

bethany christian church (disciples of christ)



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Wi-Fi: Bethany Christian Guest

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Twelfth 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	“Lord, Reign in Me” “There Is None Like You”	Music Team
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		Barb Hester
One: We come to worship seeking courage.		
MANY: Our Lord empowers us to follow our calling.		
One: We come to worship seeking illumination.		
MANY: The Spirit of God sets our hearts ablaze.		
One: Let us pray.		
*Unison Prayer of Invocation		Barb Hester
ALL: Transforming and encouraging God, you call us to continue your son’s work in troubling times. Thank you for replacing our fatigue and overwhelm with energy and passion. Thank you for giving us hope that overpowers despair and light that drives out darkness. Thank you for giving us exactly what we need to do your will in Jesus’ name. Amen.		
Children’s Song	“This Little Light of Mine”	Music Team
Children’s Moment		Rev. Michelle
Song	“Pentecostal Power” (vv. 1 & 2)	Music Team
Scripture	1 Timothy 6:11-19	Barb Hester
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	"On Fire" by Switchfoot	Music Team
Message	Set Our Hearts on Fire Exodus 3:1-15, Acts 2:1-21	Garrett Brown
Invitation to Discipleship		Rev. Michelle
*Song	"Come, Share the Lord" (vv. 1 & 2)	#408
Service of Communion		
Invitation to our Lord's Table		Rev. Michelle
Blessing of Elements		Barb Hester
Words of Institution		Rev. Michelle
Passing & Sharing of Elements		Congregation
*Closing Song	"Victory in Jesus" (v. 1)	Music Team
*Invitation to Prayer		Rev Michelle
*Blessing		Rev. Michelle
	One: You are empowered by the Lord. Go forth in courage. ALL: Inflamed by the Spirit, we live in answer to God's call.	
*Closing Song	"Victory in Jesus" (v. 2)	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 31, 2025 – “Sunday Social” 9:00 a.m., Fall Fest Donation **SUGAR (powered and granulated).**

Monday September 1, 2025 – Labor Day, Church Office Closed

Tuesday September 2, 2025 – Tai Chi 4:00 p.m., **Dana Out of Office (Go Cards)**

Wednesday September 3, 2025 – Choir 6:30 p.m., Strategic Planning Meeting after Choir, **Dana Out of Office (Go Cards)**

Thursday September 4, 2025 – Midday Meditation 12:00 p.m., Art Journeys 6:00 p.m.

Saturday September 6, 2025 – Zippy Chicken/Chili Prep day 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Sunday September 7, 2025 – Youth Group 9-10 a.m., “Sunday Social” 9:00 a.m., Food Pantry Offering, Fall Fest Donation **BUTTER**

Monday September 8, 2025 – GEY RPG Club 5-8 p.m., GEY DINNER 6:00 p.m.

*****CHURCH PICNIC SEPTEMBER 14, 2025, FOLLOWING WORSHIP*****

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:** Barb Hester, **Liturgist:** Barb Hester, **Deacons:** Trent Perry & Michelle Rundle

Serving Next Sunday, September 7, 2025: **Elder:** Chris Gibson, **Liturgist:** John Sterne, **Deacons:** John Sterne & Greg Buckert

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.*