Bethany Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church

October 4, 2026

Rev. Benjamin Glaser, D.Min, Pastor

Lord's Day Morning Worship Order of Service

Prelude	"Lead Me, Lord"	
Welcome and Announcements		
Call to Worship		Psalm 78:1-4
*Hymn	"Come, Let Us Sing unto the Lord"	#16 v. 1-4
*Invocation and Lord's Prayer *(Debts and Debtors)*		
*Scripture Lesson		2 Kings 18:17-27
*Hymn	"Break Thou the Bread of Life"	#146 v.1-4
Pastoral Prayer		
Anthem	"Search Me, O God"	#25 back v.1-3
Sermon	*"Blessed is the Man"*	James 1:12-18
*Bible Song	"I Love the Lord"	#242 v.1-2
Celebration of the Lord's Supper		
*Bible Song	"I Love the Lord"	#242 v.3
*Benediction		Galatians 3:26-29
*Doxology	"Reconsecration"	#244 v.1
*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.
- We are celebrating the Lord's Supper in morning worship today. Be using the service to prepare to feed on Christ.
- 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!
- The Elders will meet tonight at 6:30pm for their monthly meeting.
- Christian Ed Committee will meet Tuesday at 7pm.
- Please place your offering in one of the four plates by the doors as you come in or as you go.

PRAYER REQUESTS – David Gordon, Eddie 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

Oct. 4rh: Keisha Robinson, Mary McGill, Lily Graser
Oct. 11th: Donna Turner, Jeanne Seay, Lela Seay

FINANCIAL REPORT

Sept. 27th: $ 6,363.00
Needed Weekly: $ 3,669.15
Runda Mission Project: $1,125

Weekly Schedule of Classes & Studies

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 Are Christians Given Power to Withstand Temptation?

Why Does James Say God Cannot Tempt Anyone to Sin?

How Does Desire Give Birth to Sin and Then Death?

What is the Every Good Gift That God Gives to Us?

Verses for Reflection

Job 5:17, Luke 6:22, 1 Peter 3:14
Prov. 14:17, Revelation 14:4, Num. 23:19

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Lord's Day Evening Worship

Welcome		
Call to Worship		Psalm 149:1-9
Opening Prayer		
Scripture Reading		Hebrews 13
Song Selection #1	*Bible Song of the Month*	#150
Season of Prayer		
Song Selection #2	*Pick a Bible Song/Hymn*	
Scripture Reading		Judges 11:29-40
Teaching Time	*How to Deal With the Hard Passages*	
Closing Prayer		
Benediction		Luke 19:9-10

Sermon Notes

1) **Why Does Jephthah Take a Vow of This Magnitude?**

2) **Are We to Understand That Jephthah Did What He Said?**

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 (I Pet. 2:9)