



balmoral presbyterian church

service of worship



November 9, 2025

22nd Sunday after Pentecost

11:00am

Chiming of the Hour

Bells of Balmoral

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Mark Howland

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude

"Prelude in B♭ Major"
Elis Jones, pianist

Elis Jones

***Call to Worship**

Rev. Mark Howland, Liturgist

Leader: The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger
and abounding in steadfast love.

People: The Lord is good to all, and God's compassion is over all creation.

Leader: All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord,
and all your faithful shall bless you.

**People: Our mouths shall speak the praise of the Lord,
and all flesh will bless God's holy name forever and ever.**

***Gathering Song 49**

"The God of Abraham Praise"

LEONI

Prayer of Confession

God of steadfast promise, we have yearned for earlier days, when all seemed well,
and our cause seemed strong. We have abandoned hope in your good promise, that
you will complete the good work you started in us. Our eyes have been upon
ourselves, rather than upon you. Forgive us for giving up faith in you, for
discontinuing your enduring promises to us. Fill us anew with your Spirit, that we
may press forward in joy and confidence, doing your good work, trusting in your
purposes, witnessing to the good news of Jesus Christ---good news that will never be
silenced.

(Time of silence to lift personal confessions)

Assurance of Pardon

***Congregational Response Hymn**

"Glory Be to the Father"

GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost!

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever will be,

World without end. Amen. Amen

Share the Peace of Christ

Musical Offering

"I, the Lord of Sea and Sky"

Daniel L Schutte

HEARING THE WORD

Children's Message

Invitation to Centering Silence

Be still. Prepare yourself to hear the Word of God.

Prayer for Illumination

Reading from the Psalms

Psalm 98

Gospel Reading

Luke 1:67-79

Message of the Day

Donald Davis, Guest Storyteller

Silent Reflection

In the silence, attend to what the Spirit has given you.

Song of Response 39

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

FAITHFULNESS

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*** Affirmation of Faith** Apostles' Creed (*Ecumenical version*)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Outreach Moment

Offering

Please place tithes and offerings in the brass plates. Children will collect quarters to provide funds to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Fund. Place Pennies for Hunger in the glass jar near the sanctuary doors for our Food Pantry. Pass the Friendship Pads along the row, then pass it back down the row and greet those in your row after worship.

Offertory

"Odi Euterpe"
Elis Jones, pianist

Guilio Caccini
arr. By Elis Jones

*Hymn 710

"We Lift Our Voices"

OFFERING

We lift our voices; we lift our hands; we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering.
Lord use our voices; Lord use our hands; Lord use our lives; they are yours: we are an offering.
All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.
We lift our voices; we lift our hands; we lift our lives up to you:
we are an offering; we are an offering.

Prayer to Dedicate the Gifts

*Sending Song 296

"Go in Grace and Make Disciples"

WONDROUS LIGHT

Charge and Blessing

*Benediction Response

"Lord Let Us Leave Now"

OLD ENGLISH TUNE

Lord, let us leave now, filled with You anew, and pledged to Your service in all that we do.
Though we have some questions, our faith in You is sure.
We know You are with us, Your way will endure.
Lord, let us leave now, filled with You anew, and pledged to Your service in all that we do.

Postlude

"Sonata No. 8 Op 13 2nd Movement"
Elis Jones, pianist

Beethoven

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- * indicates those who are able, please stand

REMEMBER to WEAR YOUR NAMETAGS!

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Mary Denike (12); Sharon Blackwelder (14); Eli Gurlen (16);
Kristen Gurlen (17); Amelia Lucas (21)

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Lorie and Sharon Blackwelder (11); Jan and David Kaplan (27)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **WE THANK OUR WORSHIP LEADERS** for enhancing our worship this morning! Thank you to the BPC Choir led by Tom Schneider, Linda Warren and Elis Jones, pianists.
- **SPECIAL THANKS to DONALD DAVIS** providing a story for our Message of the Day!
- **FALL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING:** The November Congregational is today after Worship. The agenda items include the election of the next class of ruling elders and the presentation of the adopted 2026 budget for the congregation's information.
- **EARTH CARE TIPS for NOVEMBER:** make a “dump” meal to use leftover food from refrigerator (soup, stew, etc.)
- **FOOD CART FOCUS SUNDAY:** The Outreach Team has designated Sunday, November 16 as Food Cart Focus Sunday. We are asking everyone to bring cans of soup and handheld can openers to worship. Team members will take all items to Covenant Presbyterian Church of Germantown for their food pantry. Let's fill up the cart!
- **CREATION STATION:** BPC loves the children to be a part of our worship service. We invite families to allow children to join at our Creation Station which is located in the back of the sanctuary. We ask that a responsible adult sit in the back row in case a need arises.
- **PASTOR MARK ON CONTINUING EDUCATION:** Pastor Mark will be out of town November 10 - 14 for a continuing education event. If you are in need of pastoral care during this time, contact Pastor Elizabeth at 314-330-0506. For all other concerns, contact Clerk of Session, Jan Kaplan, at 901-277-4267.
- **NEED A REFRESHER on BEING a PRESBYTERIAN?** Pastor Mark is teaching a class on “What we believe as Presbyterian,” “History of Presbyterians,” “How we live out our faith as Presbyterians,” “The Sacraments,” “The Liturgical Calendar,” and more! Continuing on Monday, November 17, at 6:00pm, we are meeting every two weeks in Classroom A
- **COFFEE SNACKS:** Don't forget to check the list of Coffee-time snacks – can you help fill in one of the open spots?
- **GIVING OPPORTUNITIES:** We are collecting much needed items for our community; Please don't forget to bring your donations for:
 - The Covenant Presbyterian Church of Germantown's Food Pantry. needs staples from our Food Cart!
 - Supplies for the Hospitality bags
 - Place used toothbrushes & empty toothpaste in the box in the Food Cart for recycling.

