

# CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

November 18, 2018

10:00 AM

## PRELUDE

“Steal Away”  
Celebration Ringers

arr. by Sandra Eithun

## WELCOME

## GOD’S CHURCH IN ACTION

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Almighty God, enable us, as we gather in your holy Sanctuary today,

**People: to shut out anything that would distract our worship.**

Pastor: To reject anything that would dull our sensitivity to your Spirit,

**People: to decline anything that would diminish our love for you and  
for each other.**

### \*HYMN #611

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

HYMN TO JOY

### \*CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: The way of life is this: First, you shall love God who made you. And second, love your neighbor as yourself, and only treat others the way you wish to be treated. Do not initiate divisions, but rather let us bring peace to our hearts and to the world.

### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

**We confess, Lord that we have often done only the very minimum. We have asked how little is required rather than how much can be done. We have hardly prayed for those we like, much less for those we dislike. Help us, O Lord, to learn from Jesus Christ a lesson in devotion, in humility, and in the power of self-giving love. Amen.**

Leader: Let us in silence confess our own personal sins. (Silence)

### \*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you.

**People: For everyone who asks, receives, and everyone who searches finds,  
and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened.**

**\*PASSING THE PEACE**

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you. **People: And also with you!**

**TIME FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS** [Children may leave for “Roots and Wings” activities in the Large Hall, and return to their pews after the sermon.]

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION (Unison)**

**Prepare our hearts, O God, to accept your word. Silence in us any voice but your own, so that, hearing, we may understand. Amen.**

**FIRST SCRIPTURE READING**

Psalm 66:1-12 pages 459,460 in the pew Bible

Leader: The word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God**

**CHORAL ANTHEM**

“Open Thou Mine Eyes”

John Rutter

Bethany Choir

Leyly Bagherof, soloist

**SECOND SCRIPTURE READING**

Luke 17:11-19 page 852 in the pew Bible

Leader: The word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

Dr. Bob Spratt

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison)** The Apostles’ Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ, his Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**\*HYMN #643**

“Now Thank We All Our God”

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**SHARING OF CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS**

Congregational Response: “Lord, we praise you.” or “Lord, hear our prayer”

**THE PRAYERS OF GOD’S PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**PRESENTATION OF TITHES and OFFERINGS**

(As the offering is received, please sign, pass, and return the pew pads. Please provide your full name, address, phone number, and check if you are a visitor or a member.)

**OFFERTORY**

“Offertory in A major Op. 39, No. 2”

Alexandre Guilmant

**\*HYMN #606**

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)**

**Loving God, you provide for us most generously. We give you thanks for the many blessings we enjoy. Thank you for our families, friends and community; for the people who enrich our lives and those who challenge us. Above all we thank you for the gift of Jesus Christ and the new life in him. We dedicate these gifts that they may be used to make a difference in the world. Amen.**

**\*HYMN #546**

“Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”

SICILIAN MARNERS

**\*BLESSING**

**\*POSTLUDE**

“Prelude in E minor”

J.S. Bach

**CHILDCARE** is available from 9:30 AM to 11:15 AM in the Church Nursery located across from the Church Library for newborns through Pre-K.

**THOSE ASSISTING IN THE WORSHIP SERVICE:**

Deacons: Mark Klotzbach, Dave Anderson, Sandy Ericson, Sue Kretovic,  
Journey Spratt, Beth Thomsen  
Lay Liturgist: Cindi Sywulski  
Greeter: Mary Button  
Acolytes: Alexa McGarrity, Connor McGarrity

**PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:** Pam Auld, David Ballerstein, Audrey Cox, Deb Haskins and family for medical issues, Jack Phillips, Pete Posson, Frank Wood.

Christian love and sympathy is extended to Bev Murray and the Davis family at the passing of Fran Davis.

**THANKSGIVING OFFERING** - It's a wonderful way to help our members and others in need all year round. Your donations to the Thanksgiving Offering will fund the Pastor's Discretionary Account for the coming year. The Pastor's Discretionary Fund is set up to allow the Pastor to assist families and individuals in financial need, in a confidential manner. Please help us to help others.

**GREECE CHURCHES HABITAT FOR HUMANITY PIE PICKUP:** Ordered pies will be available for pickup Tuesday, November 20 from 4-7pm.

**MONTH OF NOVEMBER:** Community and Global Mission Committee is asking for travel size lotions, conditioners, shampoos and deodorants to help support Willow Domestic Violence Center. Do you have these from your various hotel stays and looking for a home for them? Items can also be found at various grocery and department stores. Please support this wonderful organization. Please place them at Bethany in the donation of the month box. Thank you for your support!

**SANCTUARY FLOWERS:** If you would like to beautify the sanctuary on Sunday mornings by purchasing flowers for the chancel in memory of a loved or in honor of a loved one, order forms are available on the small table in the narthex. When purchasing flowers on the first Sunday of the month, they will appear on the flower stands. Make your check payable to: Bethany Presbyterian Church, in the amount of \$40. for the communion table piece, or \$70. for two flower stand pieces. Place a check (made out to Bethany) in an envelope marked, Helen West and place it in the offering plate. To order flowers contact Helen West at 458-9429.

