

Bethany Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church

September 13, 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		John 8:28-30
*Hymn	“To God Be The Glory”	#55 v. 1-3
*Invocation and Lord’s Prayer (<i>Debts and Debtors</i>)		
*Scripture Lesson		2 Kings 17:24-28
Children’s Moment		
*Bible Song	“My Heart Was Glad”	#144 v. 1-3
Pastoral Prayer		
Anthem	“He Set Me Free”	#133
Sermon	“ <i>The Testing of Your Fauth</i> ”	James 1:2-8
*Bible Song	“God Our Portion”	#157 v. 1-4
*Benediction		2 Samuel 22:47-51
*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.
- Today we are continuing a new sermon series from the book of James. We’ll be in this part of God’s word until the end of the year.
- The Blessing Box is in need of donations, especially supper-making products. Please place them on the table in the fellowship hall.
- 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!
- Thank you to all our Sabbath School and Wed. Night Teachers!
- Adult Sabbath School is starting a new series on Genesis at 10am.
- 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

Sept. 13th: Donna Turner, Bethany Brooks, Lily Glaser
Sept. 20th: Lauren McGill, Katlyn Long, Christy Smith

FINANCIAL REPORT

September 6th: \$ 7,008.00
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

How Can We Have Joy When We Are Facing Trials?

What is the Way To Know if We Lack Real Patience?

Where is the Source From Which We Can Find Wisdom?

Who Needs to Be Watchful That They Receive Nothing?

Verses for Reflection

Acts 5:41, Proverbs 2:3-6, Mark 11:23-24
Jeremiah 29:11, Matthew 7:7, 1 Kings 3:9

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Lord’s Day Evening Worship

Welcome	
Call to Worship	Psalm 144:1-15
Opening Prayer	
Scripture Reading	Hebrews 10
Song Selection #1	<i>Bible Song of the Month</i> #34
Season of Prayer	
Song Selection #2	<i>Pick a Bible Song/Hymn</i>
Scripture Reading	1 Kings 10:1-9
Teaching Time	<i>How to Read the Bible With Unbelievers</i>
Closing Prayer	
Benediction	1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

Sermon Notes

- 1) When We Seek to Introduce Christ to Others How is Best?
- 2) What is the Reason Why the Bible is So Able to Show Truth?

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)

SEASON OF PRAYER & FASTING

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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.
 tru - ly be - lieves, that mo - ment from Je - sus for - give - ness re - ceives.
 great - er will be our won - der, our trans - port, when Je - sus we see.

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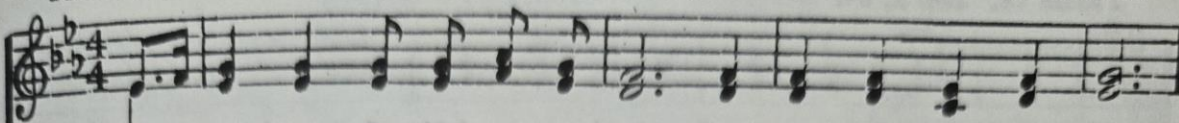
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice! Praise the Lord,

praise the Lord, let the peo - ple re - joice! O come to the Fa - ther thro'

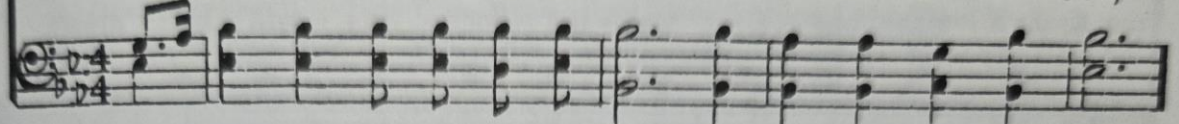
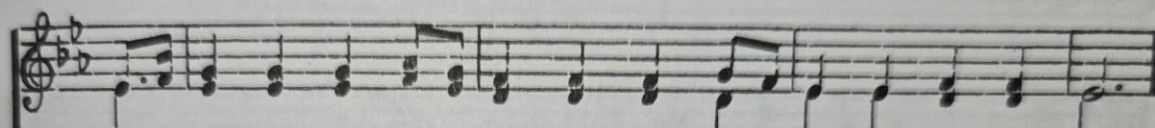
God Our Portion

