

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Bausman Memorial United Church of Christ

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.



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August 31, 2025

9:30am Worship

WELCOME TO BAUSMAN!

1ST TIME GUESTS: Most everything you need is found in this bulletin. Plus, those around you are glad to help and an usher is always available at the main rear entrance. If there are ways we can better extend God's hospitality, leave us a note on the Welcome Card. Your insights are essential as we continue to grow into the community God is calling us to be. Thank you!

HOW TO PARTICIPATE: Congregational readings are in bold with an *All*, *People*, or *Unison* designation. Songs are in the bulletin or pew hymnal. Times for standing and sitting are listed, with it always being okay to remain seated.

"BUSY BAGS": Coloring books and crayons are available in the north narthex (lobby) for use during worship. Please return all items following the service for others to use the following week. See an usher for assistance.

NURSERY SPACE: During the summer, the space is available for use with parental/guardian supervision. No attendant is present. Live audio of the worship service is broadcast to the nursery. The nursery is past the office, to the right. See an usher for assistance.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Will return Sept. 21st. Classes will be held during worship for 1st – 7th graders, each Sunday (except the first Sunday of the month).

RESTROOMS: Ladies and a unisex/accessible bathroom (with wall mounted baby changing table) are available through the doors at the front of the sanctuary. Follow the signs to the office. Bathrooms are on the left.

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS: Contain printed scripture and music, in addition to being in a larger font. Ask an usher for a copy.

HEARING ASSISTANCE: Ask an usher at the rear entrance to the sanctuary who will provide you with a device directly tied into the sanctuary sound system. Please return the device to an usher at the conclusion of worship.

GET CONNECTED: Use the pew holder Welcome Card to register your attendance, share contact information, ask questions, and more. Once completed, place it in the offering plates during the offering time.

WIFI & DEVICES: Thank you for silencing all your devices during worship. Bausman's guest wifi is accessible with the passcode: "gladurhere!"

ORDER OF WORSHIP

WE GATHER TO BE GOD'S PEOPLE

Centering Thoughts: The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. wrote “our goal is to create a beloved community, and this will require a qualitative change in our souls as well as a quantitative change in our lives.” What we confront time and time again in Jesus is God’s call for the qualitative change in our souls and the quantitative change in our lives. Where we stop reaching for success in the kingdoms of this world and instead surrender ourselves to the kingdom of God. There is a cost to this change, but to stay as we are is not without its own costs.

Opening Chimes

Welcome & Announcements

Sharing of Christ's Peace

(Rise in body or spirit to share Christ's peace using customary forms of greeting or by using a peace sign. Please be seated once the prelude begins.)

Prelude: “Holy, Holy, Holy” - Edward Broughton/ tune: Nicea by John B. Dykes

(The acolyte carries the light of Christ into our presence, calling us to worship)

(Please rise in body or spirit)

Call to Worship

Pastor: Sing joy and praise to the Lord, your God.

People: For God invites us to the feast of his presence.

Pastor: Proclaim the day of the Lord.

People: For God raises us to new life.

Pastor: God sees us in our lowly estate.

People: God prepares the way for us to share in God's glory.

Pastor: Though we were once orphaned,
we have been redeemed as God's people.

People: Let our hearts sing out in praise as we give ourselves anew
to the One who is Lord and God of our lives. Amen.

Processional Hymn: “Christ is Made the Sure Foundation” (p. #400)

WE CONFESS OUR NEED FOR HEALING & GRACE

Call to Confession

Corporate Confessional

All: Holy God, we have traded your glory for shame.
We have turned from the fountain of your living waters,
to cracked cisterns that fail to hold even stagnant water.
Though you have called to us, we have turned from you.
Have mercy upon us.
Forgive the sins of our rebellion and our wayward hearts.
Forgive our blind ambition and fearful hearts.
Forgive us, so we may know your love once again, and in that love,
be led by your Spirit to our true home with you.
In Jesus' perfect name, we pray. Amen.

Personal Silent Confession

(Personal prayers for God's healing and redeeming peace)

Assurance of Grace

Pastor: ...in the love and mercy of Christ, so we might truly live.
People: Glory be to the God of mercy, now and forevermore! Amen.

