



# Welcome to Bethel Presbyterian Church

October 24, 2021

Sunday School 9-10:15 a.m.

Worship Service 10:30 a.m.

## **BETHEL CHURCH**

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

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Office Hours: Monday thru Thursday 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Office is CLOSED on Fridays.

### **Staff**

Pastor/Moderator: The Rev. Todd D. Smith

Music Director/Organist: Kirsten Fitzsimmons

Children's Youth & Family Program Coordinator: Chrissie Galliher

Office Manager: Lisa Robbins

Church Treasurer: Dan Miller



And now these three remain:

Faith, Hope, Love.

But the greatest of these is love.

1st Corinthians 13:13



Our Worship begins with the organ voluntary.

Please silence all electronics and be prayerfully attentive to the quiet presence of God.

+ indicates standing; congregational readings/responses are shown in bold print.

Gathering and Welcome

Rev. Todd Smith

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

Voluntary

Andante

Kirsten Fitzsimmons

Call to Worship

Bob Horn

Leader: I wait for the Lord, my soul waits,

**People: and in God's word is my hope.**

+ Hymn # 260

*A Mighty Fortress is Our God*, requested by Nancy Berigtold

Prayer of Confession

**Lord, so often we know you are beckoning us to call upon you in good times and bad, yet we refuse to seek your guidance. Forgive us. Grant, O Lord, that we may see in you the fulfillment of all our needs, and may we turn from every false satisfaction to feed on the true and living bread which you have given us in Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever and who taught us to pray saying,**  
(Silent prayer of confession)

**The Lord's Prayer**

Assurance of Pardon

*Gloria Patri*

Glo - ry be to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; As it  
was in the be-gin-ning, is now and ev-er shall be, world without end. A-men, A-men.

## About the Bethel Church Community

Bethel was established in 1769 and celebrated its *250th year* in 2018. The church has been a vital part of the community for many generations, and is a growing and active congregation.

We have Sunday School from 9-10:15 am every Sunday, and we hold a Vacation Bible School every summer. Bethel offers a Bible study via Zoom at 6 pm Sunday evenings. We also have a Bridge Club that meets weekly on Tuesday evenings, and we offer community events such as movie nights, flea markets and historical cemetery tours.

Our Missions Committee raises funds and collects items for those in need. We partner with and contribute to local agencies such as Mason-Dixon Community Services, Young Life of Harford County, Perry Point VA Medical Center, the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, and many more.

The Bethel Women's Group provides fun and fellowship to women of all ages! Some of our recent events have included a Women's Tea, an evening "Sing-a-long by the Fire Pit", and a "Paint on Canvas" event. Many more fun events are being planned, including local outings and guest speakers.

The Breakfast Bunch is a men's bible study that meets the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month. We currently have a women's small group bible study that meets Mondays at 10 am.

The Bethel Cemetery is quite famous, having been featured in the book *Jarrettsville*, written by Cornelia Nixon. The book was based on a murder that occurred in this area not long after the civil war, and you will find many of the names in the book on the headstones behind the church. The Bethel Cemetery Players host regular tours of the cemetery, where they bring the fascinating stories to life!

We welcome you to join us for our regular Sunday Services or for any of our community events. Please contact the church office for more information at 410-692-5282.



## Church Leadership

### Elders (Session) – Meet 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday each month

#### Class of 2021

Robert Dennison  
Kirk Jones  
Carol Morrow

#### Class of 2022

Marsha Brooks  
Gary Lowe  
Carmie Messenger

#### Class of 2023

Ruth Walker  
Polly Winskowski  
Nancy Alexander

### Deacons – Meet 1st Monday each month

#### Class of 2021

Marilyn Bradford  
Sue Hinkley  
Sandy Louderback  
Barbara Thomson

#### Class of 2022

Janet Henderson  
Terri Schwarz  
MaryLee Swift

#### Class of 2023

Laurie Falkner  
Gail Lowe  
Lynda McRee

### Trustees – Meet 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday each month

#### Class of 2021

Jan Berlage  
Eric Clayton  
Dave Hinkley  
Don Scott

#### Class of 2022

Sam Fielder  
Bob Horn  
Steve Kauffman  
Chuck Saneman

#### Class of 2023

John Cairnes  
Brian Calary  
Bruce Mattheiss  
Craig Messenger

The 2021 Per Capita fee per congregation member is **\$36.06**.

