BETHANY MEMORIAL CHURCH
(Disciples of Christ)
November 1, 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

Prelude Michael Mihalyo
Welcome Floyd McFadden
ANNOUNCEMENTS

***OPENING HYMN #637** (vs. 1 and 2)

"For All the Saints"

WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

CALL TO WORSHIP
Leader: We give thanks to you, O Lord our God, for all your servants and witnesses of time past:
All: For Abraham, the father of believers, and for Sarah, the mother of new generation;
Leader: For Moses the leader of a liberation movement, and Miriam and Aaron his siblings and priests.
All: For Samuel, a prophet speaks the truth, and Hannah, his mother who honors God with her dedication.
Leader: For Mary, Jesus' miraculous mother, Mary, Martha, and Mary Magdalene, those faithful followers even to the end.
All: For all the saints mentioned and those remembered in our hearts, give us, as you gave them, the hope of salvation and the promise of eternal life. Amen.

***HYMN OF PRAISE #16**

"Come Thou Font of Every Blessing"

***INVOCATION** Floyd McFadden
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** Floyd McFadden

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 Floyd McFadden

Revelation 7:9-17

JOYS AND CONCERNS
PASTORAL PRAYER Erin James-Brown
SPECIAL MUSIC Michael Mihalyo
SERMON Erin James-Brown

"A Great Multitude"

***HYMN OF DEDICATION #101** (vs. 1, 2, and 5)

"Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts"

WE PARTAKE AT GOD'S HOLY TABLE

CALL TO OFFERING Floyd McFadden
***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 #393

"One Bread, One Body"

COMMUNION INVITATION Connie McVicar

THE THANKSGIVING PRAYER OF THE ELDER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION Erin James-Brown

FELLOWSHIP OF COMMUNION

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

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP Erin James-Brown

GOING FORTH TO SERVE

***CLOSING HYMN #452**

"Here I Am, Lord"

BENEDICTION Erin James-Brown

POSTLUDE Michael Mihalyo

**It is BMC tradition to remain standing during the postlude*

Thank you for worshiping with us today!

Minister	Erin James-Brown
Liturgist	Floyd McFadden
Elder	Connie McVicar
Greeter	Karen McFadden/Helen Moren
Music	Michael Mihalyo
Special Music	Michael Mihalyo
AV/Tech	Lucero Luna/Connie McVicar

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Online Giving. 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 in making worship to our God possible!

March to the Polls. In our state we elect legislators, members of congress, and delegates who make decisions about war and wages, health care and voting rights, immigrant families and equal protection. Show your solidarity with others' voting across the nation and celebrate that we will make our voices heard. Meet at the flag pole on main campus on **Tuesday, November 3** at **11 AM** to march together to vote at the town community center. This march is in partnership with Repairs of the Breach.

Climate Wayfinding Learning Series: Updated Schedule. *Climate Wayfinding* offers a joyful, "heart-forward approach" to climate justice. Join us as we explore how to care for ourselves, one another, and the planet we call home. Here is our updated schedule: **Monday, November 9 — Chapters 1 & 2,** Discussion: "Embarking & Getting Our Bearings"; **Monday, November 16 — Chapters 3 & 4,** Discussion: "Emotions & Solutions"; **Monday, November 23 — Chapters 5 & 6,** Discussion: "Superpowers & Community"; **Monday, November 30 — Chapters 7 & 8,** Discussion: "Vision & Onward"

***"Almost"* Feel Good Friday.** As the students prepare to leave for the Thanksgiving holiday, we will host a table of gratitude and goodies for an *"Almost"* Feel Good Friday on **Tuesday, November 24** from **11 AM - 1 PM**. Help us stand outside the cafeteria with a table, goodies, gratitude practices, and your smile.

Santa's Workshop. Mark your calendars now! Santa's Workshop, with our partners First Christian Church Wilkinsburg, will be **Saturday, December 12**, from **12-4 PM.**

Handbell Choir and Choral Rehearsals. BMC starts a handbell choir and choral music. Contact Michael at MMihalyo@bethanywv.eduto participate.

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 Debra Hull (dhull51@gmail.com).

PRAYER LIST

The men, women, and children of the Middle East
The men, women, and children of Ukraine
The men, women, and children of Israel and Palestine

Ellyn and Bruce Plackowski (sister & brother-in-law of Debra Hull)
Paul Garey (father of Beverly Chambers)
David (friend of Bob and Colleen)
Sam Hubbard
The family of Jackie Andrews
Yie (friend of Bob Brosh)
John Cole
Penny Tittle & Jan Forsty
Kerry Shaulis
Natalie Brosh Trahan (daughter of Bob & Kathy)
Boston Miller (grandson of Laura Cramblet)
Cathy Chambers
Jean Schwertzfeger
Karol Purkarich (sister of Helen Moren & Karen Bracey)
Sharley Hillgardner (sister of Holly Hillgardner)
Frank (friend of Paul James)
Kelly (friend of Brenda Hart)
Shaymaa Kullab and Family
John Burns
Jeanne Cobb
Eldon Beery (father of Debra Hull)
Darlene Eddy (mother of Wes Eddy)
Nancy and John Pietrangelo (family of Penny Tittle)
Hilary Miller
Vonnie Larson
Mary Wilson