Praise Response *(Unison)*

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And God will raise you up on ea - gle's wings,

Em A7 D D7

bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the

G A Bm F#m Em A7 D

sun, and hold you in the palm of God's hand.

(Please be seated)

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S LIVING WORD

Message for the Young & Young at Heart

(All youth are invited to come forward to the front steps.)

Prayer of Illumination

**All: Eternal God, in the reading of the scripture, may your Word be heard;
in the meditations of our hearts, may your Word be known;
and in the faithfulness of our lives, may your Word be shown. Amen.**

Old Testament Lesson: Jeremiah 2:4-13 (p. #699)

Hear the word of the Lord, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel. Thus says the Lord:

What wrong did your ancestors find in me that they went far from me and went after worthless things and became worthless themselves? They did not say, "Where is the Lord, who brought us up from the land of Egypt, who led us in the wilderness, in a land of deserts and pits, in a land of drought and deep darkness, in a land that no one passes through, where no one lives?" I brought you into a plentiful land to eat its fruits and its good things. But when you entered you defiled my land and made my heritage an abomination. The priests did not say, "Where is the Lord?" Those who handle the law did not know me; the rulers transgressed against me; the prophets prophesied by Baal and went after things that do not profit.

Therefore, once more I accuse you, says the Lord, and I accuse your children's children. Cross to the coasts of Cyprus and look; send to Kedar and examine with care; see if there has ever been such a thing. Has a nation changed its gods, even though they are no gods? But my people have changed their glory for something that does not profit. Be appalled, O heavens, at this; be shocked; be utterly desolate, says the Lord, for my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living water, and dug out cisterns for themselves, cracked cisterns that can hold no water.

Gospel Lesson: Luke 14:1, 7-14 (p. #77)

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the Sabbath, they were watching him closely.

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit

down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host, and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, ‘Give this person your place,’ and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher’; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.

He said also to the one who had invited him, “When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers and sisters or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon: “For What Do You Labor?”

WE RESPOND TO GOD

(Please rise in body or spirit)

Statement of Faith – Apostles Creed

All: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ His only begotten Son, our Lord;

**who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried.**

**He descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,**

**and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;

the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;

the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

(Please be seated)

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (sins)

All: 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.

Receiving of Tithes and Offerings

*(Electronic & physical giving options are available through the pew envelope.
Register your attendance with a Welcome Card or using Realm's mobile check-in.)*

Offertory: "Morning Song" - Henry Kihlkin

(Please rise in body or spirit)

Offering Response (Unison)

Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; Praise God, all crea-tures here be-low;

Praise God a-bove, you heaven-ly host: Praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Prayer of Dedication

All: Bountiful God, you have graced us in so many ways.
As we stand on this Labor Day Weekend,
offering our lives in worship to you,
bless we pray all that we hold before you.
Receive the gifts of our labors, the prayers of hearts,
the offerings of our hope, and the fullness of our lives.
Bless all that we give in service to you,
that your kingdom may continue to unfold in this world,
in our homes, and in the depths of our souls.
Through Christ, our Lord, we pray. Amen.

WE GO WITH GOD'S CALLING

Recessional Hymn: "Children of God" (p. #533)

(The acolyte carries the light of Christ into the world)

Commissioning & Benediction

Chimes

Postlude: "Send the Light" – Humphrey Turner

(As the postlude concludes, go in peace to love and serve at the calling of God.)

THIS WEEK AT BAUSMAN

Sunday, August 31

- 9:30 AM Worship
- 4:00 PM Wyo Cub Scout Pack 413 – Room 21

Monday, Sept 1 – Labor Day

- Church Office is Closed
- 11:00 AM Turning Point Group, AA – Fellowship Hall
- 7:30 PM Recovering Couples Group – Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, Sept 2

- 6:30 PM Worship & Music - Library

Wednesday, Sept 3

- 9:00 AM Exercise Group – Fellowship Hall
- 11:30 AM Turning Point Group, AA – Fellowship Hall
- 1:00 PM Constitution & Bylaws – Conference Room
- 6:30 PM Executive Committee – Conference Room

