Bethany United Church of Christ

November 1, 2026

As you prepare your heart for worship it might be helpful to read through the call to worship and the prayer of confession and think about them.

Prelude and Bell Ringing
Announcements, Joys and Concerns

Call to Worship
Leader: O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
Congregation: for his steadfast love endures for ever!
L: Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, whom he has redeemed from trouble
C: and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.
L: Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love,
C: for his wonderful works to the sons of men!
L: For he satisfies him who is thirsty,
C: and the hungry he fills with good things.
L: Let them offer sacrifices of thanksgiving,
C: and tell of his deeds in songs of joy!
L: Let them extol him in the congregation of the people,
C: and praise him in the assembly of the elders.
L: Whoever is wise, let him give heed to these things;
C: let all the people consider the steadfast love of the LORD.

Prayer of Invocation

*Hymn of Praise #263 "A Mighty Fortress"

Call to Confession
Unison Confession of Sin

Heavenly Father, forgive us. Our lives are filled with sins we do not notice. We do and say things we should not, and we are often unaware of it. There are many good acts we should do that we never think of, and so we do not perform those good acts. Forgive us for these many sins that never enter our mind. As the psalmist said, clear us from hidden faults and from errors we have not discerned. Fill us with your Holy Spirit, and help us to live lives that have fewer sins and more good deeds. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Silent Confession
Assurance of Pardon

*GLORIA PATRI

Invitation to the Children (Jesus Loves the Little Children)
Children's time

Pre-K to Grade 2 children dismiss to church entryway for Sunday School

Scripture
Old Testament lesson - Micah 3:5-12
New Testament lesson – Matthew 23:1-28

Special Music

Sermon "No Curve"

*Hymn of Preparation #214 "For the Bread, Which Thou Hast Broken"

Sacrament of Holy Communion
Words of Institution
Distribution of the Bread and the Cup
Prayer of Thanksgiving

Prayers of the People
Lord's Prayer

Offering, Offertory
*Doxology
*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn of Commitment #296 "For All the Saints, Who from Their Labors Rest"

*Charge and Benediction
Amen! We go forth to serve.
*Choral Response: "God Be with You" #177 (SS) (v. 1)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY – Rev. Darwin Smith

- Neighbors in Need special offering (use envelopes)

Women's Fellowship will meet this coming Wednesday, November 4, at 1:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Annette Smith will speak about their trip to Germany. A business meeting will follow. Hostess is Jane Roskamp.

Next Sunday, November 8, is the Men's Event. Randy Brackensick is the speaker. The meal includes pulled pork, macaroni & cheese, green beans, cookies, and pies. Please contact Shirley Roskamp or Tami Roskamp to volunteer.

Amber (Hoener) and Christian Del Castillo welcomed baby boy David Diego Del Castillo into the world on Thursday, October 22, measuring 20 inches

and weighing 7 pounds, 2 ounces. Grandparents are Greg and Kathy Hoener, and great grandmother is Sue Hoener. Congratulations to the family!

SAVE THE DATES:
November Women's Fellowship: Wednesday, Nov. 4, 1:30 p.m.
Men's Event: Sunday, November 8, 6 p.m.
Women's Bible Study: Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m.
Pre-K-6th Sunday School: Sundays, 9 a.m.

Marian Bland is greeter today, Mary Doyle next week. Thanks to the greeter, Rev. Smith, the musician, AV tech – all who helped with the service.

WELCOME ALL! If you are a visitor, please sign the guest register and come again.

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