

Bethany Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church

April 12, 2026

Rev. Benjamin Glaser, D.Min, Pastor

Lord’s Day Morning Worship Order of Service

Prelude	“God’s Covenanted Faithfulness:	
Welcome and Announcements		
Call to Worship	Mark 1:14-15	
*Hymn	“To God Be the Glory”	#55 v. 1-3
*Invocation and Lord’s Prayer (<i>Debts and Debtors</i>)		
*Scripture Lesson	2 Kings 14:23-29	
Children’s Moment		
*Bible Song	“My Heart Was Glad”	#144 v. 1-3
Pastoral Prayer		
Anthem	“He Set Me Free”	#133
Sermon	“ <i>Bless and Do Not Curse</i> ”	Romans 12:14
*Bible Song	“God Our Portion”	#157 v. 1-4
*Benediction	Jeremiah 46:26-27	
*Doxology	chorus #157	
*Postlude	“Hallelujah”	

Thank you for joining us today for the worship of Jesus Christ, our Common Lord and Savior. If you would like to know more about Bethany, please fill out one of the pew cards and place them in an offering plate.

**- Please Stand If Able*

Announcements

- There is a nursery provided upstairs (0-4) as need may arise.
- The Thiessen and Perry families thank-you for your support and prayers during this difficult time. May the Lord continue to bless.
- The Blessing Box is in need of donations, especially supper-making products. Please place them on the table in the fellowship hall.
- Tonight at 5pm will be our annual Graduation celebration service. We'll have a pick-up supper to follow. All are welcome to recognize our four seniors: Morgan Smith, Felicity Davidson, Gracie Brown, and Mackenzie Glaser.
- If you are not seeing emails from the Church Social app, please see Kelly Gordon. We either have the wrong email, or we do not have an email for you at all. She will help you get set up!
- Please place your offering in one of the four plates by the doors as you come in or as you go.

PRAYER REQUESTS – Eddie and Ruthann Helms, Thiessen and Perry family, Mary Clay Crawford, High School Seniors, & Shut-Ins.

If you have any prayer requests, joys, concerns, or would like a visit, please let an Elder or Rev. Glaser know. His contact info is: 601-577-1359 and pastor.glaser@bethanyarp.org.

Nursery

April 12th: Donna Turner, Jan McGill, Lily Glaser

April 19th: Jeanne Seay, Lydia Carroll, Lela Seay

FINANCIAL REPORT

April 5th: \$ 5,732.00

Needed Weekly: \$ 3,669.15

First Quarter Mission Project: \$276.00

<u>Weekly Schedule of Classes & Studies</u>	
Sunday:	Sabbath School – 10:00am
	Morning Worship – 11:00am
	Evening Worship – 5:30pm
Mon/Wed:	Facebook Devotions and What’s That Word – 7:15am
Tues/Thurs:	Prayer and Worship Help/Confessional Thursday Email
Wed. Night:	Adult Study and Prayer Time/Youth Group - 6:30pm

Sermon Notes

Introduction

What is the Main Point Paul is Seeking to Address Here?

Who is Doing the Persecution the Apostle is Describing?

How Do We Curse Those Who Are Harming Us?

What is the Right Way to Bless and Do Well By Enemies?

Verses for Reflection

1 Corinthians 4:12-13, Exodus 23:4-5, 1 Thess. 5:5
Matthew 5:44-45, Proverbs 25:21-22, 2 Tim. 2:25

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Lord’s Day Evening Worship/Grad Service Order of Service

Prelude		
The Call to Worship		
1 Chronicles 16:23-25		
*Bible Song	“God’s Perfect Law”	#34, v. 1-4
*Opening Prayer		
*Scripture Reading	Proverbs 3:1-15	
Presentation and Recognition of Graduates		
Prayer for Graduates		
*Bible Song	“Children the Gift of God”	#27 (in the back)
*Sermon Text	Zechariah 4:6-10	
Sermon	“The Day of Small Things”	
Prayer of Application		
*Bible Song	“God Shall Guard From Every Ill”	#263, v.1-3
*Benediction From God’s Word	Romans 12:1-2	
Postlude		

Welcome to Bethany ARP Church!

