



Welcome to Bethel Presbyterian Church

May 15, 2022

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: Kristen Hamann

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

Steve Kauffman

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.

People: Come into his presence with singing.

Leader: His steadfast love endures forever, Let us worship God!

+ Hymn 473

For the Beauty of the Earth

Trustee Appreciation

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. The sin that dwells with me causes my soul to cry out in pain. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. Help me Lord to grasp your forgiveness and to live in the reality that "there is therefore now, no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus in whose name we pray. Amen

(Silent prayer of confession)

The Lord's Prayer

Assurance of Pardon

Gloria Patri

This Week's Sermon

Jesus commands us to love. Jesus' message to his disciples, repeated throughout the rest of the New Testament, points us to the truth that love, and grace are at the heart of the Christian belief structure.

In short, Christ's love compels us to love others, even those who hold us in contempt. The scripture also very clearly warns us away from holding anybody in contempt even when we feel we may have good reason. When We Judge Others, We Limit God. Scripture clearly tells us that God is at work in our lives and the lives of others. God's Spirit and recreating power are alive and at work in human life, redeeming, reconciling, and making new. For when we love others actively, we are better able to hold the tongue in check.

It is compassion and love that we too are called to share with others. We share it with all others not just some; this is at the heart of the passage today. We have been redeemed, restored, and raised. It is our job not just to love but to be love. If we live as redeemed, restored, and raised people, it compels others to receive and live under that same redemptive compassion that we have.

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
May is Don Scott

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!

+ 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 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.

+ Passing the Peace The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

Children's Lesson

Prayer for Illumination

Steve Kauffman

First Lesson

Psalm 148

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

Second Lesson

John 13:31-35

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

Sermon

+ Hymn 370

Just as I am, Without One Plea

Prayers of the People

Offertory

Fairest Lord Jesus,

Chancel Choir

+ Doxology 592

+ Hymn 369

I'm Gonna Live so God can Use Me

+ Benediction

Announcements

This Week at Bethel:

- May 15 - Cemetery Tour @ 12, Church Tour with Nancy Berigtold to follow
- May 15 - Zoom Bible Study Meeting @ 6:00 pm
- May 16 - Bethel Women's Group Bible Study - Overcomer @ 10 am
- May 16 - Admin. & Personel Meeting in Office Conference Room 7:00 pm
- May 17 - Bridge Game, Fellowship Hall @ 6:30 pm
- May 17 - CE Committee, Office Conference room @ 6:30 pm
- May 19 - Breakfast Bunch, Fellowship Hall @ 7:00 am
- May 19 - Session Meeting 7:00 pm
- May 20 - Finance Committee Meeting, Office Conference Room @5:00 pm

Liturgists Needed

As summer draws near schedules change, we are always looking for liturgists please contact Mary Beth Scott with your availability.

Mission Committee Announcement:

We are collecting condiments for Mason Dixon **through May 22nd**. Examples of items needed are: mustard, ketchup, mayo, salad dressing, sauces, pickles, olives, etc. Regular sized (not jumbo or super-sized) items are best, as some clients do not have access to storage or refrigeration. You may leave donated items in the sanctuary or the church office.

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.

Upcoming Events

- **Children's Day - May 22nd** will be the last day of Sunday School and the children will get their awards.
- **Bethel Yard Sale** on Saturday, **June 18th**.

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Bethel Joys & Concerns:

Happy Birthday to: Terri Schwartz, Lynne DiBastiani, Eddie Calary, Tanya Mattheiss

Happy Anniversary to: Travis & Christina Galliher, John & Rita Cairnes

Please keep the following in your prayers this week:

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| Fallon O'Brien-McRee Daughter-in-law of McRees | Sandy Hughes |
| Eleanor Miller | Ed Calary |
| Marsha & Sam Brooks | Max Montfort, friend of Tom & MaryLee Swift |
| The Kirchner Family | Janet Kauffman |
| Sherry Kirchner | Kelly Jarrett Reeves, daughter-in-law of the Reeves |
| Scott Nicklas | Brendan Lins, grandson of Ron & Andi Holmes |
| John Cairnes | Henry Kraft, grandson of Gail & David Thomas |
| Leila Roland & the Vaughan-Roland family | Frank Clement, friend of Sam & Marsha Brooks |
| Linda & Michael Steele, friend of Mitchells | John Dorn, friend of John & Rita Cairnes |
| Doris Lytle | Beverly Schmidt |
| Janet Carty, friend of Nancy Mory | George Denbow |
| Charles McKenzie, father of Gail Lowe | Debbie Dahl, friend of Lisa Robbins |
| Louis Berlin, friend of Dan & Mary Beth Scott | |

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

