

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!

**THIS WEEK AT
BETHEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

August 14th - August 20th

Today 9:00 Communications Committee Meeting
 9:45 Sunday School
 11:00 Worship
 12:00 Fellowship Time
 12:15 Worship Committee Meeting
 7:00 Session Meeting

Monday 7:00 Boy Scouts

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

Thursday 12:00 September Tower Deadline
 7:00 World Religions Class

Next Sunday, August 21st:

Deadline: Sunday School Survey

9:45 Sunday School

11:00 Worship

12:00 Fellowship Time

12:15 Stewardship/Finance Committee

Serving During The Worship

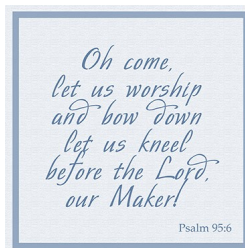
Service Today

Greeters Charlie & Rhonda Johnson

Scripture Reader Laura Barmore

Offering Tammy Barbour Brian Lee
 Bob Olson Joe F. Williams

Nursery Mac & Emily Williams



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and
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THE SESSION

<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

<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

<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

August 14th, 2016

20th 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 *(Hebrews 11:29-12:2)*

Leader: The Israelites crossed the Red Sea -

People: by faith.

Leader: The walls of Jericho fell -

People: by faith.

Leader: Knowing that we are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses -

People: we walk by faith.

Leader: In faith, let us praise the Lord.

People: The Lord's name be praised!

•Hymn 482 "Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"

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 Isaiah 5:1-7 (pages 600-601) Laura Barmore

Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watch-tower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry!

Hebrews 11:29-12:2 (pages 206-207)

Luke 12:49-56 (pages 69-70)

'I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed!

Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on, five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'

He also said to the crowds, 'When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, "It is going to rain"; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, "There will be scorching heat"; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?

Leader: This is the word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

Children's Sermon

Anthem "How Firm a Foundation" Adult Choir

Sermon "Watching the Weather, Knowing the Times" Rev. J. David Shearer

Response to the Word

•Apostles' Creed

•Hymn 339 "Be Thou My Vision"

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 420 "God of Grace and God of Glory"

•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