Founded in 1797 by Scots-Irish settlers seeking a place to worship our God according to the Scriptures, our vision is inspired by Jeremiah 6:16: “Stand in the ways and see, and ask for the old paths, where the good way is, and walk in it; then you will find rest for your souls.” Like the many old oaks in this area, we desire to grow deeply rooted in the nourishing waters of God’s Word, which flow from the ancient wells grounded in Jesus Christ.

We are a **Reformed** church, shaped by the biblical principles of the Protestant Reformation of the 16th century. Following in the footsteps of men like John Knox and Ralph Erskine, we hold to the *Westminster Confession of Faith*, which summarizes the essential teachings of Scripture.

We are also **Presbyterian**, meaning elders elected by the congregation govern our church. These elders work together within the broader *Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church (ARP)* to support our shared mission and ministry. Our motto, “*In Thy Light We See Light*,” taken from Psalm 36:9 reflects our commitment to honoring Christ in preaching the gospel to all men and resting in His grace.

Join Us!

Whether you’re new to the area, exploring the Christian faith, or seeking a church home, we’d love for you to join us in worship and service. Rev. Glaser is always available.

BETHANY ARP CHURCH OFFICERS

SESSION		
Jimmy McGill	Ronnie Smith	Adam Smith
Randy Carroll	Fred Faulkner, Clerk of Session	

ELDER EMERITUS
Jim Davidson

THE BOARD OF DEACONS

Class of 2026	Class of 2027	Class of 2028
Joey McGill	Caleb Robinson	Tim Gordon
Matthew Carroll, Chairman		Hunter Robinson

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“I was glad when they said unto me,
Let us go into the house of the Lord.” – Psalm 121:1

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OUR PURPOSE:

The purpose of Bethany ARP Church is to glorify God by:
Worshipping Him in Spirit and in Truth (John 4:24)
Equipping the Saints For the Work of Ministry (Eph. 4:12)
Reaching Our Community with Christ’s Gospel (1 Pet. 2:9)

To God Be the Glory

All the people were praising God for what had happened. Acts 4:21

1. To God be the glo - ry, great things he has done! So loved he the
 2. O per - fect re - demp - tion, the pur - chase of blood! To ev - 'ry be -
 3. Great things he has taught us, great things he has done, and great our re -

world that he gave us his Son, who yield - ed his life an a -
 liev - er the prom - ise of God; the vil - est of - fend - er who
 joic - ing through Je - sus the Son; but pur - er and high - er and

tone - ment for sin, and o - pened the life - gate that we may go in.
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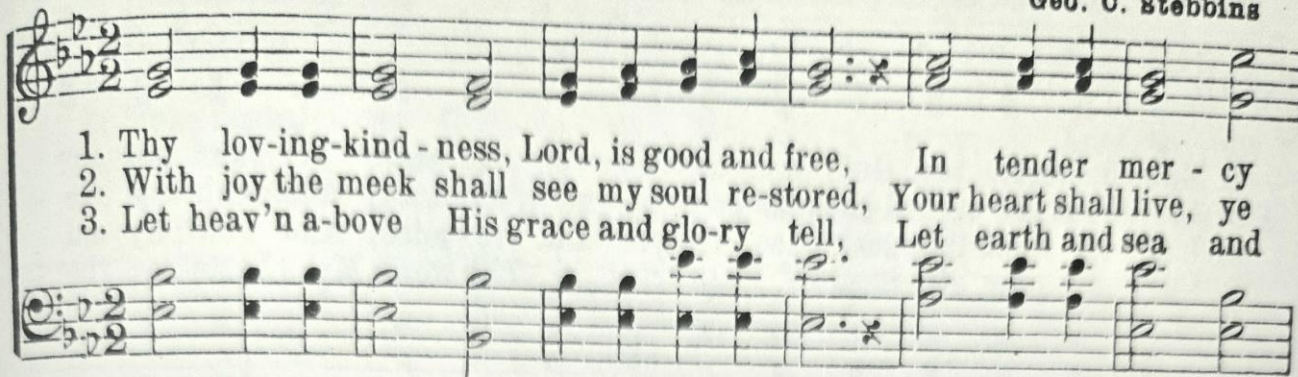
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Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice! Praise the Lord,
 praise the Lord, let the peo - ple re - joice! O come to the Fa - ther thro'

