

bethany christian church (disciples of christ)



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Wi-Fi: Bethany Christian Guest

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Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Bethany Christian Church is an open and affirming congregation of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Therefore, accept one another, just as Christ also accepted us to the glory of God. (Romans 15:7).

We at Bethany Christian Church are Disciples of Christ, a movement for wholeness in a fragmented world. As part of the one body of Christ seeking to learn the word, live the grace, and share the love, we welcome ALL to the Lord's Table as God has welcomed us with grace and unconditional love and acceptance. So, with open hearts, open minds, and open doors, Bethany Christian Church acknowledges, accepts, and affirms ALL people as equal children of God and affirms OUR commitment to welcome and accept ALL people. Therefore, regardless of race, nationality, culture, ethnic origin, sexual orientation, gender identity, economic status, physical and mental ability, marital standing, or any other designation of individuals who have known the pain of exclusion and discrimination by the church and society, ALL are welcome to participate fully in the life, leadership, ministry, and mission of our church.

Visit Disciples LGBTQ+ Alliance (<https://disciplesallianceq.org/>) to learn more!

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Prelude

Music Team
#349

“My Jesus, I Love Thee” (vv. 1, 2, & 4)
“Awesome God”

Lighting of the Candles (Bringing in the Light of Christ)

Acolyte

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Michelle

***Passing of Christ’s Peace**

Rev. Michelle

One: May the peace of Christ be with you!

MANY: And also, with you.

***Invitation to Worship**

Tandy Jones

One: While there is time for everything, not everything brings life.

MANY: We are called to do good while we live.

One: Our Lord Jesus is risen, yet darkness persists in our world.

MANY: We are called to awaken and bear the light of Christ.

One: Let us pray.

***Unison Prayer of Invocation**

Tandy Jones

ALL: Eternal and present God, you have created us as mortal creatures, limited by time. Help us to arise from the slumber of anxiety and distraction to answer your call. Teach us to use the time we have to do what pleases you in Jesus’ name. Amen.

Children’s Song

“This Little Light of Mine”

Music Team

Children’s Moment

Rev. Michelle

Song

“I Need Thee Every Hour”

#578

Scripture

Romans 13:8-14

Tandy Jones

One: The Word of God for the people of God.

ALL: THANKS BE TO GOD. AMEN.

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Michelle

The Lord’s Prayer (Matthean, KJV)

Congregation

ALL: Our Father, 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Invitation to Generosity		Rev. Michelle
Offering Collection		Deacons
*Doxology #46		Amy Duncan
	Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, Praise God, all creatures here below. Praise God above, ye heavenly host. Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost!	
*Prayer of Dedication		Rev. Michelle
Special Song	"Christ, Be Our Light"	Music Team
Message	Time Ecclesiastes 3:1-14. Ephesians 5:8-20, Mark 14:32-42	Garrett Brown
Invitation to Discipleship		Rev. Michelle
*Song	"You Satisfy the Hungry Heart" (vv. 1 - 3)	#429
Service of Communion		
Invitation to our Lord's Table		Rev. Michelle
Blessing of Elements		Chris Gibson
Words of Institution		Rev. Michelle
Passing & Sharing of Elements		Congregation
*Closing Song	"Seek Ye First" (v. 1)	#354
*Blessing		Rev. Michelle
	Please rise in body or spirit and join with me in our closing Blessing.	
	One: Go forward, children of God, bearing the fruit of God's goodness ALL: We go as Jesus sends us, awake and bearing the light of salvation.	
*Closing Song	"Seek Ye First" (v. 2)	#354
*Exit	God bless and have a wonderful week!	Matt Rundle

Prayer List

If you have any joys or prayer concerns or have someone to be removed from the list, please send them to bethanychristianprayers@gmail.com

We continue to hold in prayer:

Linda Appel, Steve Appel, Caroline Ashby, Stacy Baier, Nancy Boner, Steve Buckert, John Bunner, Stevie Chivlare, Dave Cox, Nita Cox, Steve Cox, Ron Dennis, Michelle Gilles, Cale Harper, Donna Harper, Barb Hester, Family & Friends of Diane Huett, Mary Jane Hunt, Katie Kelly, Lisa King, Ruth & Joe Lenko, Jeff Main, Debby Miller, Wes & JoAnn Mitchell, Angie Moers, Mary & Mike Pruiett, Lisa Russell, Frank Rynkiewich, Nancy Slaton, Sheila Smith, Shawn Sterne, Julia Wood, Myra Woolsey

Upcoming Dates

Sunday July 6, 2025 – Food Pantry Offering, Elders Meeting 12:00 p.m.

Thursday July 10, 2025 – Midday Meditation 12:00 p.m., Art Journeys 6:00 p.m.

Friday July 11, 2025 – Board Game Night 6:00 p.m.

Sunday July 13, 2025 – Worship 10:30 p.m.

*** PASTOR MICHELLE WILL BE ATTENDING GENERAL ASSEMBLY JULY 11-16***

ENTER TO WORSHIP – LEAVE TO SERVE

Pastor	Rev. Michelle Brown	Secretary/Bookkeeper	Dana Johnson
Minster of Music	Matt Rundle	Custodian	Linda Moore
Pianist	Amy Duncan		
Band Members: Chris Gibson, Mason Hammonds, Jean Page, John Rich, and Shawn Sterne			

Serving Today: **Elder:** Chris Gibson, **Liturgist:** Tandy Jones, **Deacons:** Michelle Rundle & Joann Mitchell

Serving Next Sunday, July 13, 2025: **Elder:** Vanessa Wagler, **Liturgist:** Betty Barchet, **Deacons:** Michelle Rundle & Joann Mitchell

Learn the Word - Live the Grace - Share the Love

Our Identity: *Bethany Christian Church is a loving family of Christians, faithfully serving God and caring for others as we seek to support the wellbeing and spiritual growth of all people.*

Our Values: *We are driven by the values of love, welcome, and care for all. We practice the radical inclusion of Jesus who crossed boundaries of faith and convention to serve, empower, and embrace everyone.*