

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**

September 4th - September 10th

**Today** 9:45 Sunday School  
11:00 Worship  
12:00 Fellowship Time  
12:15 PWCT Meeting  
1:30 Private Event (*Fellowship Hall*)

**Monday** Labor Day  
Church Office Closed

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

**Thursday** 7:00 World Religions Class

**Saturday** 8:30 The Big Event at Massanetta Springs

*Next Sunday, September 11th: Patriot Day*

*Rally Day*

*9:00 Rally Day Breakfast*

*9:45 Sunday School*

*11:00 Worship/Communion*

*12:00 Fellowship Time*

*12:15 Diaconate*

*7:00 Session Meeting*

**Serving During The Worship**

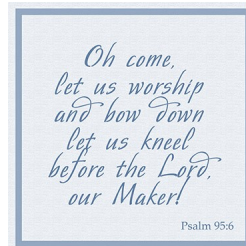
**Service Today**

**Greeters** Betty Heizer & Rosalee Miller

**Scripture Reader** Marty Simmers

**Offering** Wade Cash Chris Schooley  
Marty Simmers Dale Thompson

**Nursery** Joe & Sally Williams



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and  
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Ken Wilkinson, Receiving Treasurer Lori Miller, Disbursing Treasurer

**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

*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

September 4th, 2016

23rd 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 139:1-6, 13-18)*

Leader: Lord, you have searched us and know us.

**People:** *You know when we sit and when we rise.*

Leader: We praise you,

**People:** *because we are fearfully and wonderfully made.*

Leader: We praise you,

**People:** *because our lives are never hidden from you.*

#### •Hymn 275

*"God of Our Life"*

### 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. Amen.*

*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** Jeremiah 18:1-11 *(pages 678-679)* Marty Simmers

*The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD:*

*'Come, go down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my words.' So I went down to the potter's house, and there he was working at his wheel. The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him. Then the word of the LORD came to me: Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the LORD. Just like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it. And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it. Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the LORD: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Turn now, all of you from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.*

Philemon 1-21 *(pages 198-199)*

Luke 14:25-33 *(pages 71-72)*

*Now large crowds were travelling with him; and he turned and said to them, 'Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he*

*has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, "This fellow began to build and was not able to finish." Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.*

Leader: This is the word of the Lord!

**People:** *Thanks be to God!*

### Children's Sermon

**Anthem** "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Adult Choir

**Sermon** "Where Did I Put That Cross?"

Rev. J. David Shearer

### Response to the Word

#### •Apostles' Creed

#### •Hymn 101

*"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"*

### 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 84

*"In the Cross of Christ I 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