Thursday, Sept 4

- 10:30 AM Women's Recovery Group, Fellowship Hall

Friday, Sept 5

- 11:30 AM Turning Point Group, AA – Fellowship Hall

Saturday, Sept 6

- 6:30 AM Wyomissing Football Breakfast – Fellowship Hall

Sunday, Sept 7

- 9:30AM Worship, Communion by Intinction, First Sunday Fellowship

PRAYERS & CARES

Congregational Cards of Care

God invites us to share life-giving love through our faith. One way to do this is to weekly join in our “Cards of Care” ministry. This week we are uplifting Carol Golbey, who now lives far from Bausman. Stop by the table in the front left corner of the sanctuary to add your name and care to this week’s card. Thank you!

Prayer Requests

Thank you for joining in the joy and care of others by including the following prayers in your prayer times. Submit your prayer requests by using a Prayer Card, contacting the church office, or the prayer chain coordinator (Mary Moll). Prayer requests are maintained for up to four weeks and can be resubmitted an unlimited number of times. When possible, please check with the person before submitting their name.

Healing & Strengthening: Dr. Corey Jones; Barry; Jo-Anne Doleva; George S; Nitza;
Kim Rank; Jacob Brown; Lois Talarigo; Randy Ulmer

Care & Support: Immanuel UCC, Shillington & Pastor Megan Huesgen and Pastor Jayme Babczak; Drew Warner; Returning students & teachers

Birthdays Celebrated this Week

9/1 Janet F. LeLacheur
9/3 Peggy Brown
9/6 George J. Moser, Jr.

Worship Information

Sponsorships

Bulletins: Happy Birthday Margaret & Janet, by Bibba & Hal McKemy

Flowers: In celebration of the birth of Rick & Bonnie Shiner's granddaughter, Evelyn Rose Shiner, born on Aug 27, 2025. Evelyn's parents, Matthew & Tynna Shiner, reside in Idaho.

Today's Worship Leaders

Ministers: All Members

Head Usher: Gary Rhoads

Ushers: Jim Payne, Cindra Payne, Bob Showalter, Sue Showalter

Acolyte: Jack Joiner

Reader: Krista Strohl

Welcome: Bob Showalter

Minister of Music: Sharon Luyben

Preacher: Rev. Joseph Motz

Altar Guild: Margie Baer & Deb Brubaker

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Last Week's Worship

Worship Attendance: In Person: 68

Online: 10

Offerings Received for God's Ministry:

General Fund: In person \$6968 Online: \$876

Special Offering: \$22

**“LOOK AND SEE”
WHAT IS HAPPENING AT BAUSMAN!
AUGUST 31, 2025**

(Visit bausmanucc.org and sign up for the weekly e-blasts as well)

SOAR – Special Appeal - Disaster Relief – \$1038 in donations have generously been given toward Bausman's Disaster Relief Fund and with SOAR's donation of \$1000, we are now at \$2038. These monies will be sent to the Pennsylvania Southeast Conference for "Severe Storms". Today is the last day for the collection.

Church Picnic, Rally Day Blast, & Ministry Fair, September 14 *Wyomissing Hills Playground (53 Valley Rd)* - Bausman's annual outdoor worship and picnic is finally here! Friends and guests are warmly welcomed! This is a great time to share in worship, food, fellowship and fun! Worship starts at 9:30am with a fried chicken luncheon following the service. Members who are able are asked to bring a side dish or dessert. A “cakewalk” will be held for youth to win a cupcake. In the event of severe storms, high winds, or downpours, an announcement will be made to relocate the event to the church. Things to bring:

- Lawn Chair (limited picnic table seating)
- Water bottle, hat, sunglasses, games (optional)
- Side Dish (Members with last name beginning with A-M)
- Dessert (Members with last name beginning with N-Z)

Plus, there will be an opportunity to learn about Bausman's various ministries and how you can make a difference through this amazing congregation. We're looking forward to seeing you there!

First Sunday Fellowship - September 7 - Every first Sunday of the month, following worship, stay for a time of connection and light refreshments. This is a great opportunity to build new relationships and strengthen old ones. To ensure accessibility for all, the fellowship time, with its light refreshments, will be held in the sanctuary.



