



# Beulah Presbyterian Church

January 19, 2025, 9 a.m.

*Ordinary Time*

**Traditional Worship**

## **Prelude**

O Living Breath of God

Bill Larson  
VÅRVINDAR FRISKA, arr. Ronald Roschke

## **Welcome and Announcements**

## **Introit**

Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart

The Sanctuary Choir  
George Croly/  
Frederick Cook Atkinson

## **\*Call to Worship**

In your wisdom, O God, you call us here to worship you.

**We gather, alive to the Word of God.**

You call us to be fully alive with your life abundant, ready to listen and respond with heart, soul, strength, and mind.

**We listen, alive to the Word of God.**

You call us to be always watchful for your Word of wisdom, sometimes startling and unexpected, sometimes still and quiet, but always dwelling among us.

**We watch and wait for the Word of God.**

## **\*Hymn of Praise**

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Hymn no. 464

## **Call to Confession**

## **Prayer of Confession**

**God of grace, we confess that we have elevated the things of this world above you. We have made idols of possessions and people and used your name for causes that are not consistent with you and your purposes. We have permitted our schedules to come first and have not taken the time to worship you. We have not always honored those who guided us in life. We have participated in systems that take life instead of give it. We have been unfaithful in our covenant relationships. We have yearned for, and sometimes taken, that which is not ours, and we have misrepresented others' intentions. Forgive us, O God, for the many ways we fall short of your glory. Help us to learn to live together according to your ways through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

## **Silent Confession**

### **Assurance of Pardon**

### **\*The Peace of Christ**

### **\*Gloria Patri**

Hymn no. 579

## **Prayer for Illumination**

### **Old Testament Lesson**

Psalm 145

Bible, pages 506 - 507 (NRSV)

### **Anthem**

The Sanctuary Choir

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

Sebastian Temple, arr. Jane Holstein

Make me a channel of your peace:  
Where there is hatred, let me bring your love;  
where there is injury, your healing power,  
and where there's doubt, true faith in you.

Where there is darkness, only light,  
and where there's sadness, ever joy.

O, Master, grant that I may never seek  
so much to be consoled as to console,  
to be understood as to understand,  
to be loved as to love with all my soul.

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Make me a channel of your peace:  
where there's despair in life let me bring hope;

Make me a channel of your peace:  
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
in giving to all that we receive,  
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

**New Testament Lesson**

Romans 12:3-18

Bible, page 922 (NRSV)

**Children's Moment**

**Sermon**

“Values Part Three: Healthy”

Rev. Jason Freyer

**\*Hymn**

O for a World

Hymn no. 386

**Affirmation of Faith**

Westminster Confession

**God—the great creator of all things—  
upholds, directs, disposes, and governs all creatures, actions, and things,  
from the greatest even to the least.**

**He exercises this most wise and holy providence  
according to his infallible foreknowledge  
and the free and unchangeable counsel of his own will,  
to the praise of the glory of his wisdom, power,  
justice, goodness, and mercy.**

**Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily  
bread; and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and  
lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the  
kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**Offertory**

‘Round About the Mountain

Bill Larson  
spiritual, arr. Noel da Costa

**\*Doxology**

Hymn no. 592

**\*Prayer of Thanksgiving & Dedication**

**\*Sending Hymn**

Lift Every Voice and Sing

Hymn no. 563

Verses 1 - 2

**\*Charge and Benediction**

**\*Congregational Response**

Lift Every Voice and Sing

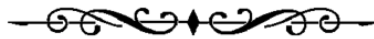
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Verse 3

**Postlude**

Prelude on "Hymn to Joy"

Bill Larson  
Ludwig van Beethoven, arr. Gordon Young





**Stay in Touch with Beulah!**

**January Office Hours**

9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Monday - Thursday

**Visit Us Online**

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 [www.BeulahPresby.org](http://www.BeulahPresby.org)

**Weekly Email Newsletter**

Check out our weekly email newsletter! Email [sjohnson@beulahpresby.org](mailto:sjohnson@beulahpresby.org) to be added to our email list!

**Pray and Encourage One Another**

Prayer is an expression of our dependence upon God and our interdependence on one another.

Please remember these specific people this week and consider sending an encouraging note or card.

Submit prayer requests to [prayerchain@beulahpresby.org](mailto:prayerchain@beulahpresby.org)



**Prayer Families**

**Erin, Joshua, Eilis, Eliel, Noah, and  
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## Today at Beulah

Join us after worship today for Education Hour classes for all ages at 10:15 am!  
Adults - Fellowship Hall; Teens - 102; Children & Toddlers - 108; Mom's Group -  
Fireside

### Worshipping with Children



**Children's Moment:** Children ages 3 through 5th grade are invited to participate in an age-appropriate Bible lesson following the NT reading with Mr. Joshua. Should they choose, following the moment they will be escorted to the Library for a Knowing Place lesson with our trained facilitators. They will return to the sanctuary to worship with their families following the sermon.

