

bethany christian church (disciples of christ)



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Wi-Fi: Bethany Christian Guest

10/19/2025

Nineteenth 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

**“Rejoice, the Lord is King!”
“Who You Say I Am”**

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

Acolyte

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Michelle Brown

***Passing of Christ’s Peace**

Rev. Michelle

One: May the peace of Christ be with you!

MANY: And also, with you

Mental Wellness moment: NAMI Walk & Festival

Rev. Michelle

***Invitation to Worship**

Chris Gibson

One: We gather as followers of Jesus.

MANY: Here in worship we learn how to follow.

One: Jesus tells us that when we fulfill needs of others, we are serving him.

MANY: We join together, giving and receiving, so all will thrive.

One: Let us pray.

***Unison Prayer of Invocation**

Chris Gibson

ALL: Gracious and loving God, you have created us as needy people with gifts to share. Help us to see one another as your children and members of our family. Thank you for showing us the ones who need what we can offer and giving us the courage to both provide and receive. Thank you for calling us to serve your will in Jesus’ name. Amen.

Children’s Song

“This Little Light of Mine”

Music Team

Children’s Moment

Rev. Michelle

Song

“I Am Thine, O Lord” (vv. 1-3)

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Scripture

Matthew 25:31-40

Chris Gibson

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**

**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

**"Child of God"
by Kathryn Scott**

Music Team

Message

**"In This Together"
Matthew 25:41-46**

Rev. Michelle

Invitation to Discipleship

Rev. Michelle

***Song**

"One Bread, One Body"

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Service of Communion

Invitation to our Lord's Table

Rev. Michelle

Blessing of Elements

Nancy Boner

Words of Institution

Rev. Michelle

Passing & Sharing of Elements

Congregation

***Closing Song**

"like a child" (vv. 1-2)

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***Invitation**

Rev. Michelle

***Blessing**

Rev. Michelle

One: Go forward, recognizing all as your siblings, just as Jesus is your brother.

ALL: We go to join with others in need, in service, and in love.

***Closing Song**

"like a child" (v. 3)

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***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, the family of Precious Lewis, Debby Miller, JoAnn Mitchell, Family & Friends of Wes Mitchell, Mary & Mike Pruiett, Shelia Smith, Myra Woolsey

Upcoming Dates

Sunday October 19, 2025 – Sunday Social 9:00 a.m., Birthday & Anniversaries Offering

Monday October 20, 2025 – GEY Crochet 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday October 21, 2025 – Tai Chi 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday October 22, 2025 – Keenagers 11:30 a.m.-BBQ by Barb, Choir 6:30 p.m.

Thursday October 23, 2025 – Art Journeys 6:00 p.m.

Friday October 24, 2025 – Donna Jones to set up the fellowship hall for Saturday

Saturday October 25, 2025 – Donna Jones fellowship hall scrapbooking 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 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			
Band Members:	Chris Gibson, Mason Hammonds, Jean Page, John Rich, and Shawn Sterne		

Serving Today: **Elder:** Nancy Boner, **Liturgist:** Chris Gibson, **Deacons:** Deena Gibson, Joann Mitchell

Serving Next Sunday, October 26, 2025: **Elder:** Vanessa Wagler, **Liturgist:** Vanessa Wagler, **Deacons:** Deena Gibson, 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.*