The Lord Only

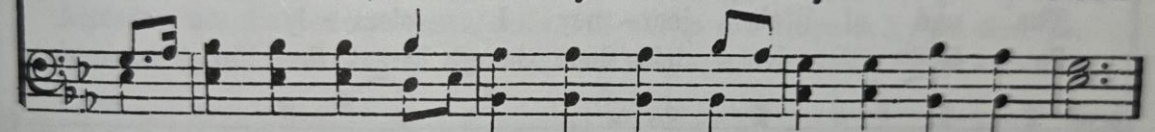
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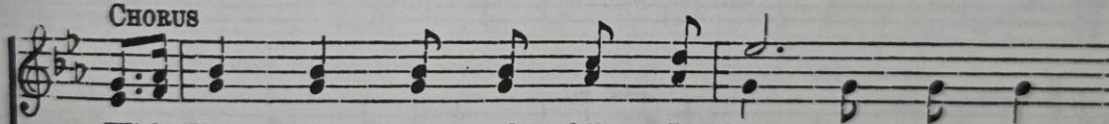
1. O whom have I in heav-ens high But Thee, O Lord, a - lone?
 2. My flesh and heart do faint and fail, But God my heart sus - tains;
 3. For lo, they that are far from Thee For - ev - er per - ish shall;
 4. But sure - ly it is good for me That I draw near to God;

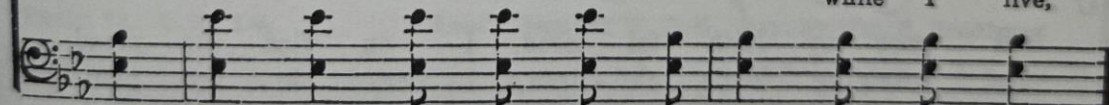
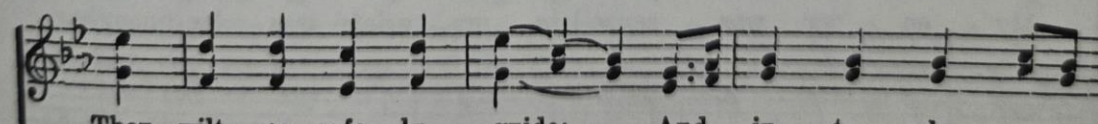
And in the earth whom I de - sire Be - sides Thee there is none.
 The strength and por-tion of my heart He ev - er - more re - mains.
 And as for those who from Thee stray, Thou hast destroyed them all.
 In God I trust, that all Thy works I may de-clare a - broad.



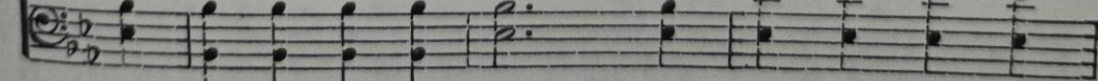
CHORUS



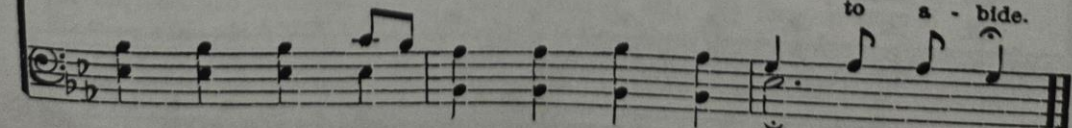
With Thy good - coun - sel while I live, while I live,

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



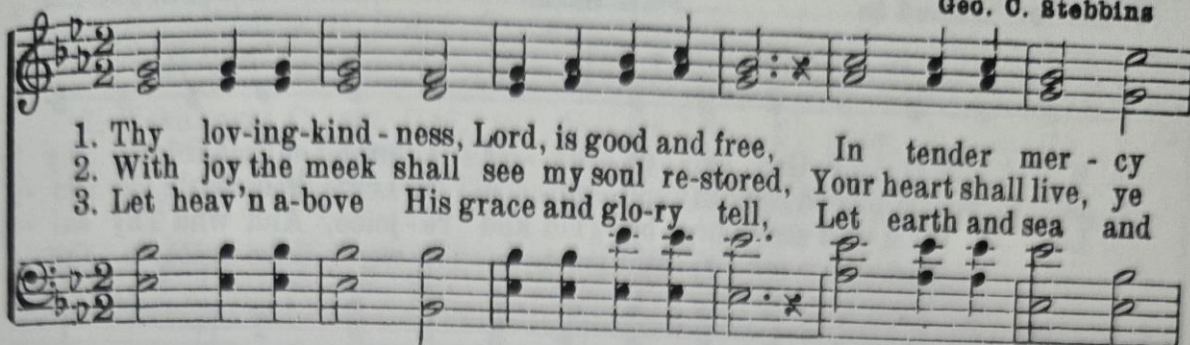

af - ter - ward Re - ceive me to a - bide, to a - bide.



