



## **BETHEL CHURCH**

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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

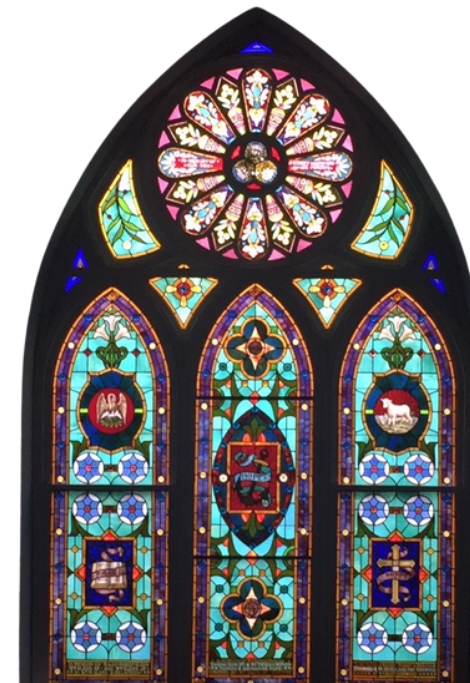
Church Treasurer: Dan Miller

# Welcome to Bethel Presbyterian Church

May 22, 2022

Sunday School 9-10:15 a.m.

Worship Service 10:30 a.m.



*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: O God, your name is majestic in all the earth; your glory is  
chanted above the heavens.  
**People: You have crowned your people with glory and honor; we  
give you all praise in response to your grace.**  
Leader: Let us worship God!

+ Hymn 378

*There is a Wideness in God's Mercy*

Prayer of Confession

***Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ has taught us that what we do for the  
least of your children we do also for him. Yet we fail to serve him due to pride,  
enmity, and personal prejudice. Lord give us the will to serve others despite  
personal differences, just as Jesus was the servant of all, loving all people  
without prejudice. This we pray In Jesus Name. Amen***

*(Silent prayer of confession)*

***The Lord's Prayer***

Assurance of Pardon

Gloria Patri

**This Week's Sermon**

One man had been an invalid for 38 years. He lay by that pool every day, just an arm's reach from a new life, and it never came. One day, Jesus came to that pool and walked up to that man. The man didn't know who Jesus was. Imagine his surprise when Jesus said, "Do you want to get well?" "Of course," the man said, "but when the water is stirred, I don't have anyone to help me into the pool. Someone else always gets there first." He was implying: Are you volunteering? Then Jesus said to him, "Get up! Pick up your mat and walk." And just like that, the man was healthy. The man picked up his mat and walked! Later, the man went away and told the Jewish leaders that it was Jesus who had made him well.

Jesus asks a question, and the man hears something quite differently. He offers something far more valuable than being taken to the pool. He offers healing and wholeness. Does spiritual healing mean we will not be subject to pain and suffering? It does mean a restoration far more important than just the physical. Jesus restores the man in ways he could not have even imagined.

Today we ask the question, “Do we want to be made well”?

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

Krista 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  
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 Day      Sunday School Recognition  
  
Prayer for Illumination      Steve Kauffman  
  
First Lesson      Psalm 67  
  
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**  
  
Second Lesson      John 5:1-9  
  
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**  
  
Sermon  
  
+ Hymn 398      *There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit*  
  
Prayers of the People  
  
Offertory      Amazing Grace      Chancel Choir  
  
+ Doxology 592  
  
+ Hymn 372      *Lord, I Want to Be a Christian*  
  
+ Benediction

# Announcements

### This Week at Bethel:

- May 22 – Zoom Bible Study Meeting @ 6:00 pm
- May 23 – Bethel Women's Group Bible Study – Overcomer @ 10 am
- May 24 – Bridge Game, Fellowship Hall @ 6:30 pm
- May 25th – Finance Committee Meeting 5 pm –Church office
- May 24 – Reopening Task Force Meeting 7 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:

- **Service Time Change** to 9:30 am next week –**May 29th**
- **Graduate Recognition** – Sunday, **June 5th**.
- **Youth Group** – Sunday **June 5th**
- **Bethel Yard Sale** on Saturday, **June 18th**. Deadline to register June 11th
- **Bethel Women's Group Retreat** –Save the Date **September 17th**

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# Bethel Joys & Concerns:

**Happy Birthday to:** Jennifer Thomson, Ginny Eberwein, Ruth Howard, Amy Kauffman, Mary Ellen Reeves, Pat Denbow

**Happy Anniversary to:** Jack & Nancy Mory

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

Abi Lowe	Grey Goode – Friend of Bruce Mattheiss
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

