

**BETHANY MEMORIAL CHURCH**  
**(Disciples of Christ)**  
**January 11, 2026 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*  
Michael Mihalyo

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME**

Bob Gale

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE**

L: Come now to worship God with justice and truth.

**All: Let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness  
like an everflowing stream.**

L: Teach us to do good, seek justice, restore the oppressed,  
defend the helpless.

**All: We hear God's demand to do justice, love mercy,  
and walk humbly with God.**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE #176** (vs 1, 2 & 3)

*"Sing of God Made Manifest"*

**\*INVOCATION**

Bob Gale

**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**

Bob Gale

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**

Bob Gale

*Matthew 3:13-17*

**JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

Rev. Erin James-Brown

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

Michael Mihalyo

**SERMON**

Rev. Erin James-Brown

*"Well Pleased"*

**HYMN OF DEDICATION #177**

*"What Was Your Vow and Vision"*

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

**CALL TO OFFERING**

Bob Gale

**\*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 #414** (sing twice)

*"Eat This Bread"*

**COMMUNION INVITATION**

Helen Moren

**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

*\*Please rise in body or spirit*

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

Minister

Rev. Erin James-Brown

Liturgist

Bob Gale

Elder

Helen Moren

Greeter

Penny Tittle & Karen McFadden

Music

Michael Mihalyo

Special Music

Michael Mihalyo

Videographer

Tess Feit/Blake Cummings/Connie McVicar

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Online Giving Moves to PayPal.** We are discontinuing our database system, which means our online giving will move to a new/old platform. If you'd like to give online, you can use the QR code in your bulletin or visit PayPal.com. Thanks for your generous spirit to make worship to our God possible!



**Martin Luther King, Jr Events Wheeling.** Religious people from all backgrounds come together to march for justice and remember the civil rights leader, Martin Luther King, Jr. Folks will march for justice on Sunday, January 18 at 2:15 PM beginning at the Windmill from atop Wheeling Hill.

**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 one hour of conversation and relationship building. Two groups scheduled for **Thursdays at 6:30 PM** or **Sundays at 2 PM**.

**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. Contact 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 during business hours (M, Th, Fri 9 AM - 12 PM). 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

Family and Friends of Peanut VanHorn  
John Cole  
Natalie Brosh Trahan (daughter of Bob & Kathy)  
Penny Tittle  
Boston Miller (grandson of Laura Cramblet)  
Tiana, Tyler, and baby Heaven  
Tina, who works in the College cafeteria  
Debbie Rockhold  
Raymond and Sally (in-laws of Paul James)  
Kerry Shaulis  
Jean Schwertzfeger  
Karol Purkarich (sister of Helen Moren & Karen Bracey)  
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  
John Burns  
Norma Schoene  
Teddy Hatzopoulos (brother of Sydma Hatzopoulos)  
Becky Ayers and Family  
Jennifer (niece of Gerard NeCastro)  
Jeanne Cobb  
Eldon Beery (father of Debra Hull)  
Darlene Eddy (mother of Wes Eddy)  
Larissa and Hannah Holland (friends of Vicki NeCastro)  
Nancy and John Pietrangelo (family of Penny Tittle)  
Tom (brother of Gerard NeCastro)  
Hilary Miller  
Vonnie Larson  
Mary Wilson