

Bethany Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church

July 26, 2026

Rev. Benjamin Glaser, D.Min, Pastor

Lord’s Day Morning Worship Order of Service

Prelude	“A Call to Praise”	
Welcome and Announcements		
Call to Worship	Matthew 21:20-22	
*Bible Song	“Morning Prayer”	#9 v. 1-3
*Invocation and Lord’s Prayer (<i>Debts and Debtors</i>)		
*Scripture Lesson	Acts 9:36-43	
Baptism of Gracie Robinson		
*Bible Song	“Children the Gift of God”	#27(back) v. 1-2
Pastoral Prayer		
Anthem	“Testing God’s Goodness”	#71
Sermon	“ <i>Closer Than a Brother</i> ”	Proverbs 18:24
*Hymn	“Trust and Obey”	#672 v. 1-5
*Benediction	Daniel 4:36	
*Doxology	chorus #672	
*Postlude	“How Gentle God’s Commands”	

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 Music Conference Ice Cream Social will be at 5pm tonight.
- The Blessing Box is in need of donations, especially supper-making products. Please place them on the table in the fellowship hall.
- Sunday Evening Worship returns next Sunday at 5:30pm.
- 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!
- The Elders and Deacons will be having a joint meeting next Lord’s Day at 6:30pm. Please keep your church officers in prayer.
- 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, Jan Clay and Mary Clay Crawford, Richardson Chapel MB Church, and 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

July 26th: Denise Brown, Lydia Carroll, Mackenzie Glaser
Aug. 2nd:

FINANCIAL REPORT

July 19th: \$ 3,015.00
Needed Weekly: \$ 3,669.15
Runda Mission Project: \$5,346

<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

Why Does Solomon Focus On the Nature of True Friendship?

What is the Danger of Allowing Ourselves to Be in Sin’s Presence?

How Are Our Friends Blessed By Knowing a Believer in Christ?

What Does Brotherly Love Look Like For the Christian?

Verses for Reflection

*Psalms 1:1, 1 Samuel 20:14, James 4:4
2 Samuel 9:1-11, Ecclesiastes 4:9-10, John 15:13-15*

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Lord's Day Evening Worship

Evening Worship is
On Hiatus Until August 2nd.

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)

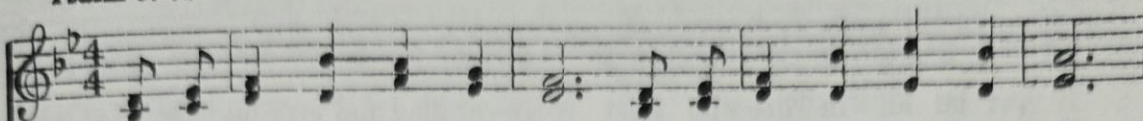
Equipping the Saints For the Work of Ministry (Eph. 4:12)

Reaching Our Community with Christ's Gospel (1 Pet. 2:9)

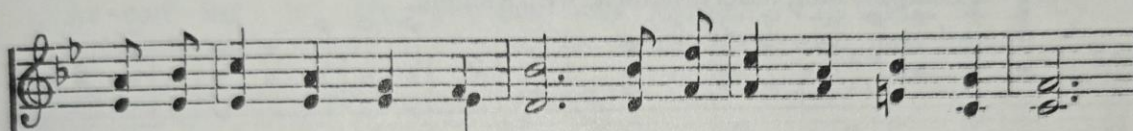
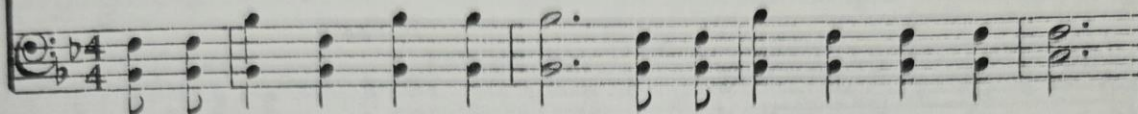
Morning Prayer