Please be sure to submit your portion  
by the end of the year.

Thank you!

### + The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, 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.**

+ Passing the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

Children's Lesson

Chrissie Galliher

Prayer for Illumination

Bob Horn

First Lesson

Psalm 34:1-8, 19-22

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Second Lesson

Job 42:1-6, 10-17

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Rev. Todd Smith

+ Hymn # 438

*Blest Be the Tie that Binds*, anonymous request

Prayers of the People

Offertory

*What Wondrous Love is This*

+ Doxology 592

+ Hymn #302

*I Danced in the Morning*, requested by Chrissie Galliher

+ Benediction

# October is FAVORITE HYMNS MONTH!

“Music is the language of the spirit.  
It opens the secret of life bringing peace,  
abolishing strife.” — Kahlil Gibran

Music has a special place in our hearts and holds so many memories. Thank you to all who submitted requests for your favorite hymns. We had lots of submissions and will do our best to accommodate as many requests as possible.

We hope you enjoy these well-loved hymns this month.



# Upcoming Events!

## Community Fundraiser Jarrettsville Lions Club Fruit Sale

Last day to order – Nov 20, 2021  
Call - 410-343-0921 or order from a Lions member  
Pickup – Dec 11<sup>th</sup> 8 AM to 1 PM at Blackhorse Fire Station  
**Prices are the same as 2019!**  
Fruit not picked up may be resold



### NAVEL ORANGES

10 lb. Carton 14-20 Oranges \$20.00  
20 lb. Carton 28-40 Oranges \$30.00  
40 lb. Carton 48-80 Oranges \$42.00



### RUBY RED GRAPEFRUIT

10 lb. Carton 8-10 Grapefruit \$20.00  
20 lb. Carton 16-24 Grapefruit \$30.00  
40 lb. Carton 36-48 Grapefruit \$42.00



### MIXED ORANGES AND RUBY RED GRAPEFRUIT

20 lb. Carton 14-20 Navels & 8-10 Grapefruit \$32.00  
\*2.00 higher than 2019

## Mission Committee Notes

The **Thanksgiving Giving Boxes Project** is a partnership between Baltimore City, Baltimore County, Harford County, and Cecil County, raising funds to supply over 1,200 Thanksgiving boxes provided to families that need assistance. This community project will be held at Christ our King Presbyterian in Bel Air on Saturday, November 20 starting at 9:00 a.m. The Sign Up Genius is on the Christ Our King website now.

Go to [christourking.net](http://christourking.net) to sign up to help pack Giving Boxes.

**Harvest Home Sunday  
will be November 14th**



Special Worship Service featuring  
Elva Hurst's "Chalk Talk"  
on Sunday, November 21st



## Movie Night

**Saturday, October 30th @ 6 pm  
in the Sanctuary**

Join us for some good old-fashioned fun  
with Abbot and Costello



## Cemetery Tour!

Don't miss the very special Halloween Tour of the Bethel Cemetery on **October 31st!** Come hear the spooky tale of Nicholas McComas's untimely death by murder.



# Announcements

## This Week at Bethel:

October 24th: Zoom Bible Study - 6:00 pm on Zoom

October 25th: Women's Bible Study - 10 am in Fellowship Hall

October 26th: Bridge Game - 6:30 pm in Fellowship Hall

*If you would like to list an event in this space, please email me by Monday to be included in that week's Sunday bulletin. Thanks! [lisa@bethel-md.org](mailto:lisa@bethel-md.org)*

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## Save the dates:

Saturday, October 30th: Movie Night @ Abbott and Costello meet Frankenstein

Sunday, October 31st: Bethel Cemetery Tour @ noon

Sunday, November 14th: Harvest Home Sunday

Sunday, November 21st: Elva Hurst Chalk Talk (during worship service)

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## Music Notes:

Choir rehearsal take place each week after the church service from 12:00 - 12:30.

