

bethany christian church (disciples of christ)



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Wi-Fi: Bethany Christian Guest

09/14/2025

Second Sunday of Stewardship

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

**“I Will Celebrate”
“Shine on Us”**

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.

Stewardship Moment

Michelle Rundle

***Invitation to Worship**

Tandy Jones

One: Our choices reveal what we value.

MANY: We become who we are by the choices we make.

One: We become like the ones we serve.

MANY: We choose to serve the living God and become like the Lord: compassionate, merciful, empowering, and life-giving.

One: Let us pray.

***Unison Prayer of Invocation**

Tandy Jones

ALL: God of generosity, as we offer ourselves to you in this time of worship, we remember what Jesus taught us: We cannot serve two masters. We love you, O Lord. We choose to serve you. Thank you for helping us to make this choice and live according to your calling to bring wholeness and plenty to the people of this world. We pray in the name of your son, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

Children’s Song

“This Little Light of Mine”

Music Team

Children’s Moment

Rev. Michelle

Song

“Be Thou My Vision” (vv. 1 – 3))

#595

Scripture

Luke 16:1-13

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	“Ceaseless Praise” by Joshua Metzger	Choir
Message	Choose Wisely	Rev Michelle
Invitation to Communion		Rev. Michelle
*Song	“Take Our Bread”	#413
Service of Communion		
Invitation to our Lord’s Table		Rev. Michelle
Blessing of Elements		Vanessa Wagler
Words of Institution		Rev. Michelle
Passing & Sharing of Elements		Congregation
*Closing Song	“Take My Life” (vv. 1 & 3)	#609
*Invitation to Prayer		Rev Michelle
*Blessing		Rev. Michelle
One: Go forth with generous hearts, minds, and souls.		
ALL: We enter the future, prepared to share our lives with God and with the world. Amen!		
*Closing Song	“Take My Life” (v. 4)	#609
*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 September 14, 2025 – “Sunday Social” 9:00 a.m., Fall Fest Donation **BUTTER**, **CHURCH PICNIC AFTER WORSHIP**.

Monday September 15, 2025 – GEY Crochet Club 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday September 16, 2025 – Tai Chi 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday September 17, 2025 – Revive & Thrive Conf in Indy, Choir 6:30 p.m.

Thursday September 18, 2025 – Pastor Michelle start Vacation until Sept 26th, Art Journeys 6:00 p.m.

Sunday September 21, 2025 – “Sunday Social” 9:00 a.m., Marc Sirnic doing Worship, Birthday & Anniversaries Offering, Fall Fest Donation **EGGS**,

*******Pastor Michelle on Vacation September 18th thru September 26th.*******

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:** Vanessa Wasgler, **Liturgist:** Tandy Jones, **Deacons:** John Sterne & Greg Buckert

Serving Next Sunday, September 21, 2025: **Elder:** Tandy Jones, **Liturgist:** Shawn 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.*