



## **BETHEL CHURCH**

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

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### **Office Hours**

Monday 10:30-2:30 pm; Tuesday 8:00-1:00 pm

Wednesday 12:30-3:30 pm; Thursday 8:00-2:30 pm

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: Kelly McLaughlin

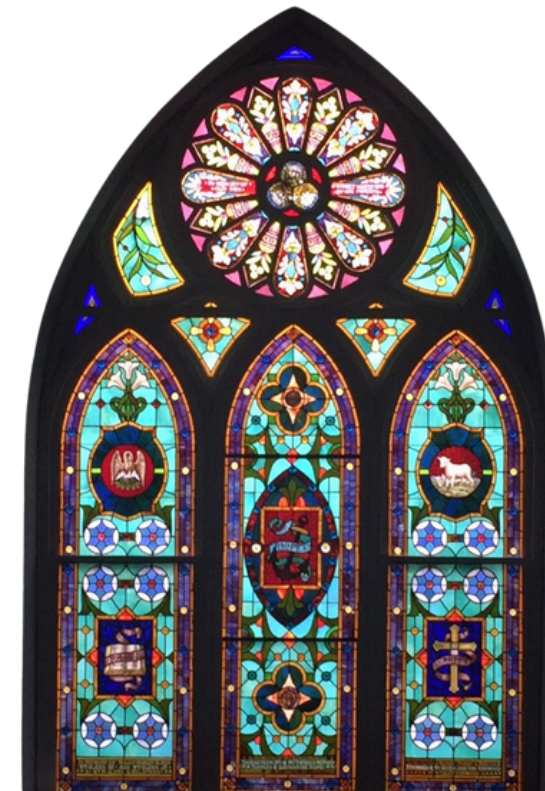
Church Treasurer: Lynda McRee

# Welcome to Bethel Presbyterian Church

March 30, 2025

Sunday School 9:15 a.m.

Worship Service 10:30 a.m.



*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

Donna Jones

Leader: You fill our mouths with laughter, O God.

**People: You have done great things for us.**

Leader: We come before you with praise on our lips.

Hymn #466

*O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

Receive New Members

Prayer of Confession

***Lord God, You are the Creator of the universe; You made us in Your image as Your partners. You know how the world truly works and, for the benefit of the whole creation, You have called us to a particular way of being in this world. In our arrogance, we think we know a better way. We despise the way to which You have called us and we take up our own desires and ideologies, imagining that we know better than You. Forgive us, Lord, for our backwards living. In Your loving kindness, teach us that Your way is good. Change our hearts to desire what You desire and to seek what You seek. Lord, thank You for Your grace and Your mercy. In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen.***

*(Silent prayer of confession)*

***The Lord's Prayer***

Assurance of Pardon

Pastor Todd Smith

Gloria Patri

*+The Apostles' Creed*



## Bethel Church Spaghetti Dinner

Saturday ~ April 5th

5:00-7:30 p.m.

Mark your calendars for this fun filled evening hosted by the Bethel Men's Association.

They will be preparing delicious Italian cuisine accompanied by the entertainment of Karaoke Music with Susie Horn.

Adults - \$15 per person Children 12 & Under - \$10

Take-out will be available.

## Church Leadership

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

2025	2026	2027
Margie Fielder	Pete Capozzoli	Marsha Brooks
Carmie Messenger	Bob Dennison	Dave Hinkley
Gary Lowe	Charles Henry	Krista Bachelor

**Deacons** -- Meet 1st Monday each  
month

2025	2026	2027
Donna Jones	Pat Chlebda	Rebecca Smith
Terri Schwarz	Rebecca Comaty	Lynda McRee
MaryLee Swift	Jen Seiler	Jane Burgess
Pam Sherwood	Gail Lowe	Laurie Falkner

**Trustees** -- Meet 1st Tuesday each  
month

2025	2026	2027
Dave Kirchner	Tim Sherwood	Jan Berlage
Sam Fielder	Brian Calary	Bruce Bachelor
Bob Horn	Bruce Mattheiss	Greg Burgess
Steve Kauffman	Craig Messenger	R. Donald Scott

Open and Close Trustee for  
This week is Craig Messenger  
Ushers this week  
Matt and Jenny Seiler

The 2025 Per Capita fee per congregation member is

**\$42.00**

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

Please write per capita in memo of check. Thank you!

+ Passing the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

Children's Lesson

Chrissie Galliher

Prayer for Illumination

Donna Jones

First Lesson

Corinthians 5:16-212

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

Second Lesson

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

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

Sermon

Pastor Todd Smith

Hymn #370

*Just as I am Without One Plea*

Prayers of the People

Dave Hinkley

Offertory

*Come With A Grateful Heart*

Children's Choir

+ Doxology 592

+ Hymn #324

*Open My Eyes*

+ Benediction

Pastor Todd Smith

Postlude

Kirsten Fitzsimmons

# Announcements

## This Week at Bethel:

[Last Week's attendance 79/\(24\)](#)

March 31st - BWG Bible Study, Foyer @ 10-11 am

April 1st - Choir Practice, Sanctuary @ 6:30 pm

April 1st - Bridge Game, Fellowship Hall @ 6:30 pm

April 1st - Trustee Meeting, Church Office @ 7:00 pm

April 5th - Spaghetti Dinner, Fellowship Hall @ 5:00 pm

Pastor Todd's office hours : March 31, 10-2pm

## Cemetery Clean up

Please remove any Christmas decorations  
from gravesites by March 31

## Card Shower - April

Polly Winskowski - 80th birthday - April 26th



## Upcoming Events

- Spaghetti Dinner - April 5th
- First Cemetery Tour of 2025 - April 13th
- Palm Sunday - April 13th
- Maundy Thursday - April 17th
- Good Friday - April 18th @ Bethel
- Easter Sunday - April 20th
- Bingo - May 17th

# Bethel Joys & Concerns

**Happy Birthday:** Alyssa Kauffman Watt, Chuck Saneman

**Happy Anniversary:** George & Nancy Cowman, Michael & Nancy Alexander

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

Charlynn Loiacono, Friend of Prevettes

Tom Raab

Lynda McRee

Kathy Mullins Jones, Friend of Kristin Comer

Gina Penland, Friend of Don Scott

Jack Rogers

Kay Geisler, friend of Gail Lowe

Andy Brooks

Jakob Shreck

Myla Mann

Janice May

Nancy Berigtold

Penny Goode

Shirley Grove, Friend of Scotts

Susan Wyatt

John Sullivan

Heidi Nash

Darlene Shuttlesworth, Sister of Nancy  
Cowman

Betty Jane Foard

Linda Berberich- Sam Brooks Sister

Mary Martha Rutledge

Bob Jacobs, friend of Nancy Alexander

Marylin Bradford

Jane Wilson Branham, friend of Nancy  
Alexander

Carolyn Mattheiss

Christine Zurenko, Friend of Dan & Mary  
Beth Scott

Jordan Riddick and family



Please continue to use the prayer cards in  
the back of the pews for prayer requests.  
You may also email the office.