxwell

### Class of 2021:

Nancy Purcell

Ben Russell

Tracey Troxler

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