

*Let us not become
weary in doing good.*

FOR AT THE PROPER TIME
WE WILL REAP A HARVEST
IF WE DO NOT GIVE UP.

GALATIANS 6:9, NIV



CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

November 14, 2021

10:00 AM

PRELUDE

“Chant de Paix” (Song of Peace)

Jean Langlais

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”

***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.

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

Psalm 146

pages 507,508 in the pew Bible

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

CHORAL ANTHEM

“Jubilate in C”

C.V. Stanford

Bethany Choir

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands;
Serve the Lord with gladness,
And come before His presence with a song.

Be ye sure that the Lord He is God:
It is He that hath made us, and not we ourselves;
We are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.

O go your way into His gates with thanksgiving,
And into His courts with praise;
Be thankful unto him, and speak good of His name.

For the Lord is gracious, His mercy is everlasting
And His truth endureth from generation to generation.

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,
Word without end, Amen.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Galatians 1:11-24

page 945 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 #307**

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

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

***DOXOLOGY #606** (Unison)

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Christ, all people here below;

Praise Holy Spirit evermore.

Praise Triune God, whom we adore. 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”

***BLESSING**

***POSTLUDE**

“God of Grace”

Paul Manz

There will be a congregational meeting on December 5, 2021 immediately following worship in the sanctuary for the purpose of dissolving the Designated Associate Nominating Committee.

CHILDCARE is available.

THOSE ASSISTING IN THE WORSHIP SERVICE: David Covert, Craig Foreman, Mike Haskins, Sue Kretovic, Gail Kuhner, Cindi Sywulski

LAY LITURGIST: Cindy Hetzler

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS: Lisa Adaskin, Peg Cameron, Carole (friend of Beth Thomsen), Wilma Chadwick, Donna Hancock, Debbie Leipold (friend of Bev Murray), Melanie (Debbie Haskin's sister), Nancy Ann (friend of Virginia Britton), Richard Platt, Cliff Streams.

Monroe County-wide Prayer Initiative 2021 for the week of November 14 is the Town of Penfield.

BETHANY CALENDAR

Sunday	11/14	9 am	Present Word - (Small Hall)
Sunday	11/14	10 am	Worship Service – (In person, Zoom, Facebook, Boxcast)
Sunday	11/14	11 am	Town Hall meeting – (Sanctuary)
Sunday	11/14	11:15 am	Sunday School
Sunday	11/14	1 pm	Football Sunday – (Large Hall)
Monday	11/15	7 pm	Stephen Ministry – (Large Hall)
Tuesday	11/16	10 am	Belles & Beaux – (Sanctuary)
Tuesday	11/16	10 am	Personnel – (Small Hall)
Wednesday	11/17	10:30 am	Staff meeting – (Library)
Wednesday	11/17	7 pm	Budget & Finance – (Zoom)
Wednesday	11/17	7:30 pm	Celebration Ringers – (Sanctuary)
Thursday	11/18	7:15 pm	Choir - (Sanctuary)
Friday	11/19	3 pm	Bible Fellowship – (Large Hall) All are welcome!
Sunday	11/21	9 am	Present Word - (Small Hall)
Sunday	11/21	10 am	Music Sunday
Sunday	11/21	10 am	Worship Service – (In person, Zoom, Facebook, Boxcast)
Sunday	11/21	11:15 am	Church decorating
Sunday	11/21	11:15 am	Sunday School

Bethany Family, as you know, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has identified Monroe County as an area of substantial transmission. Our church will remain fully open for worship this Sunday, but ask that all attending, regardless of their vaccination status, wear a mask, per the guidance of Monroe County Executive Adam Bello and Commissioner of Health Dr. Michael Mendoza. If you are not feeling well, please join us from your home for on-line worship. Please continue to pray for our health care workers and for the health and safety our congregation, friends, families, and neighbors. Blessings, Jim Hetzler, Personnel and Operations Chairperson

TOWN HALL MEETING—this morning after worship today- November 14, 2021

Bethany's Session invites you to a Town Hall Meeting on today, November 14, 2021 immediately following the 10:00 worship service where the Organ Taskforce will

address concerns brought before Session and will be available to answer questions. For a refresher on the information previously presented regarding the Father Willis Organ, all of the project documentation is available for your perusal in Bethany's library. Also, if you would like to be part of a committee or a member of Session, we would love to have you! The Property Committee and Stewardship Committee both have open positions. We are also looking for a Clerk of Session. If you feel called to serve and/or would like to offer your talents to Bethany, please contact Bev Murray of the Nominating Committee at 865-8507. Thank you!

FOOTBALL SUNDAY—this afternoon at 1PM -November 14, 2021 Please join the Spiritual Growth and Congregational Life Committees today for Football Sunday! Bring your friends, tailgate in the parking lot beforehand, and then join us in the Large Hall to watch the Bills take on the Jets at 1:00. Prefer not to tailgate? The Spiritual Growth Committee will provide pizza and water bottles; the Congregational Life Committee will provide a dessert. Of course, the congregation is encouraged to wear their favorite team shirt or colors to church that day. Questions? Call Carrie Buri (716)390-8941.

