

Celebration of Worship

Bethany Presbyterian Church
3000 Dewey Avenue, Rochester, NY 14616

Music Sunday
November 21, 2021
10:00 a.m.

WE GATHER IN PRAISE

PRELUDE

There is a Balm in Gilead

Joe Utterback

WELCOME

GOD'S CHURCH IN ACTION

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (Psalm 100)

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

People: Worship the Lord with gladness; come into God's presence with singing.

Leader: Know that the Lord is God. It is God that made us, and we belong to God;

People: we are God's people, and the sheep of God's pasture.

Leader: Enter God's gates with thanksgiving, and God's courts with praise.

People: Give thanks to God, bless God's name.

Leader: For the Lord is good;

People: God's steadfast love endures forever, and God's faithfulness to all generations.

***LEAFLET #1**

Lift Every Voice and Sing!

Rosamond Johnson

WE ACCEPT OURSELVES AND ASK FOR FORGIVENESS

***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 do not do to another what you would not want done to you. Do not initiate divisions, but rather let us bring peace to our hearts and to the world.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

Holy God, Lord of love:

For not singing when we are joyful;

For not shouting to the world the good that you do;

For not trusting the love that surrounds us;

For not enacting the justice you call us to;

For not believing the Good News is meant for all:

Forgive us. Encourage us and change us, help us and inspire us,
that we may rejoice in God our Savior. Amen.

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

(Silence)

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Leader: Friends, hear the Good News: the mercy of God is from everlasting to everlasting. Let us proclaim the Good News:

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

WE COME TO THE WATER

FIRST READING

Colossians 3:13-17

***LEAFLET #2**

Just As I Am

William Bradbury

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

(Baptism is a sacrament, and therefore an attitude of reverence is in order. Please refrain from using cameras or video equipment during the service. A reenactment after the service, specifically for picture taking, may be arranged.)

Congregational Question - Craig Foreman

Our Lord Jesus Christ ordered us to teach those who are baptized. Do you, the members of this church promise to tell this new disciple, Wesley Justice Foreman, the good news of the gospel, to help him know all that Christ commands and by your fellowship, to strengthen his family ties with the household of God?

Congregation: "WE DO."

Congregation Prayer (Unison)

God our Father, we thank you for your faithfulness, promised in this sacrament and for the hope we have in your Son Jesus. As we baptize with water, baptize us with Holy Spirit, so that what we say may be your word and what we do may be your work. By your power, may we be made one with Christ our Lord in common faith and purpose. Amen.

***LEAFLET #3**

Baptized in Water, Sealed by the Spirit

Eugene Hancock

TIME FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

[Children may leave for "Roots and Wings" activities in the Large Hall.]

***LEAFLET #4**

He's Got the Whole World in His Hand

Hezekiah Brinson Jr

SECOND READING

Psalms 71: 12-24

ANTHEM

Shall We Gather By The River

Aaron Copland

LET US PRAISE THE LORD IN TIMBRAL AND DANCE

THIRD READING

Psalms 100: 1-5

ANTHEM

Gospel Travelin'

Mark Hayes

- i. On the Jericho Road
- ii. Poor Wayfaring Stranger
- iii. On Jordan's Stormy Banks
- iv. This World Is Not My Home

WE COME TO THE LORD IN PRAYER

SHARING OF CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

Congregational Response: **"Lord, we praise you."**
"Lord, hear our prayer."

THE PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

*LEAFLET #5	Amazing Grace	John Rees
OFFERTORY	The Lord's Prayer Soloist – Jeffrey Tabor	Albert Hay Malotte

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*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)
O Lord, we acknowledge that more than the music and other physical offerings we give you that you want the sacrifice of our hearts so we can walk with you. May our voices and our music always be just a reflection of our dedication to you. Amen.

WE GO OUT TO SERVE GOD AND OUR NEIGHBORS IN THE WORLD

*LEAFLET #6	Ev'ry Time I Feel the Spirit	Anon. Spiritual
*BLESSING		
*POSTLUDE	Ev'ry Time I Feel The Spirit	Joe Utterback

This morning we celebrate the baptism of Wesley Justice Foreman. The parents of Wesley: Ryan and Laura Foreman. Proud Grandparents: Craig and Darlene Foreman. Sponsors: Courtney Foreman and Michelle Kohler.

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: Dick Bauman, Richard Britton, Wayne Crawford, Bev Murray, Brenda Spratt, Beth Thomsen

LAY LITURGIST: Kim Bolinger

ACOLYTES: Catherine Tedji, Deborah Tedji

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS: 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), Bill Phillips, Richard Platt, Dee Steiner, Cliff Streams.

Monroe County-wide Prayer Initiative 2021 for the week of November 21 is the Wadsworth Square.

BETHANY CALENDAR

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	Sunday School
Monday	11/22	7 pm	Life Group (Large Hall)
Tuesday	11/23	10 am	Belles & Beaux — (Sanctuary)
Wednesday	11/24	7:30 pm	Celebration Ringers — (Sanctuary)
Thursday	11/25		Happy Thanksgiving
Friday	11/26		Church building closed
Saturday	11/27	10 am	Decorating Sanctuary for Christmas
Sunday	11/28	9 am	Present Word - (Small Hall)
Sunday	11/28	10 am	Worship Service — (In person, Zoom, Facebook, Boxcast)
Sunday	11/28	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

THANKSGIVING OFFERING: Support the Pastor's Discretionary Fund – The Thanksgiving offering will be collected this morning. 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!

PLEDGE UPDATE: As of November 12, 2021, we have 109 pledges with \$247,828 pledged for 2022. If you did not receive an estimate of giving card please call the church office at 663-3000.

THE CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP TASK FORCE: invites you to join us in planning worship services that will provide our church community with options for hearing God's Word, in a relaxed, energized, personal, and meaningful way. If you would like this opportunity, please contact Cindy Hetzler at 585-317-1946 or cindyhertzler34@gmail.com. We look forward to hearing from you.

COME AND HELP DECORATE! The worship and music committee invite you to help decorate the church for Christmas, Saturday, November 27th. We will be meet at 10AM. Volunteers are needed. Many thanks!

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!

ADVENT FAMILY CELEBRATION: The Christian Education Committee would like to invite everyone to a generational event planned for December 12, 2021. Our Advent Family Celebration will begin with a children's program during the service entitled, "The Friendly Beasts". Our children will share their talents during the service!

All are invited following the service to join the children in decorating Christmas cookies for the shut-ins and enjoying a pizza lunch. *Pizza will be supplied, but please sign-up in the narthex or by calling the church office by December 10th.

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 Chair], [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 Chair], [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