Psalm 5. 7s

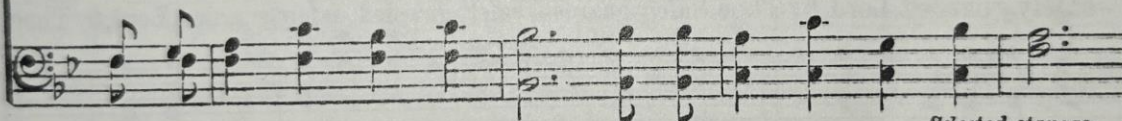
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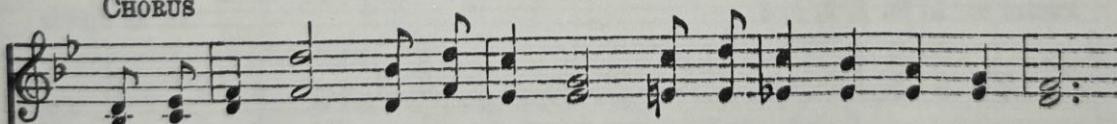
1. O Je - ho - vah, hear my words, To my tho'ts at - ten - tive be;
2. Lead me in Thy right-eous - ness, Let my foes as - sail in vain;
3. O let all that trust Thy care Ev - er glad and joy - ful be;



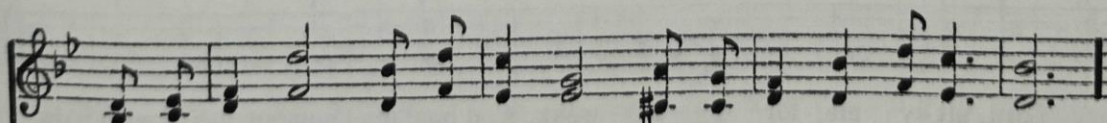
Hear my cry, my King, my God, I will make my pray'r to Thee.
 Lest my feet be turned a - side, Make Thy way be - fore me plain.
 Let them joy who love Thy Name, Safe - ly guard-ed, Lord, by Thee.

*Selected stanzas*

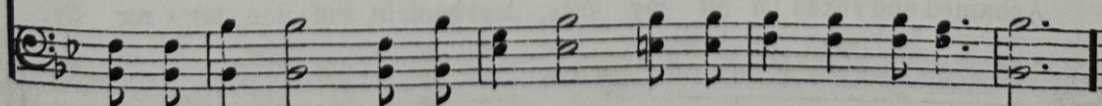
CHORUS



In the morn-ing, in the morn-ing, Thou shalt hear my suppliant cries;



In the morn-ing, in the morn-ing, I will lift my waiting eyes.

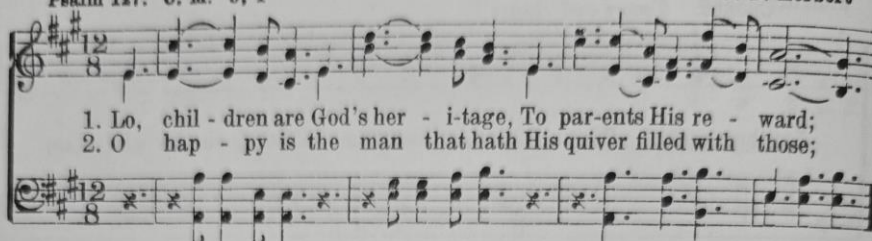


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Children The Gift Of God

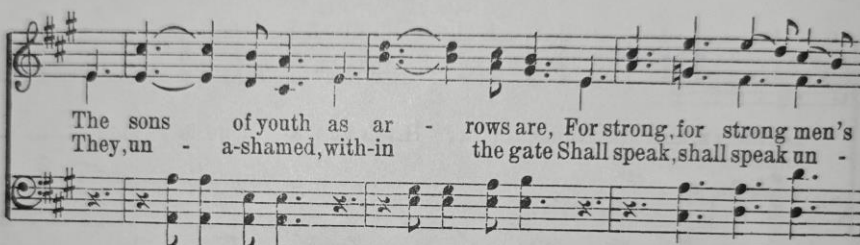
Psalm 127. C. M. 3, 4

J. B. Herbert



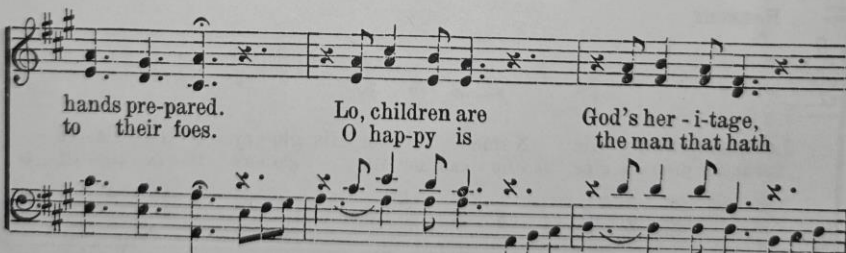
1. Lo, chil - dren are God's her - i-tage, To par-ents His re - ward;
 2. O hap - py is the man that hath His quiver filled with those;