**CARD MINISTRY:** Please remember our card ministry located in the box at the back of the narthex. Help yourself to birthday cards, Christmas cards and Thinking of You cards and 2019 calendars.

**BETHANY MONEY COUNTERS NEEDED:** The money counting team needs two new volunteers to help with the task of counting and documenting the offering taken each Sunday. This is done immediately following worship. It takes about an hour and each individual is needed roughly once per month to perform the task. It helps to be organized and good with numbers, but we have a procedure and will train you on how to do it. It is a good way to help the church behind the scenes with a necessary business function. If you are interested please contact Craig Johnson at 720-6195.

**SHIPMATES:** Just a reminder to all Shipmates that December 8 at 6:30 pm at the Cultural Life Center, at Roberts Wesleyan College is the Gala Christmas Concert. Tickets are \$20 per person. Please send your money to Al Adaskin, 89 Sandalwood Drive, 14616, Phone 585-663-2156. Tickets must be purchased by November 18. Come and enjoy great vocal and instrumental Christmas music.

**LIBRARY NEWS:** Check out our new books. Children's books are displayed on the cart outside of the library. Fiction and Non-Fiction books are on the carousels. Enjoy! Mary, Jeannette and Beth, Library Volunteers.

**DONUT SOCIAL:** Please join us December 2, in the large hall immediately after the 10:00am church service for a donut social. Your favorite jelly, sugar, and topped donuts will all be there for sampling. We hope to see you for some fun, fellowship and great donuts.

## **BETHANY CALENDAR**

Sunday	11/18 9 am	Everyday Spirit (Library)
Sunday	11/18 9 am	Serendipity (Small Hall)
Sunday	11/18 9:15 am	Bethany Choir (Music Room)
Sunday	11/18 10 am	Worship (Sanctuary)
Sunday	11/18 11:15 am	The Present Word (Small Hall)
Sunday	11/18 11:15 am	Sunday School
Sunday	11/18 12 pm	Session (Small Hall)
Monday	11/19 10 am	Library Volunteers (Library)
Monday	11/19 7 pm	Stephen Ministry (Library)
Monday	11/19 7 pm	Pastoral Care Deacons (Small Hall)
Tuesday	11/20 10 am	Belles & Beaux (Sanctuary)
Tuesday	11/20 4-7 pm	Habitat for Humanity Pie Pickup (Narthex)
Tuesday	11/20 7 pm	Life Group #1 (Offsite)
Wednesday	11/21 7:30 pm	Celebration Ringers (Sanctuary)
Thursday	11/22	Happy Thanksgiving! Building closed
Friday	11/23	Church building closed
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### **Bethany Presbyterian Church**

We are a welcoming Christian family who worships God and nurtures spiritual growth through friendship, learning, music and serving others.

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**BETHANY STAFF - Pastoral:** Dr. Bob Spratt, Head of Staff/Sr. Pastor, drspratt.bethany@gmail.com; **Music Team:** Jacob Montgomery, Music Director, jmontgomery.bethany@gmail.com; Jean Coniber, Bell Choir Director, jconiber233@gmail.com; Jeff Tabor, Choral Support, Tenor; **Office Team:** Eileen Sengillo, Administrative Assistant, sengillo.bethany@gmail.com; Sharon Nichols, Membership and Assistant Secretary, snichols.bethany@gmail.com; Tom Olney, Bookkeeper and Contributions Secretary, tolney.bethany@gmail.com; **Custodian:** Jeff Price, jprice.bethany@gmail.com; **Nursery:** Jennifer Watt.

**LEADERSHIP VOLUNTEERS** - [**Donna Purdy**, Audit Committee Chair], [**David Hamlin**, Budget and Finance Committee Session Elder and Chair], [**Ken Connor**, Christian Education Committee Session Elder and **Jenny McGarrity**, Chair], [**Sue Blum**, Clerk of Session], [**Deb Petersen**, Community and Global Mission Committee Session Elder and Chair], [**Jeanette Gruttadauria**, Congregational Life Committee Session Elder and **Scott Chase**, Chair], [**Ed Grizer**, Information Technology], [**Tom Jadwin**, Investment Management Committee Chair], [**Mark Klotzbach**, Liturgical Deacons Chair], [**Helen West**, Memorial Committee Chair], [**Sue Brown**, New Member Ministry Committee Session Elder and **Alison Bungo**, Chair], [**Craig Johnson**, Nominating Committee Session Elder and Chair], [**Karen Henry and Beth Thomsen**, Pastoral Care Deacons Co-Chairs], [**Ron Fisher**, Personnel and Operations Committee Session Elder and **Doris Luddek**, Chair], [**Steve Watt**, Property Committee Session Elder and Chair], [**Carrie Buri**, Spiritual Growth Committee Session Elder and **Craig Covert**, Chair], **Bob Osborne**, Stewardship Committee Session Elder and **Cindy Hetzler**, Chair], [**Carl DeGraff**, Treasurer], [**Helen West**, Worship and Music Committee Session Elder and Chair], [**Dan Porter**, Webmaster].