



BETHANY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

Prelude *Give Thanks* Sylvia Oines
 Henry Smith, arr. by James Biery

Lighting the Christ Candle

The candle is lit to awaken us to the presence of God, to alert us to the invitation of Christ, the Light of the world, and to affirm our unity in Christ (in this sanctuary, our homes in Seattle, and around the world)

Welcome Joel Shoop, Worship Leader

Leader: The Lord be with you!

People: And also with you!

Passing the Peace of Christ

Call to Worship

***Hymn** #326 *For All The Saints (Verses 1 and 3)*

***Hymn** #322 *We Are One in Christ Jesus*

Silent Listening

Prayer of Confession and Declaration of Forgiveness

Scripture Reading Psalm 133 (Pew Bible: OT, p. 538)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Children's Message

Kim Kleeh

Hymn #882 *When We Are Living*

When we are living, it is in Christ Jesus

And when we're dying, it is in the Lord (*Repeat*)

Both in our living and in our dying

We belong to God; we belong to God (Repeat)

Responding to God's Great Love

[>> Click Here to Give Online >>](#)

Leader: You have given all to me.

People: To you, Lord, I return it.

Leader: Everything is Yours.

People: Do with it what You will.

Leader: Give me only your love and grace.

People: That is enough for me.

Solo *Send Out Your Light*

Brooke Willis

Vindicate me, O God, and defend my cause
Against the deceitful man, O deliver us
For You are the God in whom I take refuge
Why have You rejected me? I walk around confused
Send out Your light and Your truth, let them lead me
Bring me to Your holy hill, to Your dwelling
Then I will go to the altar of God, to God, my exceeding joy
Then I will praise Him with all my heart, O my joy, my joy
Why are you cast down low, O my soul?
Why are you cast down low and in turmoil?
Hope in God, for I shall again praise Him
Hope in God, for He is my salvation

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Ushers

Our Prayers to God

Danielle Merseles, Associate Pastor

[>> Click Here for the Virtual Prayer Wall >>](#)

Sermon *The Apostle Comes to Thanksgiving:
Meeting Across Value Differences*

Doug Kelly

Text: Romans 14:1-12 (Pew Bible: NT, p. 142-143)

Leader: The Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**

The Sacrament of Our Lord's Supper

Please come forward to form two lines. There are two ways to receive the sacrament: you may take a communion kit and partake of it in your pew; or you may receive a piece of bread, dip it in the common cup, and partake of the elements. If you would like gluten-free, just ask your server for it. Those who do not wish to receive the sacraments can simply cross their arms and they will receive a brief blessing. A leader is available up front for intercessory prayer.

The Lord's Prayer (p. 35 in hymnal)

Song *Come to the Table*

Come to the table, all who are able
Bring all your weary, your sick, and your poor
Come to the table as you are able
There is eternally a place for you
Come taste the feast of heaven made new
Come to the table, come to the table
Come taste the depth of God's love for you

Song *Forever Reign*

You are good, You are good, when there's nothing good in me
You are love, You are love, on display for all to see
You are light, You are light, when the darkness closes in
You are hope, You are hope, You have covered all my sin
You are peace, You are peace, when my fear is crippling
You are true, You are true, even in my wandering
You are joy, You are joy, You're the reason that I sing
You are life, You are life, in You death has lost its sting
Oh, I'm running to Your arms, I'm running to Your arms
The riches of Your love will always be enough
Nothing compares to Your embrace, Light of the world forever reign
You are more, You are more, than my words will ever say
You are Lord, You are Lord, all creation will proclaim
You are here, You are here, in Your presence I'm made whole
You are God, You are God, of all else I'm letting go (Chorus)
My heart will sing no other Name, Jesus, Jesus (4x - Chorus)

Benediction

Doug Kelly

Postlude *Praise to the Lord, The Almighty*
arr. by David Cherwein

Sylvia Oines

**Congregation, please rise in body or in spirit.*

Preaching Today: *Senior Pastor, Doug Kelly*

Leading Worship: *Joel Shoop*

Ministers: *You, who are touched by God's grace, being healed by God's love.*

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TODAY

Preaching today is Senior Pastor, Doug Kelly, and leading worship is Joel Shoop. *Joel and his wife, Nina, have been at Bethany for more than 20 years. They have three adult children: Ellie, Rachel, and Jesse. Joel works as a user experience design consultant. He enjoys hiking, off-road camping, watching copious amounts of Premier League soccer, Nicolas Cage movies, and appreciates well-crafted dad jokes.*