1. Lo, children are God's heritage, To parents His reward;
 2. O happy is the man that hath His quiver filled with those;



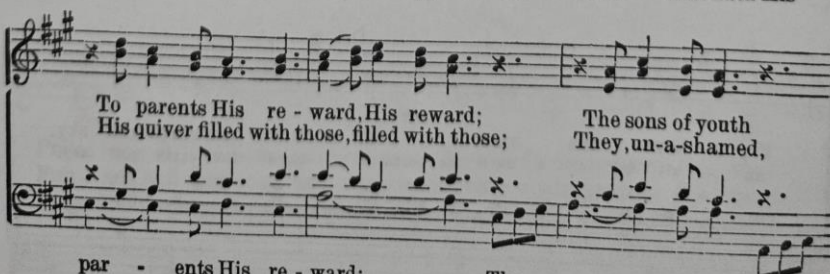
The sons of youth as ar - rows are, For strong, for strong men's
 They, un - a-shamed, with-in the gate Shall speak, shall speak un -

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hands pre-pared. Lo, children are God's her - i-tage,
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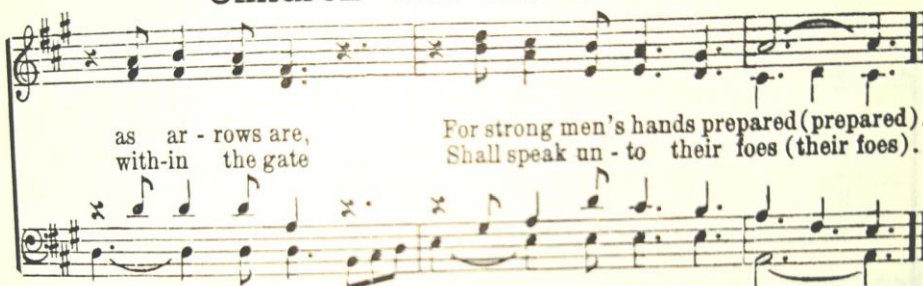


To parents His re - ward, His reward; The sons of youth
 His quiver filled with those, filled with those; They, un-a-shamed,

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as ar - rows are,
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For strong men's hands prepared (prepared).
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Trust and Obey

Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession. Ex. 19:5

Capo 3: F(D) C(A) F(D) C(A) F(D)

1. When we walk with the Lord in the light of his Word,
 2. Not a shadow can rise, not a cloud in the skies,
 3. Not a burden we bear, not a sorrow we share,
 4. But we nev - er can prove the de - lights of his love
 5. Then in fel - low - ship sweet we will sit at his feet,

B $\flat$ (G) F(D) C(A) F(D) C $\sharp$ (A $\sharp$) F(D)

what a glo - ry he sheds on our way! While we do his good will,
 but his smile quick - ly drives it a - way; not a doubt or a fear,
 • but our toil he doth rich - ly re - pay; not a grief nor a loss,
 un - til all on the al - tar we lay; for the fa - vor he shows,
 or we'll walk by his side in the way; what he says we will do,

C(A) F(D) B $\flat$ (G) F/C(D/A) C $\sharp$ (A $\sharp$) F(D)

he a - bides with us still, and with all who will trust and o - bey.
 not a sigh nor a tear, can a - bide while we trust and o - bey.
 • not a frown or a cross, but is blest if we trust and o - bey.
 and the joy he be - stows, are for them who will trust and o - bey.
 where he sends we will go, nev - er fear, on - ly trust and o - bey.

REFRAIN C(A) F(D) D(B) Gm(E $\flat$ m)

Trust and o - bey, for there's no oth - er way

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August 28-30, 2026

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