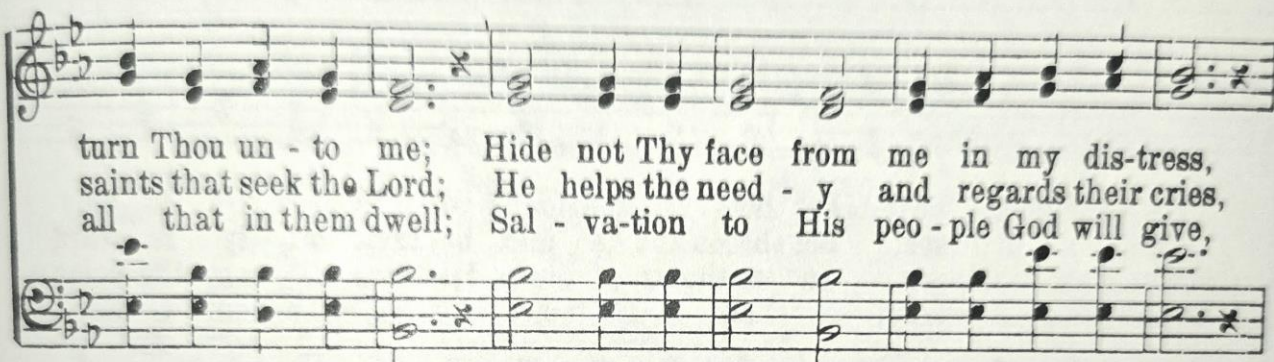
My Heart Was Glad

Psalm 69. 10s. 1, 3, 4

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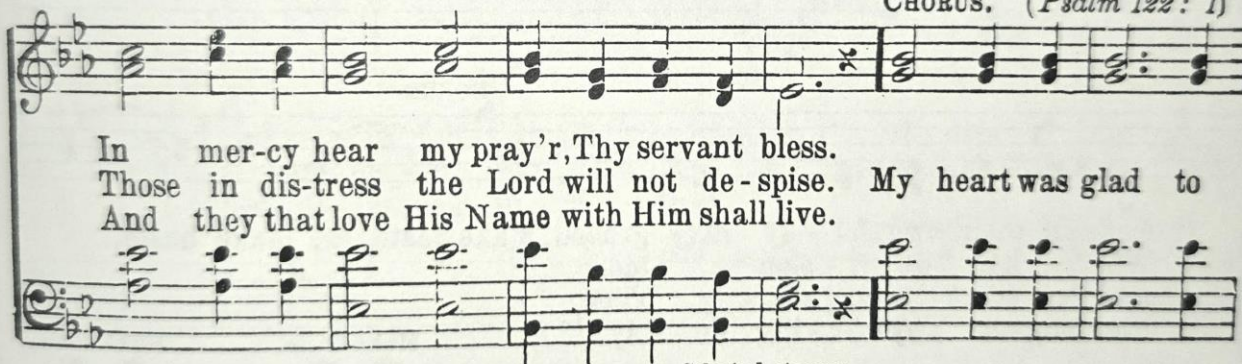


1. Thy lov-ing-kind-ness, Lord, is good and free, In tender mer-cy
 2. With joy the meek shall see my soul re-stored, Your heart shall live, ye
 3. Let heav'n a-bove His grace and glo-ry tell, Let earth and sea and



