

**BETHANY MEMORIAL CHURCH**

**(Disciples of Christ)**

**November 2, 2025 10:45 am**

*Here in Bethany, where paths cross and journeys begin,  
we rejoice in God's love and grace and  
our belief in Jesus Christ.*

*BMC Vision Statement*

**PRELUDE**

Michael Mihalyo

**WELCOME**

Jan Forsty

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE**

L: Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us run with perseverance the race set before us, looking to Jesus, the trailblazer and perfecter of our faith. God calls us to be saints, together with all those who in every place and time call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**All: In the company of all the saints, we cry: Praise God! Salvation, glory, and power belong to our God!**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE #637** (v. 1,2&3)

*"For All The Saints"*

**\*INVOCATION**

Jan Forsty

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*Our Father/Mother who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.*

*Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.*

*Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.*

*For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen*

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Jan Forsty

L: The peace of Christ be with you.

**P: And also with you.**

*All exchange words and signs of God's peace.*

**THE WORD IN OUR MIDST**

**SCRIPTURE**

Luke 6:20-31

**JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

Rev. Erin James-Brown

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

Michael Mihalyo

**SERMON**

Rev. Erin James-Brown

*"Blessed"*

**HYMN OF DEDICATION #611**

*"Rise Up, O Saints of God"*

**WE PARTAKE AT GOD'S HOLY TABLE**

**CALL TO OFFERING**

Jan Forsty

**\*DOXOLOGY AND OFFERING PRAYER**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;*

*Praise God all creatures here below.*

*Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts:*

*Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.*

**HYMN OF PREPARATION #423**

*"Become to Us the Living Bread"*

**COMMUNION INVITATION**

Joel Brown

**THE THANKSGIVING PRAYER OF THE ELDER**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

Rev. Erin James-Brown

**FELLOWSHIP OF COMMUNION**

*Please partake of the bread and cup – one in the Spirit.*

**INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP**

Rev. Erin James-Brown

**GOING FORTH TO SERVE**

**\*CLOSING HYMN #631**

*"Lift Every Voice and Sing"*

**BENEDICTION**

Rev. Erin Brown-James

**POSTLUDE**

Michael Mihalyo

**Thank you for worshipping with us today!**

Minister	Rev. Erin James-Brown
Liturgist	Jan Forsty
Elder	Joel Brown
Greeter	Penny Tittle
Music	Michael Mihalyo
Special Music	Michael Mihalyo
Videographer	Blake Cummings/Tess Feitt

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*\*Please rise in body or spirit*

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## **PRAYER LIST**

Nancy and John Pietrangelo (family of Penny Tittle)  
Tom (brother of Gerard NeCastro)  
Bob and Sandy (friends of Vicki NeCastro)  
Alan Clifford (brother-in-law of Connie McVicar)  
Hilary Miller  
Vonnie Larson  
Mary Wilson  
John Hull

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Ofrenda Creation.** The Office of the College Chaplain invites the campus community to an Ofrenda Creation Event on **Monday, November 3**, from **5–7 p.m.** in Commencement Hall. Together we will build an ofrenda, remembering those who have died and honoring their memory with care and reverence. This gathering will also be a time to learn about the cultural traditions of ofrendas and Día de los Muertos.

**Thanksgiving Meal for Flood Victims.** In partnership with the College and the United Way, we are filling a box with items for a Thanksgiving meal. If you are able, please select an item to donate to the Thanksgiving meal. Bring it to church no later than **November 16**. These meal-preparation materials will benefit a flood-affected family from the Wheeling area.

**Thanksgiving Meal for the Students.** Many students don't get to experience the warmth and joy of a Thanksgiving meal. Let's change that! We will host an early Thanksgiving meal in the church basement on **Thursday, November 20** at **6 PM**. Do you have an excellent cranberry sauce recipe? Bring it! Are you the best pie baker in Bethany? Prove it! We will serve the students a delicious, home-cooked meal and remind them that they are loved.

**New Small Groups Starting.** Looking to learn more about prayer and the Bible? Looking to build relationships with others? Join a small group! Groups meet on Zoom once a week for 1 hour of conversation and relationship-building. Two groups are scheduled for **Thursdays at 6:30 PM** or **Sundays at 2 PM** beginning in December.

**Blessings to Vicki and Gerard.** Our dear friends asked us to postpone this event for a later date—new date to be announced soon.

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**Pastoral Relations Committee.** The pastoral relations committee acts as a mediator between the congregation and the pastor. If you have a concern or an idea, please speak to one of our lovely committee members, who will maintain your confidence and relay your questions to Erin. Committee members and contacts include Deb Hull ([dhull51@gmail.com](mailto:dhull51@gmail.com)).

**Calling all Blanketeers.** Bethany crafters are partnering with the Linus Project to provide a sense of security and comfort to children who are seriously ill or otherwise in need. Please see the website for instructions and patterns (quilts, knit, crochet, no-sew fleece) at [projectlinus.org](http://projectlinus.org). Drop off completed blankets at the church. Contact Debra Hull at [dhull51@gmail.com](mailto:dhull51@gmail.com) with questions.

## PRAYER LIST

The men, women, and children of Israel and Palestine  
The men, women, and children of Ukraine  
Flood victims of Ohio Valley  
Victims of Hurricane Melissa in the Caribbean

Tiana and Tyler welcomed baby Heaven  
Tina, who works in the College cafeteria  
Debbie Rockhold  
Bonnie Goddin  
Raymond and Sally (in-laws of Paul James)  
Helen Moren  
Sydma Hatzopoulos  
Kerry Shaulis  
Beverly Craft  
Jean Schwertzfeger  
Peanut VanHorn  
John Cole  
Karol Purkarich (sister of Helen Moren & Karen Bracey)  
Cathy Chambers  
Sharley Hillgardner (sister of Holly Hillgardner)  
Pam Clifford (sister of Connie McVicar)  
Frank (friend of Paul James)  
Kelly (friend of Brenda Hart)  
Kathleen Godina  
Shaymaa Kullab and Family  
Beverly Chambers  
John Burns  
Teddy Hatzopoulos (brother of Sydma Hatzopoulos)  
Becky Ayers and Family  
Jennifer (niece of Gerard NeCastro)  
Jeanne Cobb  
Eldon Beery (father of Debra Hull)  
Madeline Wilson  
Darlene Eddy (mother of Wes Eddy)  
Larissa and Hannah Holland (friends of Vicki NeCastro)  
Christina (sister of Gerard NeCastro)