



# Welcome to Bethel Presbyterian Church

May 28, 2023

Worship Service 9:30 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



## **Pentecost Sunday**

*Our worship begins with the entering of the Light of Christ  
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

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

## Voluntary

Kirsten Fitzsimmons

## Call to Worship

Ruth Walker

Leader: Come into his presence with singing. 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 #561

*My Country Tis of Thee*

## 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 within 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," Amen***

*(Silent prayer of confession)*

## **The Lord's Prayer**

*Assurance of Pardon*

*Gloria Patri*



## Organ Flowers

In Memory of all deceased Service  
Men and Women of Bethel Church  
In honor of your sacrifice.

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A graphic for Stellar Vacation Bible School. The top part features the word "STELLAR" in large, metallic, 3D letters, with "SHINE JESUS' LIGHT" in smaller white text below it, all set against a dark blue and purple starry background. Below this, the text "Bethel Presbyterian's STELLAR Vacation Bible School" is written in white. The dates "June 27, 28, 29th" and times "5:30pm-8:30pm" are listed, along with "Dinner included". A QR code is on the right. At the bottom, it says "Register Today!" and provides the URL "https://vbspro.events/p/events/2a0d2f".

Bethel Presbyterian's  
STELLAR Vacation Bible School

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Church Leadership

Elders (Session) -- Meet 3rd Thursday  
each month

2023	2024	2025
Ruth Walker	Krista Batchelor	Margie Fielder
Polly Winskowski	David Hinkley	Carmie Messenger
Nancy Alexander	Kirk Jones	Gary Lowe

Deacons -- Meet 1st Monday each  
month

2023	2024	2025
Laurie Falkner	Jane Burgess	Donna Jones
Gail Lowe	Sandy Louderback	Terri Schwarz
Lynda McRee	Rebecca Smith	MaryLee Swift

Trustees -- Meet 1st Tuesday each  
month

2023	2024	2025
John Cairnes	Bruce Batchelor	Dave Kirchner
Brian Calary	Jan Berlage	Sam Feilder
Bruce Mattheiss	R. Donald Scott	Bob Horn
Craig Messenger	Greg Burgess	Steve Kauffman

Open and Close Trustee for  
May is Don Scott

The 2023 Per Capita fee per congregation member is

**\$40.00**

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

Thank you!

+ The Apostles' Creed

+ Passing the Peace

Children's Lesson

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson

Second Lesson

Sermon

Hymn #316

Prayers of the People

Offertory

+ Doxology 592

Hymn (insert)

+ Benediction

Postlude

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

Chrissie Galliher

Ruth Walker

Acts 2:1-21

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

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

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

Pastor Todd Smith

*Breathe on Me Breath of God*

Terri Schwarz

*Patriot's Medley*

*piano solo*

*Battle Hymn of the Republic*

Pastor Todd Smith

Kirsten Fitzsimmons

# Announcements

## This Week at Bethel:

May 28th - Zoom Bible Study, @ 6 pm

May 30th - Bridge Game, Fellowship Hall @ 6:30 pm

## BWG Bible study off Monday May 29th

We will resume the DVD video "The Chosen", chapter 3 in the sanctuary 10-11am, June 5th.

## Bethel Women

Father's Day is right around the corner, please come join the Bethel Women's Choir to sing on June 18th. Rehearsals will be each Sunday directly after service from May 28th until June 11th.

## Liturgist Needed

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

## Nominations

It is that time again, the Nominating Committee is forming and will soon be asking for your nominations for Elders and Deacons, and Members at large for 2024.

## Upcoming Events

- Bethel Flea Market - June 10th, 8am-2pm
- Bethel Bingo - June 17th, door open @ 5:30 pm
- VBS June 27, 28, 29. 5:30-8:30pm Dinner included



# Bethel Joys & Concerns:

**Happy Birthday:** Rebecca Comaty, Mark DiBastiani, Julia Morrow, Barbara Thompson, James Nystrom, Matthew Seiler

**Happy Anniversary:** Chuck & Kelley Saneman

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

Ron Holmes

Cheryl Winter, Chrissie's Aunt

Sam Brooks

Beverly Schmidt

Jackie McLaughlin

Guive Nabet (husband of Carol Nabet Rutledge)

Ruth Calary

Wiley Rutledge

John Gillis

David Enders

Bob Watt

Sandy Hughes

Ted McRee

John Louderback

Hughes Family

Pat Weaver Friend of Jennifer Thomson

Kay Geisler Friend of Gail Lowe

Jim & Karen Duhala and Family

John Cairnes

Janet Coughenour

Gary Lowe

Ruth Ann Poole

Lytle family

Shirley Gillis

Missy Smith

Chuck & Denice Hollingshead

Kathleen Clayton

Amy and Clara Kraft

Elizabeth Mayeda

Emily Clayton

Sarah Adams

Allen Henderson

Thomas Family

Grey Goode - Friend of Bruce Mattheiss

Craig Hasslinger Friend of Bruce Mattheiss

Brendan Lins, grandson of Ron & Andi Holmes

Henry Kraft, grandson of Gail & David Thomas

Frank Clement, friend of Sam & Marsha

Brooks