COME AND HELP DECORATE! The worship and music committee invite you to help decorate the church for Christmas, Sunday, November 21st. We will be meeting in the sanctuary after worship! Volunteers are needed. Many thanks!

THANKSGIVING OFFERING: Support the Pastor's Discretionary Fund – November 21st. Please help support our congregation and those in need. Our Thanksgiving Offering will go to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund for the coming year. Dr. Bob receives requests for assistance with rent, utilities, food, transportation, medical needs, children's expenses, and other emergency needs. He can use this fund to support these needs. Please support this fund to help others!

MEMORIAL FOR SUE BLUM - To honor Sue's long commitment and service to Bethany, a musical composition has been commissioned in her memory. Sue served this faith community in the bell and vocal choirs, as clerk of session, and in many other ways throughout her life. Cary Ratcliff has agreed to compose a choral and bell piece in her honor. Though many of you may only know Cary from his 13 years as Director of Music here at Bethany, he is also an internationally recognized composer. We are asking those who would like to contribute to this project to make a contribution by writing a check to Bethany and indicating "for Sue Blum" on the memo line to help cover the \$1,000 commission.

SHIPMATES: Christmas Party Luncheon!
It's November and it's time to plan to attend Shipmates Christmas Party Luncheon?
YES, and YOU ARE INVITED!

- When: Friday December 10, 11:30 am.
- Where: Brook House Restaurant, Party Room.
- What: Buffet luncheon (available 12:00-1:15) including 2 main entrees, Sliced Top Sirloin and roasted Chicken; Gluten free Spaghetti available.
- Who: All Bethany congregants and their friends and guests are welcome!
- Price: \$25 per person total (tax and gratuity included).
- Why plan now to attend? We have a deadline: we need 40 paid reservations by November 24th to hold our reservation or we will need to cancel.
- Reservations and payment: Make your check payable to "Bethany Presbyterian Church" for \$25.00 per person and write "Shipmates Christmas Luncheon Dec. 10" on the memo line. Give or mail check to Shirley Munson, 2200 Edgemere Dr., Rochester, NY 14612-1111 to arrive by November 24. Your check will be your reservation. (Alternatively, payment may be made in cash in an envelope with your name and payment amount written on the front and handed to Shirley, but checks are preferred.)
- We look forward to a joyous celebration of Christmas with Bethany Friends at the Christmas Party Luncheon sponsored by Shipmates!

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, Staff Singer; **Office Team:** Eileen Sengillo, Administrative Assistant, sengillo.bethany@gmail.com; Tom Olney, Bookkeeper and Contributions Secretary, tolney.bethany@gmail.com; **Custodian:** Jim Cruppe; **Nursery:** Jennifer Watt.

LEADERSHIP VOLUNTEERS - [Donna Bour-Purdy, Audit Committee Chair], [Craig Johnson, Budget and Finance Committee Session Elder and Chair], [Wendy Watt, Christian Education], [Judy Price, Community and Global Mission Committee Session Elder and Cheryl Fisher, Chair], [Jennifer McGarrity, Congregational Life Committee Session Elder and Chair], [Judy Montanari, Investment Management Committee Chair], [Craig Foreman, Liturgical Deacons Chair], [Al Adaskin, Memorial Committee Chair], [Bev Murray, Nominating Committee Session Elder and Chair], [Karen Dobbins and Judy Price, Pastoral Care Deacons Co-Chairs], [Jim Hetzler, Personnel and Operations Committee Session Elder and Chair], [Dick Livoti, Presbytery Delegate], [Steve Watt, Property Committee Session Elder and Chair], [Carrie Buri, Spiritual Growth Committee Session Elder and Craig Covert, Chair], [Ron Fisher, Jim Hetzler, Mike Kuitunen and Jacob Montgomery, Technology Team], [Carl DeGraff, Treasurer], [Cheryl Fisher, Webmaster], [Bev Bennett, Welcoming Committee Session Elder and Chair], [Connie Slapar, Worship and Music Committee Session Elder and Chair].

EMERGENCY CONTACT: At times, families or individuals may find they need pastoral support for various reasons ranging from a long-term matter or an emergency. In the event of a pastoral emergency, this can be sought by calling the church office (585) 663-3000 during normal business hours or after hours at (585) 496-4699. In addition, there are several members of the congregation that can be called on for support called Stephen Ministers. Stephen Ministers are congregation members trained by Stephen Leaders to offer high-quality, one-to-one Christian care to people going through tough times. To receive support from a Stephen Minister contact Kim Bolinger at (585) 227-2540 or Wendy Watt (585) 415-2351.

Bethany Presbyterian Church

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

Bethany's phone number: 663-3000 ~ Bethany's website: www.bethanyrochester.org