



# Welcome to Bethel Presbyterian Church

January 16, 2022

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



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

Elder Ron Lee

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

Voluntary

Kirsten Fitzsimmons

Call to Worship

Dave Hinkley

Leader: I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart; I will recount all of your wonderful deeds. I will be glad and exult in you; I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.

**People: Shout for joy to God, all the earth; sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise! Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!**

Hymn #492

*Baptized in Water*

Prayer of Confession

***Dear Lord, we rejoice that in You we find our hope. We have tried and failed to manage our lives. We have tried to guard what we say and don't say. We have tried to serve selflessly. We have tried to contain our appetites and desires. We have tried not to judge or condemn. We have tried to control our thoughts. The harder we try, the more obvious it becomes we cannot attain perfection. We confess our brokenness and weakness to You. We humbly thank You for forgiving our sins and washing us clean through the grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen***

*(Silent prayer of confession)*

**The Lord's Prayer**

Assurance of Pardon

## Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee

1. Je - sus, the ve - ry thought of thee  
 2. O hope of ev - ery con - trite heart,  
 3. But what to those who find? Ah, this  
 4. Je - sus, our on - ly joy be thou,

with sweet - ness fills the breast; but sweet - ter far thy  
 O joy of all the meek, to those who fall, how  
 nor tongue nor pen can show; the love of Je - sus,  
 as thou our price wilt be; Je - sus, be thou our

face to see, and in thy pre - sence rest.  
 kind thou art! How good to those who seek!  
 what it is, none but his loved ones know.  
 glo - ry now, and through c - ter - ni - ty.

## Church Leadership

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

**Class of 2022**  
Marsha Brooks  
Gary Lowe  
Carmie Messenger

**Class of 2023**  
Ruth Walker  
Polly Winskowski  
Nancy Alexander

**Class of 2024**  
Christa Batchelor  
David Hinkley  
Kirk Jones

**Deacons** – Meet 1<sup>st</sup> Monday each month

**Class of 2022**  
Janet Henderson  
Terri Schwarz  
MaryLee Swift

**Class of 2023**  
Laurie Falkner  
Gail Lowe  
Lynda McRee

**Class of 2024**  
Jane Burgess  
Sandy Louderback  
Rebecca Smith

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

**Class of 2022**  
Sam Fielder  
Bob Horn  
Steve Kauffman  
Chuck Saneman

**Class of 2023**  
John Cairnes  
Brian Calary  
Bruce Mattheiss  
Craig Messenger

**Class of 2024**  
Bruce Batchelor  
Jan Berlage  
Dan Scott

Open and Close Trustee for  
**January** is Steve Kauffman

The 2022 Per Capita fee per congregation member is

**\$38.13.**

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

Thank you!

*Gloria Patri*

+ 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

First Lesson

Acts 8:14-17

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

Second Lesson

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

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

Sermon

Hymn (insert)

*Jesus the Very Thought of Thee*

Prayers of the People

Offertory

Kirsten Fitzsimmons

+ Doxology 592

Hymn # 464

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

+ Benediction

# Announcements

## **This Week at Bethel:**

January 16 – Zoom Bible Study Meeting @ 6 pm

January 17 – Women's Bible Study @ 10 am in Fellowship Hall

January 17 – CE Committee Meeting @ 6:30 pm

January 17 – Admin & Personnel Committee Meeting @ 7 pm

January 18 – Bridge Game @ 6:30 pm in Fellowship Hall

January 20 – Breakfast Bunch @ 7 am in Fellowship Hall

January 20 – Session Meeting @ 7 pm

*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*



## **Music Notes:**

Choir rehearsal will take place each week after the church service from 12:00 – 12:30. All are welcome. Please let Kirsten know if you will attend.



**The Deacon's Committee** has a selection of greeting cards in the foyer. These are available for anyone who would like to send a note of encouragement to a friend/family member/congregation member.



# Bethel Joys & Concerns:

**Happy Birthday** to: Jack Rogers

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

Nelson Berigtold

Richard Dukes, Pastor Todd's son-in-law

Louis Berlin, friend of Dan & MaryBeth Scott

Arch Phillips, cousin of Lynda McRee

The Berlage Family

Janet Carty, friend of Nancy Mory

Doug Arnold

Sandy Hughes

Charles McKenzie, father of Gail Lowe

Barb Kirchner, mother of Dave Kirchner

Ed Calary

Max Montfort, friend of Tom & MaryLee Swift

Dorianne Griffey

Janet Kauffman

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

George Denbow

Jessica Sambor

Debbie Dahl, friend of Lisa Robbins

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

