



Welcome to Bethel Presbyterian Church

January 23, 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

Pastor Todd Smith

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Voluntary

Kirsten Fitzsimmons

Call to Worship

Laurel Falkner

Leader: So great is your power that your enemies come cringing to you.

People: All the earth worships you and sings praises to you; they sing praises to your name.

Hymn #322

Spirit of the Living God (sung twice)

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, we come to You confessing that we never have enough. We are never satisfied with what You have given us. We look at others with envy and we want more, even when our homes are overflowing with stuff. We think we are in need when really we are just in want. We cling tightly to our things, hoping they will bring us security. Help us to realize that our privileged lives are often a burden and a hindrance to Kingdom living. Show us what it means to live in complete submission to You and Your purposes. May we hold tightly only to You. You are everything we need. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

(Silent prayer of confession)

The Lord's Prayer

Assurance of Pardon

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 (adjusting for Covid restrictions), 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.

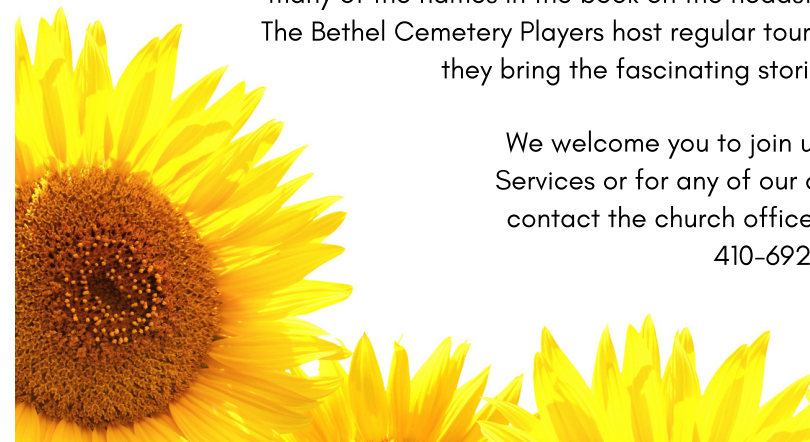
Our Missions Committee raises funds and collects items for those in need. We partner with and contribute to local agencies such as Mason-Dixon Community Services, Young Life of Harford County, Perry Point VA Medical Center, the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, and many more.

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 3rd Thursday each month

Class of 2022

Marsha Brooks
Gary Lowe
Carmie Messenger

Class of 2023

Ruth Walker
Polly Winskowski
Nancy Alexander

Class of 2024

Krista Batchelor
David Hinkley
Kirk Jones

Deacons – Meet 1st 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 1st 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
R. Donald Scott
Greg Burgess

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

John 2:1-11

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

Second Lesson

Psalms 36:5-10

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

Sermon

Hymn (insert)

Rock of Ages

Prayers of the People

Offertory

Kirsten Fitzsimmons

+ Doxology 592

Hymn (insert)

Hymn of Promise

+ Benediction

Announcements

This Week at Bethel:

January 23 – Zoom Bible Study Meeting @ 6 pm
January 24 – Women's Bible Study @ 10 am 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



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 John Saneman

Happy Anniversary to Sam & Margaret Fielder

Please keep the following in your prayers this week:

Doris Lytle
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



This Week's Verses

John 2:1-11

1`On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. 2 Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. 3 When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, “They have no wine.” 4 And Jesus said to her, “Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.” 5 His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.” 6 Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. 7 Jesus said to them, “Fill the jars with water.” And they filled them up to the brim. 8 He said to them, “Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.” So they took it. 9 When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom 10 and said to him, “Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.” 11 Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

Psalms 36:5-10

5 Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds. 6 Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains, your judgments are like the great deep; you save humans and animals alike, O Lord. 7 How precious is your steadfast love, O God! All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings. 8 They feast on the abundance of your house, and you give them drink from the river of your delights. 9 For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light. 10 O continue your steadfast love to those who know you, and your salvation to the upright of heart!

This Week's Sermon

Bryan Chapell writes, “You've got to admit, this is an unlikely place for the Son of God to begin. I mean, if he's going to do a miracle, what you expect is lightning, earthquakes on cue, something that says, I am the great and powerful ... or something like that. Can't you at least take a couple of fish and feed 5,000? Well, all in good time.

But for right now, the place he begins is helping his mom keep a wedding from getting embarrassing. Why that? It is the gospel writ small. After all, if you were meeting somebody, after the introduction what would we do in a business setting? We would exchange business cards. The little thing that says who you are, what your product is, what your purpose is. It's not the full picture, but it is representative of what you will do and who you really are. That's what the wedding feast at Cana is all about—Jesus is ultimately declaring his business. What is Jesus' business? He is saying first of all, 'I'm in the grace business. I am providing for people what they cannot provide for themselves.' Many of you will recognize that this miracle of turning water into wine is not so great, but it surely is a good beginning because Jesus is saying, 'I'm going to rescue people'. Now, the situation: it's a big, fat, Jewish wedding. And in a big, fat, Jewish wedding— unlike our weddings which might go an hour or two with the reception, maybe 6 or 8. This is going to go 3 to 6 days. At some point in that situation, the wine runs out, which in a culture of hospitality isn't a little thing. This is a huge embarrassment. We don't really know the reasons for the wine running out. Is it uninvited guests? Is it somebody didn't calculate right? Did the delivery truck not arrive on time? We don't know the reason. But we do know the consequence, a whole family is going to be ashamed. What's the solution? Ask Jesus. That should work. Ask Jesus. We're out of wine. Jesus, would you help us out? The fact that he does is saying to us very simple things. He comes to rescue people from their guilt, even the guilt of miscalculation. From their shame of things going wrong, whether their responsibility or not. He comes to rescue people from guilt and from shame.”

Today we look at our need for a savior.

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me



1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.
 2 Not the la - bors of my hands can ful - fill thy law's de-mands.
 3 Noth-ing in my hand I bring; sim - ply to thy cross I cling;
 4 While I draw this fleet-ing breath, when my eye - lids close in death,

Let the wa - ter and the blood from thy wound-ed side which flowed
 Could my zeal no res - pite know, could my tears for - ev - er flow,
 na - ked, come to thee for dress, help-less, look to thee for grace;
 when I soar to worlds un-known, see thee on thy judg-ment throne,

be of sin the dou - ble cure, cleanse from guilt and make me pure.
 all for sin could not a - tone. Thou must save, and thou a - lone.
 foul, I to the foun-tain fly; wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.
 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.

In the Bulb There Is a Flower 250

Hymn of Promise

Capo 3: (D) F (Em) Gm



1 In the bulb there is a flow - er; in the seed, an ap - ple tree;
 2 There's a song in ev - ery si - lence, seek-ing word and mel - o - dy;
 3 In our end is our be - gin - ning; in our time, in - fin - i - ty;

(A7) C7 (D) F

in co - coons, a hid - den prom - ise: but - ter - flies will soon be free!
 there's a dawn in ev - ery dark - ness, bring - ing hope to you and me.
 in our doubt there is be - liev - ing; in our life, e - ter - ni - ty.

(D7) (G) (Em) (D) (Bm) (Em) (F#) (Bm)
 F7 Bb Gm F Dm Gm A Dm

In the cold and snow of win - ter there's a spring that waits to be,
 From the past will come the fu - ture; what it holds, a mys - ter - y,
 In our death, a res - ur - rec - tion; at the last, a vic - to - ry,

(G) (Em) (D) (Bm) (Em) (A7) (D)
 Bb Gm F Dm Gm C7 F

un - re - vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.