BETHANY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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November 1, 2026

Celebration of Worship

Prelude *Now Thank We All Our God* *by Timothy Shaw* *Sylvia Oines*

***Hymn 326** *For All The Saints (Verses 1, 2, 3, & 5)*
by William Walsham How & Ralph Vaughan Williams

For all the saints who from their labors rest
Who Thee by faith before the world confessed
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might
Thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light. Alleluia! Alleluia!

O blest communion, fellowship divine
We feebly struggle; They in glory shine
Yet all are one in Thee, for all are Thine. Alleluia! Alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds from ocean's farthest coast
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host
Singing to Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Welcome *Timothy Chang*

Leader: The Lord be with you!
People: **And also with you!**

Call to Worship

***Song** *All The People Said Amen* *by Matt Maher*

You are not alone if you are lonely. When you feel afraid, you're not the only
We are all the same, in need of mercy. To be forgiven and be free
It's all you got to lean on, but thank God, it's all you need
And all the people said, Amen, whoa. And all the people said Amen
Give thanks to the Lord for His love never ends, and all the people said, Amen

If you're rich or poor, well, it don't matter
Weak or strong, you know love is what we're after
We're all broken, but we're all in this together
God knows we stumble and fall
And He so loved the world He sent His son to save us all *(Chorus)*

Blessed are the poor in spirit who are torn apart
Blessed are the persecuted and the pure in heart
Blessed are the people hungry for another start
For theirs is The Kingdom, The Kingdom of God *(Chorus x2)*
And all the people said, Amen

Scripture Reading **Hebrews 11:29 – 12:3** (Pew Bible: NT p. 199-200)
Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Children's Message *Alan Beasley*

***Passing the Peace of Christ**

Silent Listening

Prayer of Confession and Declaration of Forgiveness

Offering: Responding to God's Great Love
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.**
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Choral Anthem *Soli Deo Gloria* *by Brad Nix* *Chancel Choir*

Prayer of Thanksgiving *Ushers*

Our Prayers to God *Danielle Merseles, Associate Pastor of Youth and Young Adults*

>> Click Here for the Virtual Prayer Wall >>

Sermon *Growing in Gratitude: For All The Saints* *Doug Kelly, Senior Pastor*

The Sacrament of The Lord's Supper
The Lord's Prayer (p. 35 in hymnal)
Please come forward to form two lines. To celebrate the sacrament, you may receive a piece of bread, dip it in the common cup of grape juice, 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 in the first pew for intercessory prayer. You may wait seated in the first pew (near the center) for the prayer leader.

Song *Living Hope* *by Brian Johnson & Phil Wickham*

How great the chasm that lay between us,
How high the mountain I could not climb
In desperation I turned to heaven and spoke Your name into the night

Then through the darkness, Your loving-kindness
Tore through the shadows of my soul
The work is finished, the end is written, Jesus Christ, my living hope

Who could imagine so great a mercy
What heart could fathom such boundless grace
The God of Ages stepped down from glory
To wear my sin and bear my shame
The cross has spoken, I am forgiven
The King of kings calls me His own
Beautiful Savior, I'm Yours forever, Jesus Christ, my living hope

Hallelujah, praise the One who set me free
Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me
You have broken every chain, there's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ, my living hope

Then came the morning that sealed the promise
Your buried body began to breathe
Out of the silence the Roaring Lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me *(Repeat)*

Jesus, Yours is the victory *(Chorus x2)*

Jesus Christ, my living hope; oh God, You are my living hope

***Song** *When I Think about The Lord* *by James Huey*

When I think about the Lord
How He saved me, how He raised me
How He filled me with the Holy Ghost
How He healed me to the uttermost
When I think about the Lord, how He picked me up
Turned me around, how He placed my feet on solid ground *(Repeat)*

It makes me want to shout Hallelujah, thank You, Jesus
Lord, You're worthy of all the glory And all the honor, and all the praise
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Lord, You're worthy of all the glory And all the honor, and all the praise (Repeat)

When I think about the Lord
How He saved me, how He raised me
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When I think about the Lord, how He picked me up
Turned me around, how He placed my feet on solid ground *(Chorus)*

Iliana Marshall's Commissioning *Marisa Gronholz Scheidler, Director of Formation & Outreach*
(9:00am Service Only)

Leader: Members of this household of faith, you have heard the promises of our brothers and sisters in Christ, who have answered God's call to service. Let us affirm our intention to live in covenant with her.

People: **We gather in celebration of the joy that is ours to be partners with you in the service of Jesus Christ. We promise to love you and keep you in prayer. We promise to keep in prayer those with whom you will serve, that together we may be a faithful church of Jesus Christ.**

Leader: We send you on behalf of this congregation, as well as the wider (PC USA), to be disciples of Christ in the place where you will serve to be "Partners in Service." Go, to love one another, as Christ has first loved you.

People: **As a congregation, we commission Iliana to serve as an observer, asking for God's blessing as she does this task.**

Benediction *Doug Kelly*

Postlude *Toccata, from Suite Gothique* *by Leon Boellmann* *Sylvia Oines*

Preaching Today: *Doug Kelly, Senior Pastor*

Leading Worship: *Timothy Chang*

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

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Today

Preaching today is Doug Kelly, Senior Pastor, and leading worship today is Timothy Chang. *Timothy is a history teacher at Thomas Jefferson High School in Federal Way and has been attending Bethany for nine years. On any given day, you might find him walking around Lincoln Park, grabbing takeout from his favorite Thai shop - Srivilai, or grading student papers at a variety of third places around Seattle. His favorite hobbies include hiking, biking, and talking about transit.*

Children's Programming | *We have individual classes for kids at both services. Infants & toddlers rm #102, preschoolers rm #103, open at the start of the services. Kindergartners through 5th graders will start in the sanctuary and will be dismissed to their classes after the children's message.*