Children's Programming

- **Childcare:** *Ages 2 years and younger in room #102 at the beginning of both services.*
- **9:00am:** *Individual classes for children 3 years old through 5th grade after the Children's Message.*
- **10:45am:** *Classes for preschoolers, and Godly Play for kindergartners through 3rd graders after the Children's Message. 4th and 5th graders stay in the sanctuary with their families.*

Kids Choir | 10:15–10:45am | Parlor

We are preparing music for our Welcoming Christmas and Christmas Eve programs.

Isaiah 43:1 Support Group | 12:15pm–1:30pm | Parlor

This is a group for people who identify as LGBTQ+ and for those who want to support friends and family members who identify as LGBTQ+. The purpose of the group is support, not debate. We meet on the third Sunday of the month after second service.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Congregational Meeting to Elect Church Officers | Today, 12:00pm

We will hold a Congregational Meeting to elect our new slate of church officers in the sanctuary and online.

Today's Congregational Meeting Agenda

Prayer — *Moderator Doug Kelly*

Rules of Engagement

Report of the Nominating Committee — *Elder Rob Mitchell*

- Presentation of the slate of nominees to the offices for ruling elder and deacon, and to the Nominating Committee as members at-large

Discussion of Motion and Voting Options — *Doug Kelly*

- The motion before the congregation:
That the congregation elect the slate of nominees to the offices of ruling elder and deacon, and the at-large members of the Nominating Committee.

Voting Explained — Clerk of Session, Gerry Champagne

- Voting for those on a device:
 - Use the online ballot (scan the QR code here or click link posted in the chat)
 - Or if you are having difficulty voting using the online ballot, you may text your vote to Gerry Champagne (or call if needed): (617) 543-8092
- Voting for those in the room:
 - Scan the QR code here >>
 - Or raise your hand to receive / fill out a paper ballot

The Vote

Motion to Adjourn

Closing Prayer

NEWS & NOTES

Sound Technician and Online Producer Subs Needed | *We are hiring for these two roles to sub in about once a month for worship from 7am-12:30pm on Sundays. These are paid positions (\$20-25/hr.). Contact Carlos with questions and for more details: carlosr@bethanypc.org.*

Church Office Volunteers | *We're looking for a few helpers to support staff with various copying/folding/mailing projects, Thursday afternoons for 1-2 hours. Contact Reid: reidc@bethanypc.org.*

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thanksgiving Eve | **Wed, Nov 22nd | 5:30pm Dinner, Fellowship Hall | 6:30pm Service, Sanctuary** | *Join the Wednesday Night Dinner community for turkey dinner, followed by a service of prayer, song, expressing our thanks to God, and sharing what we are grateful for. Doors open at 5:00pm.*

[>>Click here to RSVP >>](#)

Welcoming Christmas | **Sat, Dec 2nd, 4:00-6:30pm | Fellowship Hall**

Mark your calendar for this special community-wide event including crafts, food and activities, followed by a Christmas concert in the sanctuary at 5:45pm. Invite your friends and neighbors! No cost to attend.

Advent Reception | **Sun, Dec 10th | Fellowship Hall after both services** | *At this annual celebration, we like to share sweet and savory treats from our family's Christmas traditions to enjoy together.*

[>>Click here to RSVP >>](#)

REGULAR GATHERINGS

Coffee Mondays with Pastor Doug | Nov 20th, 3:30-6pm | Starbucks Westlake, 1201 Westlake Ave N | *Stop by to share any questions, joys, or concerns about your own life or Bethany's.*

Women's Bible Study | Tues, Nov 21st, 10:00am | 7 Howe & On-line

Women of all ages and stages are invited to study the Bible with us. We are using the booklet, "Cloud of Witnesses: The Community of Christ in Hebrews," by Melissa Bane Sevier.

Youth Group | High School meets Tuesdays, 7:00-8:30pm / Middle School meets Thursdays, 7:00-8:30pm | Youth House (11 Howe) *Come for some games, snacks, small groups, prayer and fun!*