

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

November 11, 2018

10:00 AM

PRELUDE

“Sonata in F Wq. 70/3 Allegro”

C.P.E. Bach

WELCOME

GOD’S CHURCH IN ACTION

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: As we come into this house of worship,

People: let us lay at the Lord’s feet our worries, and our preoccupations,

Pastor: so God may renew and encourage us through Jesus Christ

People: and by the power of the Holy Spirit.

*HYMN #331

“God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand”

NATIONAL HYMN

*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

Leader: Our lives are consumed by having so much to do,

People: and are so cluttered by things,

Leader: that we are distracted from the things that count most and neglect to cultivate the quality of our lives.

People: Pardon us, we pray, and help us to elevate our priorities and our values, in the name of Jesus, our Savior and example. Amen.

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

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: If anyone is in Christ, they are a new creation:

People: everything old has passed away; everything has become new! Amen.

*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)

Guide us, O God, by your Word and Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

John 15:12-17

page 878 in the pew Bible

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

CHORAL ANTHEM

“Be Still for the Presence of the Lord”

Stephen Jackson

Bethany Choir

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

pages 158,159 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 #337**

“My Country, ‘Tis of Thee”

AMERICA

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

“Amazing Grace”

George Shering

***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)**

Leader: Because we wish to be stewards as well as owners,

People: because we wish to be benefactors as well as beneficiaries,

Leader: Because we wish to be rich in giving as well as rich in receiving

People: we present these gifts. Amen.

***HYMN #340**

“This Is My Song”

FINLANDIA

***BLESSING**

***POSTLUDE**

“Intermezzi No. 9”

Hermann Schroeder

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: Linda Lamb, Mark Buri, Meghan Buri, Wayne Crawford, Gail Kuhner, Marlene McMaster, Skip Sywulski

Lay Liturgist: Judy Price

Greeter: Deloris Brown

Acolytes: Brandon Honan and K.J. Honan

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS: Pam Auld, David Ballerstein, Audrey Cox, Fran Davis (Bev Murray's sister-in-law), Deb Haskins and family for medical issues, Jack Phillips, Frank Wood.

FLOWERS ON THE COMMUNION TABLE are in memory of Elizabeth Baird, given by her family.

GREECE CHURCHES HABITAT FOR HUMANITY PIE SALE: We will be selling Kelly's Farm Market Thanksgiving pies again this year. Apple Crumb, Apple Raspberry and Pumpkin pies are deep 10 inch homemade fruit pies, weighing about 4.5 pounds for \$17 and Apple Crisps for \$13. Orders will be taken Sunday, November 11. All proceeds directly fund the next Greece Churches Habitat for Humanity House build. Ground breaking on the next house will be Spring 2019! Ordered pies will be available for pickup Tuesday, November 20th from 4-7pm. Order forms are available in the church office.

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.

COMMUNITY FRIENDSHIP SUNDAY: In a time when church membership is declining and churches are closing it is imperative that we grow our church. It is the responsibility of every church member to share their faith and be welcoming to our visitors on Sunday, November 18. Community Friendship Sunday is the perfect opportunity for each of us to bring a friend or friends to church. A friend can be an existing friend, neighbor, team mate, schoolmate, fellow club member, girl scout or boy scout, relative and even a stranger. We are hoping that every member brings one or more friends. Let's fill the church to standing room only!

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 8th at 6:30 p.m. 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 18th. 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.

BETHANY CALENDAR

Sunday	11/11	8:45 am	Trustee Meeting (Large Hall)
Sunday	11/11	9 am	Everyday Spirit (Library)
Sunday	11/11	9 am	Serendipity (Small Hall)
Sunday	11/11	9:15 am	Bethany Choir (Music Room)
Sunday	11/11	10 am	Worship (Sanctuary)
Sunday	11/11	11:15 am	The Present Word (Small Hall)
Sunday	11/11	11:15 am	Sunday School
Sunday	11/11	11:15 am	Trustee Meeting (Large Hall)
Monday	11/12	10 am	Library Volunteers (Library)
Monday	11/12	7 pm	Life Group #2 (Bolinger's)
Tuesday	11/13	10 am	Belles & Beaux (Sanctuary)
Tuesday	11/13	10 am	Presbyterian Women (Narthex)
Tuesday	11/13	7 pm	Congregational Life (Library)
Wednesday	11/14	10 am	Staff meeting (Library)
Wednesday	11/14	7 pm	New Member (Library)
Wednesday	11/14	7 pm	Spiritual Growth (Small Hall)
Wednesday	11/14	7:30 pm	Celebration Ringers (Sanctuary)
Thursday	11/15	7:15 pm	Bethany Choir (Music Room)
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)

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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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 Ludek**, 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].