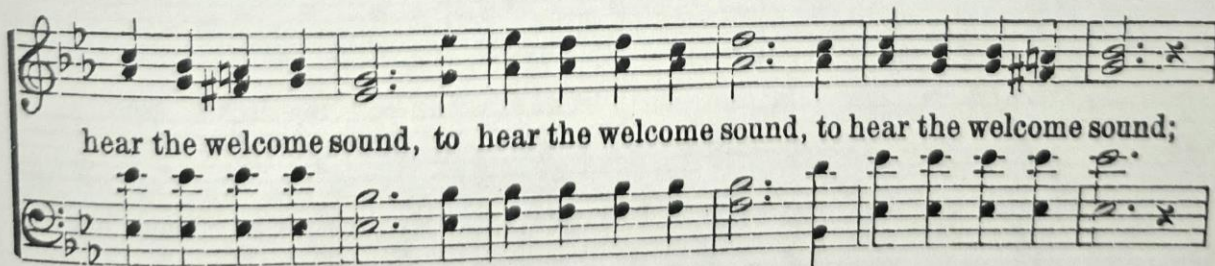
turn Thou un-to me; Hide not Thy face from me in my dis-tress,
 saints that seek the Lord; He helps the need-y and regards their cries,
 all that in them dwell; Sal-va-tion to His peo-ple God will give,

CHORUS. (Psalm 122: 1)

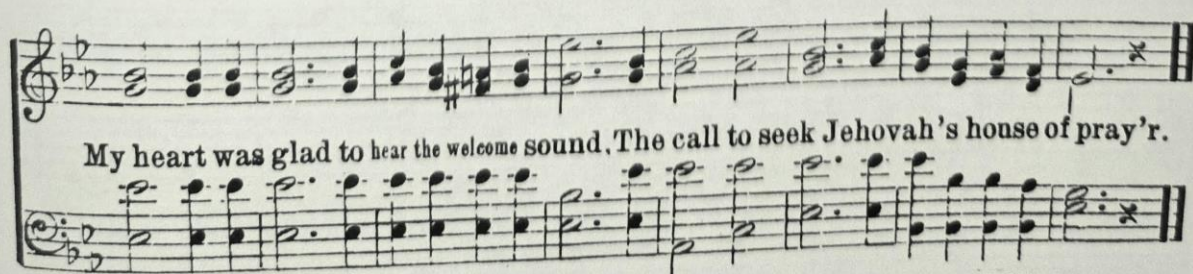


In mer-cy hear my pray'r, Thy servant bless.
 Those in dis-tress the Lord will not de-spise. My heart was glad to
 And they that love His Name with Him shall live.

Selected stanzas



hear the welcome sound, to hear the welcome sound, to hear the welcome sound;

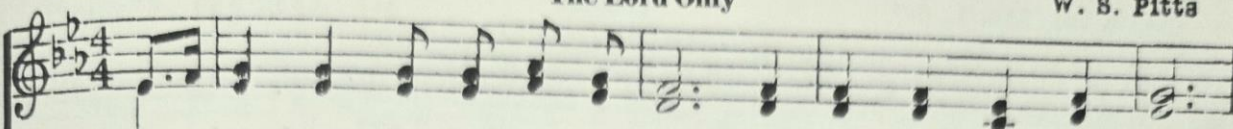


My heart was glad to hear the welcome sound, The call to seek Jehovah's house of pray'r.

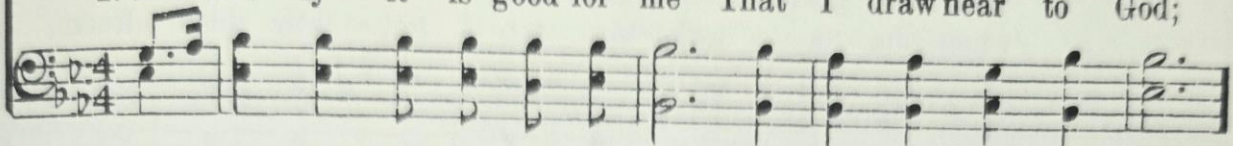
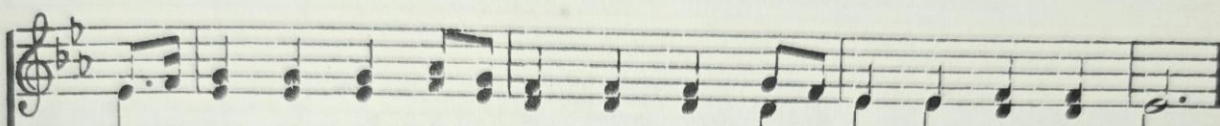
God Our Portion