Oktoberfest 2025 - Sat, Sept. 27, noon to 7pm. The committee needs help to make this event a success - if you are interested in sponsorships, please contact Steph Tremble at stremble0202@gmail.com. We will also need lots of volunteers to help make the day run smoothly, so please consider signing up for a timeslot Oktoberfest 2025 Volunteer Sign Up on SignUp Genius. Be on the lookout for more details as we get closer to the event. Thank you for your support of Oktoberfest!

New Adult Faith Formation Class – It is one thing to learn about God. It is another thing to explore an intimate relationship with God. This six-session faith formation class will focus on the practical ways to intentionally build intimacy with God. Utilizing ancient prayer practices of Lectio Divina, Faith Imagination, Centering Prayer, Prayer Walks, and Praying the Psalms, you will gain tools to go deeper in your personal relationship with God. Classes will be held the second & fourth Tuesdays of September, October, and November from 7-8pm. (Note: the 11/25 class will be held 12/9). Classes are independent of one another. Therefore, you are welcome to participate in the classes you can attend, while missing the ones you can't attend.

New Members Class – Starting September - If you have been worshipping with Bausman and are looking to explore membership in this growing vital congregation, we invite you to check out this fall's new member's class. It is more than a class to attend. It is an opportunity to intentionally deepen your faith and form new relationships. The four classes cover a range of topics from faith journeys, understanding and using the bible, why we worship like we do, discipleship, the UCC, and more. If you would like to participate, or to learn more, please speak with Pastor Joe by September 1.



First Communion Class - September 28 - If you are in 1st grade or older, you are invited to participate in Bausman's 1st Communion Class. The class will be held Sept. 28, 11-12pm, in the sanctuary. The class focuses on the practical steps of receiving communion (pew & intinction) and the theological beliefs around communion. It is designed for those who are receiving communion for the first time and a refresher for those who have not yet been confirmed.

Participation is fully at the discretion of one's parents.

- If you have not been baptized, please contact Pastor Joe. Baptism, or an intention to be baptized, is a requirement for participation in the first communion class.
- Parent(s) of unconfirmed youth are expected to participate in the class with their child(ren). Those who are not yet confirmed will be invited to begin receiving communion under the guidance of their parents/guardians.
- A special "First Communion Service" will be shared by participants during October 5th's Worldwide Communion Celebration Service.

To participate, please register in advance, by September 21, by using the QR code.

2025/26 Confirmation Class Forming - Mark Your Calendars - Youth, entering 8th grade and older, are welcome to explore Bausman's confirmation program to see if it is right for them. An orientation to the confirmation program will be held on Sunday, October 5, 11-12pm. This is an opportunity to learn about the program, talk to previous confirmands, ask questions, and help select the days/times when the classes will be held. The first confirmation class will be held in November. Contact Pastor Joe by September 28 if you're planning to explore the confirmation program.

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Four opportunities to review the 2026 Keystone Budget before the vote on November 22nd

On November 22nd, the churches of the future Keystone Conference will have a zoom meeting to approve the Keystone 2026 budget. In order to familiarize yourself with that budget you may access it at by going to psec.org, and clicking on the slider at the top of the page "Keystone Conference", and scrolling down to "Keystone Budget".

Members of the Keystone Budget & Finance team are offering four Town Hall opportunities, via zoom, to ask questions on the budget, prior to November 22nd.

These sessions are a great opportunity to ask questions, gain clarity, and better understand the budget ahead of our online meeting on November 22, when we will vote on the budget's approval.

There are four opportunities to participate:

Sept. 8 – Monday 1:30 – 2:30 pm

Registration: <https://2026budget0908.eventbrite.com>

Sept. 17 – Wednesday 10:00 – 11:00 am

Registration: <https://2026budget0917.eventbrite.com>

Sept. 22 – Monday 6:30 -7:30 pm

Registration: <https://2026budget0922.eventbrite.com>

Oct. 14 – Tuesday 6:30 – 7:30 pm

Registration: <https://2026budget1014.eventbrite.com>

Still looking for volunteers for the 2026 Keystone Conference meeting

Plans are underway for the next statewide gathering of the Keystone Conference. The event will be held on Friday, June 5 through Sunday, June 7 in 2026. Our gathering will be held at Millersville University in Lancaster County. This will be a time of worship, Being the Church, meeting new friends, and forming new relationships.