**Calming Corner:** A parent-supervised Calming Corner is available in the back of the sanctuary for children needing a brief pause before returning to worship. This space is reserved for children (0-4 years old) with their parents. Children with neurodivergent needs or temporarily in need of behavioral or emotional support are welcome to use this space also.



### Mission Trip to North Carolina

Last November five men from Beulah went to Spruce Pine, North Carolina to help with the recovery from Hurricane Helene. For about 24 hours Helene unleashed tornadoes, thunderstorms, and over 30 inches of rain. Downed trees, mud slides, and flooding were the catastrophic result, but the human impact was so much more than that - lives lost along with homes, property, livelihood, and access. Recovery is expected to take more than a decade, and the cost is estimated to be over 8 billion dollars. The media has mostly moved on and the people who are struggling are being forgotten, but not by God, so not by us. Beulah is planning to return to Spruce Pine in March to continue helping with the recovery, and we have some extra room to welcome others who would like to add their hands to the recovery effort. If you are interested in joining us or need more information contact Alex Ruzanic ([aruzanic@beulahpresby.org](mailto:aruzanic@beulahpresby.org)) or Rich Stevens ([stevensra@yahoo.com](mailto:stevensra@yahoo.com)).



## Join Us for an Informational Meeting!



Attention Parents, Leaders, and Aspiring Leaders: You're invited to attend a special informational session designed just for you. Come and learn more about upcoming opportunities and how you can get involved.

When: Sunday, January 19th, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Where: MGB Fellowship Hall

Extras: Light refreshments will be provided.

Don't miss this chance to connect, learn, and grow with us. We look forward to seeing you there!

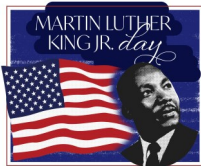


## Annual Congregational Meeting January 26

On January 26th, we will have one combined worship service at 10:00, followed by our annual congregational meeting and potluck lunch in MGB. We're asking everyone to bring a dish to share as a church, and we'll hear the regular reports and vote on the terms of call for Pastor Jason. If you have any questions, please reach out to either Jason or Peggar Dixon!



## Office Hours



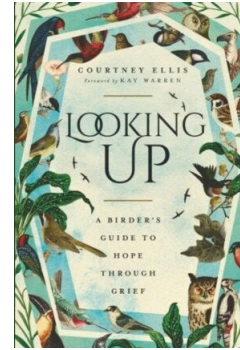
The office will be closed on Monday, January 20 in observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday. The office will reopen on Tuesday, January 21.



## Education Hour

The next two months promise to be exciting down the hall in Adult Education Hour! In January, join us for an informational meeting from Joshua about the new and exciting things going on in Children's Ministry here at Beulah!

Then in February, we will begin a series on the book *Looking Up: A Birder's Guide to Grief* by Courtney Ellis. Pastor J, Debbie Morgan, and Drew Perdue will be leading week to week as we study together! Books are available for order starting today in the Welcome Center!



## Family Night Is Back February 5th!

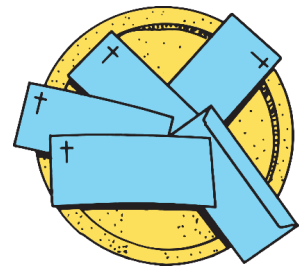


Join us for all the usual fun and games, including a new series for adults called Introduction to Joy! Sign up in the Narthex so that we know to have enough food!



## What Is the Blue Envelope?

The blue envelope is a special offering for the Per Capita which is the annual amount that Presbyterian churches pay for each member to fund the ecclesiastical expenses of the Presbytery, the Synod, and the General Assembly. The Per Capita for 2025 is \$38.11 for each member of the congregation. (The blue envelope in the January-February envelopes shows an old per capita amount.) If you don't have a blue envelope, please identify your offering as "Per Capita". If you have any questions about the per capita payment, please contact Kerri Hertzog through the church office, 412-242-4570, or Susan Kinchelov at 412-849-1306.



## This Week at Beulah

### Monday, January 20

Office Closed

### Tuesday, January 21

10:30 am Staff Meeting - 206

3:00 pm EEYM Afterschool - 102

7:00 pm Session Meeting - 209

### Wednesday, January 22

3:00 pm EEYM Afterschool - 102

6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal - 109A

6:00 pm McCrady Road - Sanctuary

7:30 pm Men's Group - 102

### Thursday, January 23

9:00 am Women's Bible Study - Fireside

1:00 pm Chancel Bells - 109A

2:00 pm Embellishments - 109A

### Sunday, January 26

**10:00 am Combined Worship - Sanctuary**

11:00 am Annual Meeting

11:15 am Potluck - MGB Fellowship Hall



### Unwanted bulletins return

Unwanted bulletins may be returned via the basket near the sanctuary doors for recycling.

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