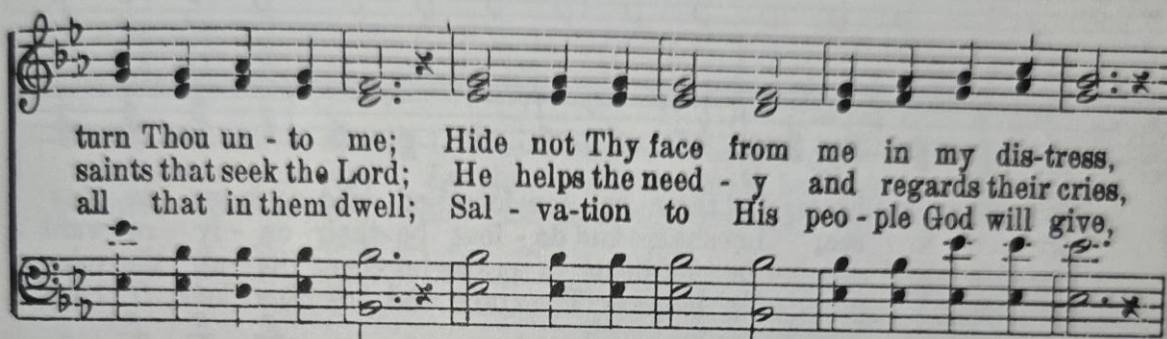
My Heart Was Glad

Psalm 69. 10s. 1, 3, 4

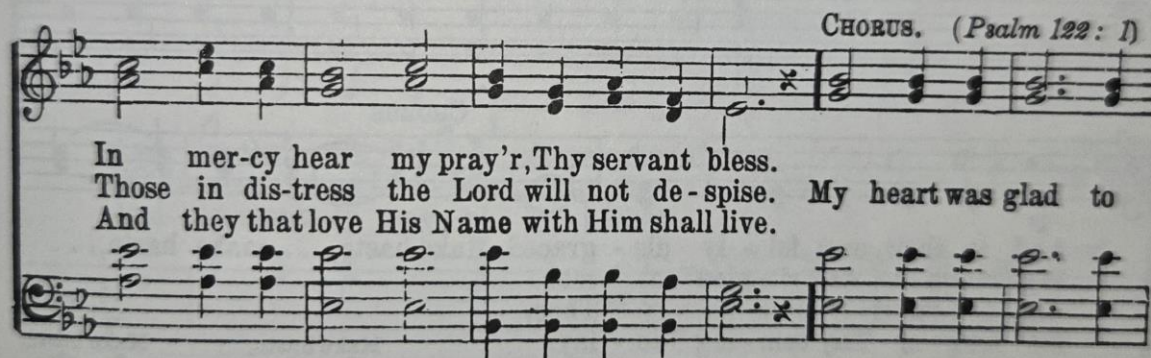
Geo. C. Stebbins



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

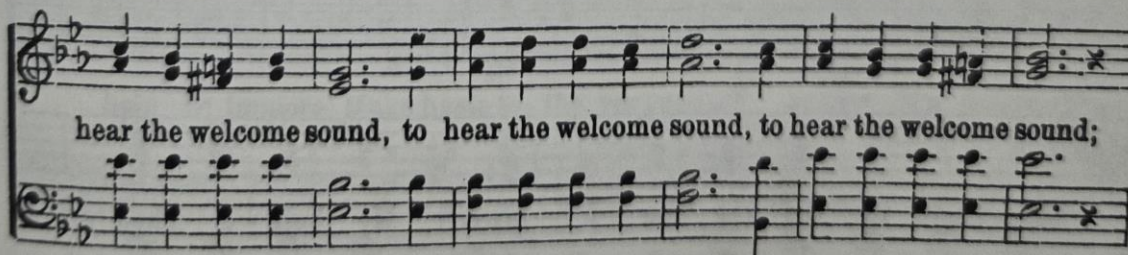


turn Thou un-to me; Hide not Thy face from me in my dis-tress,
 saints that seek the Lord; He helps the need-y and regards their cries,
 all that in them dwell; Sal-va-tion to His peo-ple God will give,

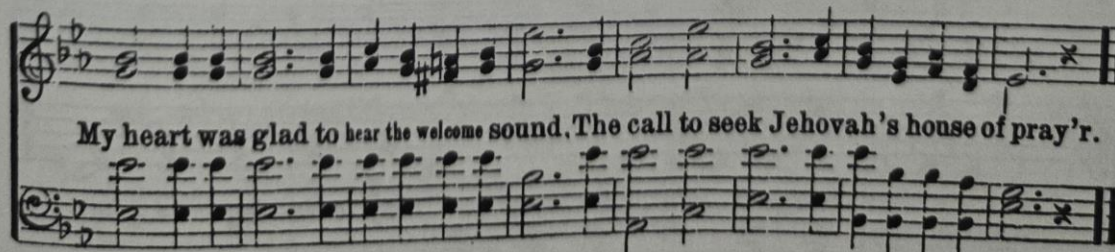


CHORUS. (Psalm 122: 1)
 In mer-cy hear my pray'r, Thy servant bless.
 Those in dis-tress the Lord will not de-spise. My heart was glad to
 And they that love His Name with Him shall live.

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.