

**THIS WEEK AT
BETHEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

May 1st - May 7th

Today 9:45 Sunday School
 11:00 Worship
 12:00 Fellowship Time
 12:15 Diaconate Meeting
 12:15 PWCT Meeting

Monday 6:30 Cub Scouts (Fellowship Hall)
 7:00 Boy Scouts

Wednesday 7:00 The Bells of Bethel
 7:00 Adult Choir

Thursday Ascension of the Lord
 National Day of Prayer
 7:00 Ascension of the Lord Worship
 Service at Bethel's Chapel

Friday May Friendship Day

Next Sunday, May 8th: Mother's Day
 9:45 Sunday School
 11:00 Worship

**Serving During The Worship
Service Today**

Greeters Tom & Lee Ann Heizer

Scripture Reader Bonnie Shearer

Offering Tammy Barbour Briana Lawhorne
 Bob Olson Marty Simmers

Nursery Bayleigh Lee Luanne Leonard



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and
Leaders**

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THE SESSION

<u>Class of 2016</u> Derek Almarode Laura Barmore Daniel Gano Thomas Whitaker	<u>Class of 2017</u> Kenneth Miller David Schooley Kathy Swisher Jill Webb	<u>Class of 2018</u> William Brubeck Rhonda Johnson Marion Simmers Peggy Smith
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THE DEACONS

<u>Class of 2016</u> Tabby Moore Bob Olson Chris Schooley Dale Thompson	<u>Class of 2017</u> Tammy Barbour Barbara Gough Charlie Johnson Marty Simmers	<u>Class of 2018</u> Wade Cash Briana Lawhorne Brian Lee Joe F. Williams
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THE TRUSTEES

<u>Class of 2016</u> Daniel Gano Billy Wade	<u>Class of 2017</u> Kenny Olson Dale C. Smith	<u>Class of 2018</u> Guy D. Brooks Joe F. Williams
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PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Louise Hoy, Moderator Cindy Almarode, Co-Moderator
 Jackie Law, Secretary Sarah Frances Ralston, Treasurer

Circle Leaders

Afternoon Circle - Libby Smith Evening Circle - Yvonne Goodson

MEN OF THE CHURCH

Mac Williams, President



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Mission Statement

We strive to live peacefully with all and respect one another while loving and serving the Lord; our doors and mission are open to all.

Bethel Presbyterian Church supports the PCUSA worldwide missionaries.

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

May 1st, 2016

6th Sunday of Easter

11:00 am

• *Please feel free to stand as you are able.*

Prelude

Procession

Welcome & Prayer of the Day *(please pass the friendship pad)*

Preparation for the Word

The Call to Worship *(Psalm 67)*

Leader: O God, be merciful to us and bless us; show us the light of your countenance and come to us.

People: *Let your ways be known upon earth, your saving health among all nations.*

Leader: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

People: *Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations upon earth.*

Leader: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

People: *The earth has brought forth its increase; may God, our own God, bless us.*

All: *O God, give us your blessing; may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of you.*

•Hymn 420 "God of Grace and God of Glory"

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: Cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ your Son.

Moment of Silent Confession

Kyrie 572 "Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us"

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Assurance of Pardon (Respond with Alleluia, Amen!)

•Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks #106 *(refrain)*

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give praise to His Name.

•The Peace

Leader: . . . The peace of Christ be with you all!

People: *And also with you.*

•Gloria Patri (#579)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

Proclamation of the Word

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Acts 16:9-15 *(page 125)* Bonnie Shearer

Revelation 21:10; 21:22-22:5 *(page 237)*

John 14:23-29 *(page 101)*

Jesus answered him, 'Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them.

Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me. 'I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, "I am going away, and I am coming to you." If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord!

People: *Thanks be to God!*

Children's Sermon

Anthem "All Things Bright and Beautiful" Adult Choir

Sermon "Keeping God's Word" Rev. J. David Shearer

Response to the Word

•Apostles' Creed

•Hymn 309 "Of the Father's Love Begotten"

Announcements/Joys & Concerns

Prayers of the People/The Lord's Prayer

Amen #583 - Amen. Amen. Amen.

The Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

•Doxology (#592)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

•Prayer of Dedication

•Hymn 372 "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"

•Charge and Benediction

•Congregational Response

"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!" #113 (verse 1)

Christ the Lord is risen today! Alleluia!

All creation join to sing; Alleluia!

Raise your joys and triumphs high; Alleluia!

Sing, O heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

Postlude

Thank you so much for worshipping with us today! We consider your presence with us a blessing from God. Do not hesitate to contact Pastor David or the Church Office with any questions you may have about our church!