- **9:00am:** *Kinder (rm #202), 1st grade (rm #203), 2nd & 3rd grade (rm #204), 4th & 5th grade (11 Howe).*
- **10:45am:** *K-3rd grade (Godly Play, rm #202), 4th & 5th graders will remain in the service with their families.*

Middle School Sunday School (6th – 8th graders) | During the 9am Service | *Exit after the Children's Message and head to the youth house (11 Howe) for a lesson, games, and time to hang out together.*

Prayer for Our City, Nation, World | Every Sunday | 10:20 - 10:40am 7 Howe Basement | *Join us for a time to pray for government leaders, those impacted by their decisions and for God's guidance, mercy, and justice.*

Bethany Prayer Ministries | 10:45am | 7 Howe | *Please join Bethany Ministries Prayer Group for a time of prayer for our church, staff, and ministries led by Tim Dearborn.*

Bethany Family Dinners | 5 - 7pm | *Bethany-ites of all ages will share a meal in various people's homes.*

From the Flock | *Please keep Kevin McMahan, along with his family and friends, in your prayers as he mourns the passing of his sister, Karen Baldwin, who died on Wednesday, October 28th.*

Regular Events

Coffee Mondays with Pastor Doug | Mon, Nov 2nd, 2:30 - 5pm
Queen Anne, Macrina Bakery, 615 W McGraw St, Seattle, WA 98119
Stop by Mondays for a one-on-one chat with Doug on anything.

Regular Events

Autumn Open Play | On Pause This Week | *Open play is taking a break this week. We'll be back on Monday November 9th.*

Middle & High School Youth Group | Tues, Nov 3rd & Thurs, Nov 5th | Youth House (11 Howe) | *Both groups meet for community, games, learning together, and small groups!*

- *High School Students, join us for Youth Group on Tues, 7-8:30pm*
- *Middle School Students, join us for Youth Group on Thurs, 7-8:30pm*

Wednesday Night Dinner | Wed, Nov 4th, 5 - 6:30pm | Fellowship Hall *An open-door free community ministry at Bethany. All are welcome to join us for dinner!*

Wednesday Night Dinner Announcement | *Want to help lift up our Wednesday Night Dinner community this Fall? You can: Volunteer your time on Wednesdays, donate gently used warm men's coats, hats and gloves, or pray for our vulnerable WND community members as fall weather sets in. Contact Ken Jordan at kennethj@bethanypc.org*

Upcoming Events

Click Here for Sign-Ups & Information for These Upcoming Events and More

Bethany 101 | Sat, Nov 7th, 9:30am - 12:30pm | 7 Howe | *This informal class setting is for anyone who wants to dive deeper into who we are at Bethany and explore what church membership is about. Register for childcare by Nov 4th.*

Kids Music Time! | Sun, Nov 8th & 22nd, During Worship | *After the children's message at both services, all kids kindergarten through 5th grade will briefly gather to sing together before teachers take them to their regular classes. Parents, we encourage you to bring your kids to sing what they've learned at Welcoming Christmas (Dec 5) and worship service (Dec 20).*

Adult Christian Education Class: Iran Today: War, Regional Tensions, and the Future | Sun, Nov 8th, 9am | Parlor | *A discussion of current conflicts, the regional implications, and the questions facing policymakers, religious communities, and ordinary citizens as events unfold.*

Church Officer Nominee Meet and Greet | Sun, Nov 8th, 10:15am Fellowship Hall | *Stop by the Fellowship Hall to meet the nominees, before the election on Nov. 15th. You can also find a slate in the lobby today.*

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Faith at Home Fair | Sun, Nov 8th, After Both Services | Fellowship Hall | *Take-home activities meant to engage the whole family. These takeaways encourage faith practices and conversations beyond church walls. All are welcome whether you have kids or not. These are activities are for you!*

Super Special Second Sunday | Sun, Nov 8th, After Both Services Fellowship Hall | *We'll be serving cinnamon rolls after first service and Doug's Soup and Bread after second service in honor of Doug Rutherford's legacy of hospitality.*

Christmas Poinsettias Youth Fundraiser | Order by November 15th! *Get a head start on Christmas gifts and decorations! Bethany youth are selling beautiful poinsettias, centerpieces and wreaths to help lower the cost of their trip next summer. Click the link above to place your order.*

How to Show Up When Someone is Grieving | Sun, Nov 15th, 9am Parlor | *Many of us don't know what to do or say when someone we love and care about is facing life-altering grief. Join JJ Kissinger, the Executive Director of the Light Collective—an organization designed to support families who have a child with cancer—for a conversation and some helpful tips on how to support someone through grief.*

Congregational Meeting | Sun, Nov 15th, Between Services | Sanctuary | *We will hold a Congregational Meeting to elect our new slate of church officers. You can find nominee bios in the church lobby today.*

Thanksgiving Service | Wed, Nov 25th, 7pm | Sanctuary *Thanksgiving Celebration Service in the Sanctuary at 7pm. You're also invited to join us for Wednesday Night Dinner's special Thanksgiving meal at 5pm. Please sign up to let us know you're coming using the link above.*

Deck the Halls | Sat, Nov 28th, 10am - 12:30pm | Sanctuary & Lobby *We need help hanging up the stars in the sanctuary, decorating the Christmas Tree and everything in between. Breakfast will be provided. Sign up to help using the link above.*

Welcoming Christmas | Sat, Dec 5th, 4pm | Fellowship Hall *Welcoming Christmas is Bethany's largest community event. It features winter treats, crafts, an outdoor tree lighting, and a Christmas Concert. We need volunteers to help with all sorts of tasks. Use the link above to register.*