All are welcome. Please let Kirsten know if you will attend.

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## New Member Classes:

We will hold new member classes on 10/24, 10/31, and 11/7 in Fellowship Hall during Sunday School (9:15 to 10:15). Please call the office to register, or look for a sign-up sheet in the back of the Sanctuary.

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## Missing Flowers:

We are still missing the silk flowers from the Easter Service. If you happen to know where they might be, please let the church office know. Thank you!

# Verses this Week:

## Psalm 34: 1-8, 19-22

Of David, when he feigned madness before Abimelech, so that he drove him out, and he went away.

1 I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth. 2 My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad. 3 O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together. 4 I sought the Lord, and he answered me, and delivered me from all my fears. 5 Look to him, and be radiant; so your faces shall never be ashamed. 6 This poor soul cried, and was heard by the Lord, and was saved from every trouble. 7 The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them. 8 O taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are those who take refuge in him.

19 Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord rescues them from them all.

20 He keeps all their bones; not one of them will be broken. 21 Evil brings death to the wicked, and those who hate the righteous will be condemned. 22 The Lord redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

## Job 42:1-6, 10-17

1 Then Job answered the Lord: 2 "I know that you can do all things, and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted. 3 'Who is this that hides counsel without knowledge?' Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand, things too wonderful for me, which I did not know. 4 'Hear, and I will speak; I will question you, and you declare to me.'

5 I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees you; 6 therefore I despise myself, and repent in dust and ashes."

10 And the Lord restored the fortunes of Job when he had prayed for his friends; and the Lord gave Job twice as much as he had before. 11 Then there came to him all his brothers and sisters and all who had known him before, and they ate bread with him in his house; they showed him sympathy and comforted him for all the evil that the Lord had brought upon him; and each of them gave him a piece of money and a gold ring. 12 The Lord blessed the latter days of Job more than his beginning; and he had fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels, a thousand yoke of oxen, and a thousand donkeys. 13 He also had seven sons and three daughters. 14 He named the first Jemimah, the second Keziah, and the third Kerenhappuch. 15 In all the land there were no women so beautiful as Job's daughters; and their father gave them an inheritance along with their brothers. 16 After this Job lived one hundred and forty years, and saw his children, and his children's children, four generations. 17 And Job died, old and full of days.



## **This Week's Sermon:**

Today we look at the nature of repentance. We do so by looking at the interaction between God and Job at the end of the book. Repentance is an often talked about, but seldom pondered, part of the lives of many Christians.

What is the importance of repentance? It is far more than asking for forgiveness. It implies a trust in God when we seek to break away from our own need to be in control. Can we take comfort when God's will for us is contrary to our own will? God has called us to faith. The question is, can we stop arguing and resisting God and accept that God is God even when we don't see it?

Life will not always be fair, but God will always be present. Repentance is not focused as much on turning away from our sin but instead turning toward a loving and faithful God.

# Bethel Joys & Concerns:

**Happy Birthday** to: Samantha Fielder, Savannah Shaul, Douglas Smith III, Joseph Ostrowski, and Marianna Putnam

## **Please keep the following in your prayers this week:**

Janet Carty, friend of Nancy Mory  
The family of Patrick Campbell  
Doug Arnold  
Sandy Hughes  
Charles McKenzie, father of Gail Lowe  
Nelson Berigtold  
Charlotte Scott, sister-in-law of Dan Scott  
Barb Kirschner, mother of Dave Kirschner  
Ed Calary  
Max Montfort, friend of Tom & MaryLee Swift  
Dorianne Griffey  
Janet Kauffman  
George Reeves

Kelly Jarrett Reeves, daughter-in-law of the Reeves  
Brendan Lins, grandson of Ron & Andi Holmes  
Henry Kraft, grandson of Gail & David Thomas  
Frank Clement, friend of Sam & Marsha Brooks  
John Dorn, friend of John & Rita Cairnes  
Beverly Schmidt  
George Cowman  
Howard Eisner  
George Denbow  
Jessica Sambor  
Debbie Dahl, friend of Lisa Robbins

If you have any updates to the prayer list, please contact the church office