Several committees are forming to plan details for the 2026 event. If you are interested in serving on one of the following committees, please forward your contact information (name, current Conference, and email address) to Shirley Keith Knox at skeithknox@comcast.net. All meetings are held ONLINE.

Volunteers ARE Needed for the following Conference Planning Areas:

Worship - Volunteers needed in the following key areas: Visual arts – designing and preparing the worship and prayer spaces, music leaders.

Workshops - Assistance needed to identify and schedule workshop presenters.

Display and Vendor Space - Volunteers needed to identify and coordinate vendors and exhibits.

Technology - Volunteers needed to identify, operate, and obtain technology for worship, hybrid business meetings, and workshops.

Mission/Service Project - Volunteers needed to coordinate a Conference-wide mission project that occurs at this summer gathering.


Registration Volunteers - Volunteers needed to prepare registration materials and assist at registration table at the university.

Youth and Children - Volunteers needed to identify childcare coverage and youth programming.


Fun & Hospitality - Volunteers needed to coordinate a strong welcome upon arrival at the venue, as well as ideas for fun.

Accessibility - Volunteers needed to arrange signage and coordinate local arrangements for golf carts, scooters and other accommodations that assure all attendees can fully participate in all events.


Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

*Eph. 2:20-22; 1 Pet. 2:4-7**Latin, 6th-8th century**Transl. John Mason Neale, 1851; alt.**St. 3 adapt. Thomas H. Troeger, 1992*


1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ the head and cor - ner-stone,
 2 To this tem - ple, where we call you, come, O God of Hosts, to - day!
 3 Here re - new your ser - vants' vis - ion, that by faith they may at - tain



chos - en of our God and pre - cious, bind - ing all the Church in one;
 With your con - stant, lov - ing kind - ness hear your peo - ple as they pray.
 peace and hope, re - newed com - pas - sion, strength to com - fort those in pain,



Ho - ly Zi - on's help for - ev - er, and our con - fi - dence a - lone.
 Give your full - est ben - e - dic - tion: grace to fol - low Christ the Way.
 Tears and grief trans - formed to glad - ness in your ev - er - last - ing reign.

The hymn has its origins in an early Latin poem, Urbs beata Jerusalem, based on passages from Ephesians, 1 Peter, and Revelation. "Holy Zion" refers to the church transcendent, built of "living stones"—the saints of God.

Tune: REGENTS SQUARE 8.7.8.7.8.7.

Henry T. Smart, 1867

Alternate tune: WESTMINSTER ABBEY

Eph. 4:31-5:2

John Greenleaf Whittier, 1848; alt.

1 Chil - dren of God, lift hearts to one an - oth - er;
 2 For God whom Je - sus loved has tru - ly spo - ken:
 3 Fol - low with rev - erent steps the great ex - am - ple
 4 Then shall all shack - les fall; the storm - y clan - gor

where pit - y dwells, the peace of God is there;
 the ho - lier wor - ship which Christ deigns to bless
 of Christ whose ho - ly work was do - ing good;
 of wild war mu - sic o'er the earth shall cease;

To wor - ship right - ly is to love each oth - er,
 Re - stores the lost, and binds the spir - it bro - ken,
 So shall the wide earth seem a ho - ly tem - ple,
 Love shall tread out the bale - ful fire of an - ger,

each smile a hymn, each kind - ly deed a prayer.
 and feeds the wid - ow and the par - ent - less.
 each lov - ing life a psalm of grat - i - tude.
 and in its ash - es plant the tree of peace.

Of Puritan ancestry and Quaker parentage, the American poet and journalist John Greenleaf Whittier was a strong supporter of the abolition of slavery. This hymn is comprised of the final stanzas of "Worship," a poem expressing his views on the life of faith.

Tune: WELWYN 11.10.11.10.
 Alfred Scott-Gatty, 1900