

bethany christian church (disciples of christ)



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Wi-Fi: Bethany Christian Guest

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Ninth 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	<p>“Hallelujah (Your Love is Amazing)” “Jesus, Name Above All Names”</p>	Music Team
Lighting of the Candles (Bringing in the Light of Christ)		Acolyte
Welcome & Announcements		Rev. Michelle
*Passing of Christ’s Peace		Rev. Michelle
<p>One: May the peace of Christ be with you!</p> <p>MANY: And also, with you.</p>		
Mental Wellness Moment: Mental Health & the Church Event		Rev. Michelle
*Invitation to Worship		Vanessa Wagler
<p>One: We come to the Lord seeking reassurance.</p> <p>MANY: We hear the Holy One say, “Be not afraid.”</p> <p>One: We can be confident in God’s steadfast love.</p> <p>MANY: With joyful anticipation, we will be ready to receive the Realm of God.</p> <p>One: Let us pray.</p>		
*Unison Prayer of Invocation		Vanessa Wagler
<p>ALL: Faithful God, we are your people joined with you in promise. Thank you for pulling us from fear by showing us reasons for hope. We receive the gift of your kingdom, and our hearts are transformed as we share it with others. Thank you for giving us life in Jesus’ name. Amen.</p>		
Children’s Song	“This Little Light of Mine”	Music Team
Children’s Moment		Rev. Michelle
Song	“God of Grace and God of Glory”	#464
Scripture	<p>(vv. 1, 2, & 4) Genesis 15:1-6</p>	Vanessa Wagler
<p>One: The Word of God for the people of God.</p> <p>ALL: THANKS BE TO GOD. AMEN.</p>		
Pastoral Prayer		Rev. Michelle
The Lord’s Prayer (Matthean, KJV)		Congregation
<p>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.</p>		

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	"Faithful" by Chris Tomlin	Music Team
Message	Where Your Heart Will Be Luke 12:32-40	Rev. Michelle
Invitation to Discipleship		Rev. Michelle
*Song	"We Place upon Your Table, Lord"	#417
Service of Communion		
Invitation to our Lord's Table		Rev. Michelle
Blessing of Elements		Steve Appel
Words of Institution		Rev. Michelle
Passing & Sharing of Elements		Congregation
*Closing Song	"Open the Eyes of My Heart"	Music Team
*Blessing		Rev. Michelle
	Please rise in body or spirit and join with me in our closing Blessing.	
	One: Go with hearts rejoicing, filled with promise.	
	ALL: Alert and ready, we set our hearts on the treasure of heaven. Amen!	
*Closing Song	"Open the Eyes of My Heart"	Music Team
*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, Steve Buckert, John Bunner, Stevie Chivlare, Dave Cox, Nita Cox, Steve Cox, Ron Dennis, Cale Harper, Mary Jane Hunt, Katie Kelly, Lisa King, Debby Miller, JoAnn Mitchell, Family & Friends of Wes Mitchell, Mary & Mike Pruiett, Shelia Smith, Myra Woolsey

Upcoming Dates

Sunday August 10, 2025 – Worship 10:30 a.m.

Monday August 11, 2025 – GEY RPG Club 5-8 p.m., GEY Dinner 6:00 p.m.

Thursday August 14, 2025 – Midday Meditation 12:00 p.m., Art Journeys 6:00 p.m.

Sunday August 17, 2025 – Birthday and Anniversaries Offering

Monday August 18, 2025 – GEY Crochet Club 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday August 19, 2025 – Tai Chi 4:00 p.m.

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: Steve Appel, Liturgist: Vanessa Wagler, Deacons: Trent Perry & Connie Helm

Serving Next Sunday, August 17, 2025: Elder: Nancy Boner, Liturgist: John Rich, Deacons: Trent Perry & Connie Helm

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.*