

**THIS WEEK AT
BETHEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

July 24th - July 31st

Today 9:45 Sunday School
 11:00 Worship/
 Four Cents A Meal Offering
 12:15 Witness/Mission Committee
 Meeting
 *Shenandoah Presbytery Mission
 Teams going to Baja return*

Monday 7:00 Boy Scouts
 7:00 Christian Education Committee
 Meeting

Wednesday *Pastor David out of town today
 through Saturday, July 30th*

Thursday August Tower Mailing

Saturday 9:00 Serving Breakfast at Valley
 Mission

Next Sunday, July 31st:

*9:45 Sunday School
 11:00 Worship
 12:00 Lemonade on the Lawn
 12:15 PWCT Meeting*

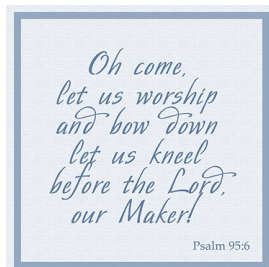
**Serving During The Worship
Service Today**

Greeters Kenny & Judy Olson

Scripture Reader Rhonda Johnson

Offering Charlie Johnson Briana Lawhorne
 Marty Simmers Dale Thompson

Nursery Barbara Gough; Judy Olson



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and
Leaders**

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 JoAnn Pendley, Handbell Choir Director Sara Ann Lamb, Organist
 Ken Wilkinson, Receiving Treasurer Lori Miller, Disbursing Treasurer

THE SESSION

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

THE DEACONS

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

THE TRUSTEES

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

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

Bethel Presbyterian Church supports the PCUSA worldwide missionaries.

Please pray for our missionaries:

Rev. Michael & Rachel Weller and the people of Ethiopia
www.pcusa.org/michael-and-rachel-weller



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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.*

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

July 24th, 2016

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 107:1-9, 43*) Rhonda Johnson

Leader: Give thanks to the LORD, who is good, whose mercy endures forever.

People: *Let all those whom the LORD has redeemed proclaim that the LORD redeemed them from the hand of the foe.*

Leader: God gathered them out of the lands; from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

People: *Some wandered in desert wastes; they found no way to a city where they might dwell.*

Leader: They were hungry and thirsty; their spirits languished within them.

People: *Then in their trouble they cried to the LORD, who delivered them from their distress.*

Leader: The LORD put their feet on a straight path to go to a city where they might dwell.

People: *Let them give thanks for the mercy of God, for the wonders the LORD does for all people.*

Leader: For God satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things.

All: *Whoever is wise will ponder these things, and consider well the mercies of the LORD.*

•Hymn 253 *"I'll Praise My Maker"*

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 Genesis 18:20-32 *(page 14)*

Colossians 2:6-15 *(page 185)* Rhonda Johnson

Luke 11:1-13 *(pages 66-67)*

He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, 'Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial.' And he said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, "Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him." And he answers from within, "Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything." I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs. 'So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you

who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

Leader: This is the word of the Lord!

People: *Thanks be to God!*

2016 Middle School Conference Presentation

Four Cents A Meal Offering

Sermon *"Persistent Forgiveness"* Rev. J. David Shearer

Response to the Word

•Apostles' Creed

•Hymn 466 *"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"*

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 555 *"Now Thank We All Our God"*

•Charge and Benediction

•Congregational Response

*"Song of Simeon" #603 (verse 1)
Lord, bid Your servant go in peace,
Your word is now fulfilled.
These eyes have seen salvation's dawn,
This child so long foretold.*

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!