

Celebration of Worship

Bethany Presbyterian Church
3000 Dewey Avenue, Rochester, NY 14616

November 7, 2021
10:00 a.m.

WE GATHER

PRELUDE

“Improvisation on the Necrology”

WELCOME

GOD’S CHURCH IN ACTION

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: From where we are to where you need us,

People: God be beside us.

Pastor: From what we are to what you can make us,

People: God be above us.

Pastor: Through the streets of this world to the gates of heaven,

People: surround us with your presence, inspire us with your purpose, confirm us with your love as we worship you this day.

*HYMN #11

“Source and Sovereign, Rock and Cloud”

Source and Sovereign, Rock and Cloud,
Fortress, Fountain,
Shelter, Light, Judge,
Defender, Mercy, Might,
Life whose life all life all endowed:

Refrain:

May the church at prayer recall
that no single holy name
but the truth behind
them all is the God whom we proclaim.

Word and Wisdom, Root and Vine,
Shepherd, Savior, Servant,
Lamb, Well and Water, Bread and Wine,
Way who leads us to the I AM:

Refrain

Storm and Stillness, Breath
and Dove, Thunder, Tempest,
Whirlwind, Fire, Comfort, Counselor,
Presence Love, Energies that never tire.

Refrain

***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)**

Almighty God, you know our motives as well as our deeds. Nothing we think or do is a secret from you. May our decisions grow out of a yearning to follow your will, our faithfulness to grow out of love for you, our generosity out of genuine care for others, our prayers out of deep thankfulness for the gifts you entrust to us. Amen.

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

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.
People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

TIME FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (Unison)

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 119:137-144

page 496 in the pew Bible

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

ANTHEM

“The Lord Bless You and Keep You”
Bethany Choir

John Rutter

“May the Lord show His mercy upon you
May the light of His presence be your guide
May He guard you and uphold you
May His spirit be ever by your side
When you sleep, may His ange Is watch over you
When you wake, may He fill you with His grace
May you love Him and serve Him all your days
Then in heaven may you see His face”

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Matthew 5:1-12

pages 785,786 in the pew Bible

Pastor: 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 #730**

"I Sing a Song of the Saints of God"

This is my Father's world,
and to my listening ears
all nature sings, and round me rings
the music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world;
I rest me in the thought
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas,
his hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world.
O, let me ne'er forget
that though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the ruler yet.
This is my Father's world.
The battle is not done:
Jesus who died shall be satisfied,
and earth and heaven be one.

SHARING OF CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

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

THE PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

"Elegy"

Eric Thiman

***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 God, bless these gifts by helping us use them as an investment in your kingdom. Give us vision to see whom we might help, wisdom to know how to act and courage to do what is right. Amen

COMMEMORATION OF THOSE WHO HAVE DIED IN THE FAITH

Necrology and Tolling of the Bell

Congregational Prayer (Unison)

Almighty God, we remember before you those who have lived among us who have directed our steps in the way, opened our eyes to the truth, inspired our hearts by their witness, and strengthened our wills by their devotion. We rejoice in their lives dedicated to your service. We honor them in their death, and pray that we may be united with them in the glory of Christ's resurrection.

Amen.

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's Supper
Words of Institution
Distribution of the Bread and Cup

Prayer of Commitment (Unison)

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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

***HYMN #326**

"For All the Saints" (vs. 1,3,5)

For all the saints who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle; they in glory shine;
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Alleluia! Alleluia!

***BLESSING**

***POSTLUDE**

"Diademata"

Jerry Westenkuehler

CHILDCARE is available.

THOSE ASSISTING IN THE WORSHIP SERVICE: Dick Bauman, Richard Britton, Wayne Crawford, Bev Murray, Brenda Spratt, Beth Thomsen

LAY LITURGIST: Karen Dobbins

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 7 is the Upper Monroe and Cobbs Hill neighborhood.

BETHANY CALENDAR

Sunday	11/7	9 am	Present Word - (Small Hall)
Sunday	11/7	10 am	Worship Service – (In person, Zoom, Facebook, Boxcast)
Sunday	11/7	11:15 am	Sunday School
Sunday	11/7	12 pm	Session – (Zoom)
Sunday	11/7	7 pm	Spirituality and Social Justice Group – (Zoom)
Monday	11/8	2 pm	Pastoral Care Deacons (Small Hall)
Monday	11/8	7 pm	Life Group (Large Hall)
Tuesday	11/9	10 am	Presbyterian Women (Large Hall)
Tuesday	11/9	10 am	Belles & Beaux – (Sanctuary)
Tuesday	11/9	7 pm	Contemporary Worship Committee – (Library)
Tuesday	11/9	7:30 pm	Congregational Life – (Large Hall)
Wednesday	11/10	10:30 am	Staff meeting – (Library)
Wednesday	11/10	2:30 pm	Audit Committee – (Library)
Wednesday	11/10	6:15 pm	C&GM – (3 rd floor)
Wednesday	11/10	6:30 pm	Spiritual Growth – (Library)
Wednesday	11/10	7 pm	Investment Committee – (Parlor)
Wednesday	11/10	7:30 pm	Celebration Ringers – (Sanctuary)
Thursday	11/11	7:15 pm	Choir - (Sanctuary)
Saturday	11/13	11 am	Shipmates – (Large Hall)
Sunday	11/14	9 am	Present Word - (Small Hall)
Sunday	11/14	10 am	Worship Service – (In person, Zoom, Facebook, Boxcast)
Sunday	11/14	11:15 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

NO THANKSGIVING HABITAT PIES: There will be no Thanksgiving pie sales this year, Kelly's Farmers market is having staffing problems. We're hoping to restart selling Habitat Pies next year with Kellys. If you would still like a Kelly's pie for thanksgiving contact Kelly's directly (585) 392-8102 to pre-order pies and please thank them for their many years of Habitat for Humanity support.

SHIPMATES: All are welcome to the Shipmates' November 13 meeting

- Have you ever wondered how Jean Coniber manages to play all those bells when she performs a bell solo in church?
- Have you ever wondered how the musical art form of bell ringing came to be?
- Have you ever wondered how the Bethany bell choir members manage to keep everything straight when playing?

Come to the Bethany sanctuary at 11:00 on Saturday, November 13 for a talk and a bell performance by Bethany's own Jean Coniber. Bring your own lunch to be enjoyed afterward. Dessert will be provided. Free will donation appreciated. Please make your reservation by Nov 7 by calling Linda Wood at 585-621-1896, so we may plan for socially distanced lunch seating and enough dessert.

TOWN HALL MEETING—November 14, 2021 Bethany's Session invites you to a Town Hall Meeting on 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—November 14, 2021 Please join the Spiritual Growth and Congregational Life Committees on 11/14/21 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.

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!

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 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 **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