The Lord Only

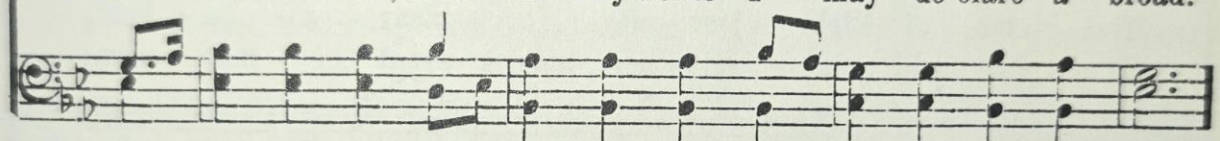
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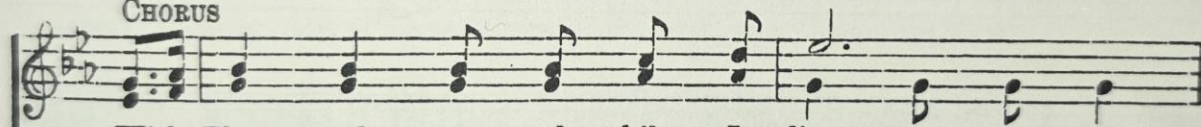
1. O whom have I in heav-ens high But Thee, O Lord, a - lone?
 2. My flesh and heart do faint and fail, But God my heart sus - tains;
 3. For lo, they that are far from Thee For - ev - er per - ish shall;
 4. But sure - ly it is good for me That I draw near to God;

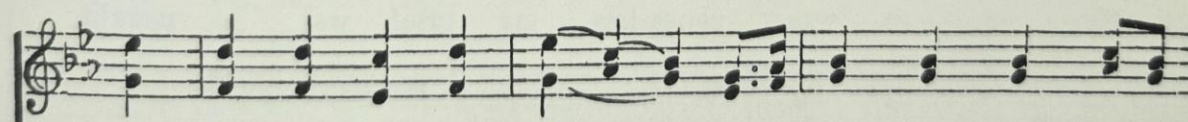
And in the earth whom I de - sire Be - sides Thee there is none.
 The strength and por-tion of my heart He ev - er - more re - mains.
 And as for those who from Thee stray, Thou hast destroyed them all.
 In God I trust, that all Thy works I may de - clare a - broad.



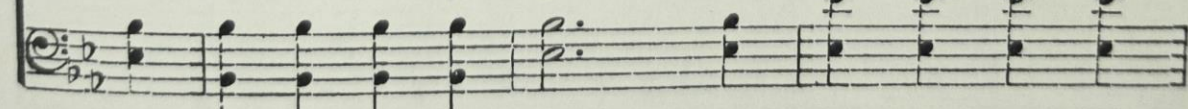
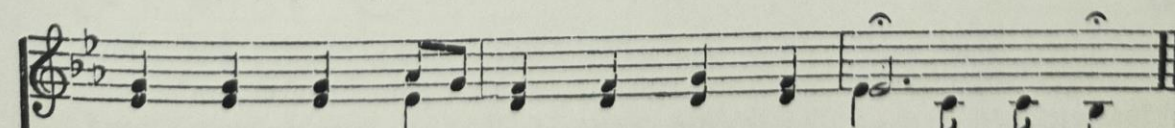
CHORUS



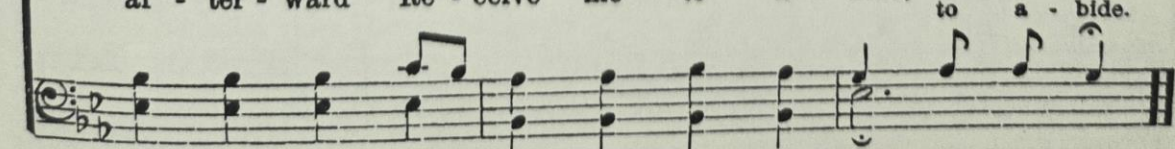
With Thy good - coun - sel while I live, while I live,

Thou wilt me safe - ly guide; . . . And in - to glo - ry

af - ter - ward Re - ceive me to a - bide, to a - bide.



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