



Bethany United Methodist Church
The Church with Open Hearts, Minds, and Doors
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VOLUNTEERS SERVING TODAY

Acolyte(s): Josiah Minor
 Media: Jeremy Nardozi, Susannah Hogge, Cathy Raines, Kim Song, Chip Neikirk
 Aidan Dumbrocyo
 Altar Guild this month: Ann Byrd, Betty Durette, Sylvia Ransone
 Liturgist: Kevin Kiley
 Trustee Contact this week: Donna Lane
 Ushers: Milton Hudgins, Rick Wilson, Kirk Bell
 Greeters: Milton Hudgins, David Ayers

STEWARDSHIP	7/28
General Fund	7349.00
Flowers	120.00
Directory	85.00
Youth	110.00
ATTENDANCE	7/28
In-person Worship	101
Online Worship (Facebook/YouTube)	37
Total in Worship	138

COUNTING TEAMS	
8/4	Team 5: Jackie Hampton, Don Thomas, Donna Lane
8/11	Team 6: Dawn Cluts, Betty Durette, Clair Hillard
8/18	Team 1: Mary Kaylor, Ann Byrd, Pat Hasty
8/25	Team 2: Betty Neikirk, Chip Neikirk, Cheryl Roane

BUMC STAFF DIRECTORY

Rev. Moonsup "Paul" Song, Pastor	call/text 703.625.8025, office: 804.642.2110 email: pastor@bethanyumc-gp.org	Tues. thru Fri., 9am-3pm For pastoral emergencies, call/text 703.625.8025
Jimmy Mackey, Church Office Administrator	office 804.642.2110, cell: 804.241.4130 email: admin@bethanyumc-gp.org	Mon. thru Fri., 9am-3pm (Closed 12-1pm for lunch)
Sandra Fox, Director of Music	call/text 757.329.6128 email: rfox6@cox.net	By appt.
Dr. Rudy Shackelford, Organist	home 804.642.5938, cell 804.413.0211	By appt.
Brad Thomas, Director of Children & Youth Ministries	Office 804.642.2110, call/text 304.483.3403 Email: youth@bethanyumc-gp.org	Tues./Thurs. 9:30am-2pm (Mon./Wed. from home)



August 4, 2024

11:00 am

Bethany United Methodist Church

11th Sunday After Pentecost
 Communion Sunday

WELCOME, EVERYONE! Thank you for worshiping with us today!

HEARING DEVICES AVAILABLE: Please see an usher.

*Please stand as you are able and please silence your mobile device

— As the music begins, please quiet your hearts in preparation for worship. —

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God, How Can We Forgive

TFWS No. 2169

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Paul Song

*Call to Worship

Kevin Kiley

Leader: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

Leader: The risen Christ is with us.

All: Praise the Lord!

*Hymn

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

UMH No. 127

*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

UMH No. 881

Opening Prayer

Loreen Paiva

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden.

Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Unclouded Day/Will The Circle Be Unbroken

(Washboard by Kirk Bell)

J.K. Alwood/Ada R. Habershon

Music by Charles H. Gabriel

arr. by Sheldon Curry

Time with Children

Brad Thomas

Prayer of Illumination

Kevin Kiley

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of the Holy Spirit, that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

Scripture Reading Matthew 16: 13-20 Kevin Kiley

The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon “United in Common Confession” Pastor Paul Song

Concerns and Prayer of Intercession, Petition “**Lord, hear our prayer.**”

Holy Communion

Invitation to Table Pastor Paul Song

Confession and Pardon (on screen)

All: Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Leader: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God’s love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

All: Glory to God. Amen.

Offering and Offertory Prayer Pastor Paul Song

Offertory *Clair de Lune (Moonlight) from “Suite Bergamasque”* Claude Debussy
Remembering Marie Baldwin, Organist at Bethany from 1954-1972, died 6 Aug. 2006 (1862-1918)

“The lovely melancholy light that sets the little birds to dreaming in the tree and among the statues makes the jets of slender fountains sob with ecstasy.” -Paul Verlaine, *Clair de Lune*

***Doxology** UMH No. 95

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving (on the screen) Pastor Paul Song

The Lord’s Prayer UMH No. 895

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.

Giving the Bread and Cup

(Communion is served by intinction. After you receive the bread, please dip it into the cup.)

Music during Communion

Sarabande, from “Pièces de Clavecin” Book 1 Jean-Philippe Rameau

(1683-1764)

Sarabande, from “Pour le Piano “

Claude Debussy

Transcribed for organ by Rudy Shackelford

“Be not forgetful of prayer. Every time you pray, if your prayer is sincere, there will be new feeling and new meaning to it, which will give you fresh courage and you will understand that prayer is an education.”

- Fyodor Dostoyevsky, *The Brothers Karamazov*

The Prayer of Thanksgiving after Communion (on screen)

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Hymn** *Blessed Assurance* UMH No. 369

***Benediction** Pastor Paul Song

***Closing Chorus** *Shalom to You* UMH No. 666

Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends. May God’s full mercies bless you, my friends.

In all your living and through your loving, Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.

Exodus *Let My People Seek Their Freedom* UMH No. 58

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