- **REPAIR FUND:** Remember to prayerfully consider what gift you might be able to give to our HVAC & Roof Repair Fund Replenishment. Make your donation today online or with a check marked "Repair Fund."
- **UPCOMING ACTIVITIES ON THE CALENDAR:** (*NOTE: ** indicates Presbytery event; ## indicates a community event; @@ indicates Private event*)
 - **TUESDAYS with TED** meets every Tuesday, 8:00am. at Cracker Barrel on Hacks Cross Rd.
 - **CHAIR YOGA** meets every Tuesday and Thursday, 12:30pm in Classroom B
 - **## AL-ANON** meets every Wednesday, 7:00pm in Classroom A
 - **BELL CHOIR REHEARSAL** meets every Wednesday at 6:00pm in the Sanctuary
 - **CHOIR REHEARSAL** meets every Wednesday at 7:00pm in the Choir Room
 - **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**, Sunday, November 9, 12:00pm
 - **LUNCH WITH MARK**, Sunday, November 9, 12:30pm in Classroom A
 - **PASTOR MARK ON CONTINUING EDUCATION**, Monday-Friday, November 10-14
 - **BALMORAL BOOK CLUB**: Tuesday, November 11, 1:30 p.m. in Classroom B
 - **OPERATIONS TEAM MEETING**, Wednesday, November 12, 4:00pm in Classroom A
 - **SUNDAY STUDIES**, Sunday, November 16, 9:30am in Classroom A
 - **WORSHIP**, Sunday, November 16, 11:00am
 - **SESSION MEETING**, Sunday, November 16, 12:30pm, in Classroom A
 - **OUTREACH TEAM MEETING**, Monday, November 17, 5:00pm in Classroom B
 - **PASTOR CLASS**, Monday, November 17, 6:00pm in Classroom A
 - **THURSDAY SMALL GROUP**, Thursday, November 20, 10:15am in Classroom A
 - **BPC SISTERS TEA PARTY**, Friday, November 21, 5:00pm at Amerigo Italian Restaurant
 - **SUNDAY STUDIES**, Sunday, November 23, 9:30am in Classroom A
 - **WORSHIP**, Sunday, November 23, 11:00am
 - **SANDWICH-MAKING PROJECT**, Sunday, November 23, 12:00pm in Classroom A
 - **HANGING of the GREENS**, Sunday, November 23, 12:00pm
 - **THANKSGIVING DAY (OFFICE CLOSED ALL DAY)**, Thursday, November 27
 - **SUNDAY STUDIES**, Sunday, November 30, 9:30am in Classroom A
 - **WORSHIP**, Sunday, November 30, 11:00am
 - **WRITER'S CIRCLE**, Monday, December 1, 1:00pm in Classroom A
 - **PASTOR CLASS**, Monday, December 1, 6:00pm in Classroom A
 - **PW BIBLE STUDY**, Wednesday, December 3, 10:30am in Classroom A
 - **OPERATIONS TEAM MEETING**, Wednesday, December 3, 4:00pm in Classroom A
 - **COMMON CUP of JAZZ**, Friday, December 5, 6:00 carpool meets from the BPC parking lot, 6:30 Dinner (no charge, donations accepted), 7:00 Jazz at Liberation Community Church (694 South Bellevue)
 - **SUNDAY STUDIES**, Sunday, December 7, 9:30am in Classroom A
 - **WORSHIP**, Sunday, December 7, 11:00am
 - **WORSHIP TEAM MEETING**, Sunday, December 7, 11:00am in Classroom A

OUR MISSION:

***We are an open community who believes God is love and
who lives our belief through praise and service.***



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