

BEULAH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Rev. Dr. Andrew McDonald, Pastor

Gavin Sides, Liturgist

Gail Tutt, Worship Music Leader

16th Sunday after Pentecost

Morning Worship 9:00 a.m. September 13, 2026

Prelude Ensemble

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

As the Scripture bears witness, we are created for
community.

“Two are better than one,
for if they fall, one will lift up their companion.”

**“Woe to the one who is alone when they fall
and has no one to help them up.**

But a threefold cord is not quickly broken.”

We do not walk the path of faith in isolation.

Christ weaves us together into a living tapestry of love.

Praise the One who binds us in love

and lifts us up in grace.

Let us worship God together!

*Hymn # 476, “**O Worship the King**”

*Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, You created us for life together.

**Yet we confess that we often choose
isolation over vulnerability.**

**You call us to lift up our companions when they fall,
but we look away and pass on by.**

We confess that we have let our bonds fray.

**We have withheld forgiveness from friends,
allowed busy schedules to crowd out deep relationships,
and tried to carry our heaviest burdens entirely on our own,
Forgive us for the times we have failed to be faithful friends.**

**Bind us together once more in the steadfast love of Jesus
Christ. Amen.**

*Assurance of Pardon

Hear the Good News: God never leaves us to walk alone.

Christ calls us to the grace of community. Even when we are
unfaithful, Christ remains our faithful friend. Through His
sacrificial love, our isolation is broken, and we are restored to
the family of God. Believe and share the Good News!

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

In Jesus Christ, we are a new creation!

*Gloria Patri

Team Jesus

Offering / Offertory (*please see insert*) **“The Love of God Comes Close”**

*Doxology #592

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*Prayer of Dedication

Scripture Reading **John 15:12-17**, pg. 109

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon **Close Encounters: Life is Better Together**

*Hymn # 491, “**Stand Up and Bless the Lord**”

*Prayers of the Community 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us
not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and
the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

*Hymn # 150, “**Come, Christians, Join to Sing**”

*Charge / Benediction

*Congregational Response # 299, “**Amen, Amen**”

Postlude Instrumental

**Indicates to stand as you are able – for everyone to rise in spirit.*

Welcome to Beulah!

Christ calls us into community, so we are glad to be with you today.

Everyone is invited to enjoy refreshments in the Narthex outside of the sanctuary. Stay for as little or as long as you like, but let someone know you are glad they are here! If you are interested in bringing goodies to share, the sign-up book is by the sanctuary door. This week, a special thank you to our host Jan and Bill Green.

Apple Picking Sunday – Family Fun Event!

After worship service next Sunday, September 20,
we will be picking apples at Camp Creek for our

Apple Pie making Extravaganza Day,

which will be on Saturday, September 26.

All are invited to come and help! We plan on starting @ 8am until we run out of apples and crust. Money raised supports multiple mission projects for people in need. **In one morning, we will make over 125 pies!!**

NO pie-making experience needed ☺

Organ Dedication Events

Event 2 – Celebrating the Music of Marion Wilson and Jimmae Wells

When: September 20, 2026, at 6:30 pm

Organist: Chon Wherry

Pianist: Laura Crumbleholme

Program: A dedicatory program of piano/organ duets and congregational singing using music from the Wilson/Wells library, honoring the past musical history of Beulah Presbyterian Church.

Refreshments: Whitey's ice cream and brownies.

Please see the signup sheet in the narthex. **Need donations of a 9"x13" recipe of brownies for the Organ Dedication**

Celebration on Sunday, Sep 20, 2026 at 6:30m. Coal Valley Presbyterian Church is also invited.

Save the Date - Join the Team

The Quad City Area CROP Hunger Walk is Sunday, October 4, 2026. Check-in is from 1pm-2pm at Caxton Building/Bethany for Children & Families, 1701 River Drive, Moline. Please come walk with us if you can, and bring a friend to help fight hunger at home and across the globe.

Wear your orange "Beulah" shirt to church and on the walk.

Peanut butter and jelly are being collected at the CROP Walk;

NO glass jars please.

Beulah Calendar

Sunday	September 13	9:00am	Worship
Sunday	September 20	9:00am	Worship
		after Worship	Apple picking @ Camp Creek!
		6:30pm	Organ Dedication

Thank you to everyone who came to help with the church clean up, fix up, and straighten up! It was greatly appreciated!

We would like to extend a very sincere thank you to all of our Beulah friends and family for your love and support during our loss of Danielle. The monetary memorial gifts as well as all of the cards, calls, texts and words of comfort have helped us more than you will ever know.

We would also like to extend a special thank you to Dr. Reverend McDonald for meeting with us and listening to us express to him who Danielle was.

This was reflected beautifully during her service.

Beulah has always been our church home

and you all continue to show us that as we continue to grieve this loss.

In love and thanks, David, Karen, Heather and all of Danielle's family

Prayer List

Lindsey Breiby
Martha Green
Donna Pinger

Rich Cox
Donna Metzler
Dylan Preston

Robert DeVries
Bill Pinger

♥ Don Paulsen
♥ Terry Vincent
♥ Jackie Williams

Missionary relatives and friends of our church family

Ted & Kim Treadway in Guatemala.

This week's Home Study Lectionary Readings

Ex 16:2-15	Ps 105:1-6, 37-45	Jonah 3:1 - 4:11
Ps 145:1-8	Phil 1:21-30	Matt 20:1-6