

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

**THIS WEEK AT**  
**BETHEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
October 23rd - October 29th

<b>Today</b>	9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship/ Four Cents A Meal Offering 12:00 Congregational Meeting
<b>Monday</b>	United Nations Day 7:00 Cub Scouts & Boy Scouts - Haunted Trail 7:00 Christian Education Committee Meeting
<b>Wednesday</b>	7:00 The Bells of Bethel 7:00 Adult Choir
<b>Thursday</b>	November Tower Mailing
<b>Saturday</b>	6:00 - 8:00 Bethel's Annual Harvest Party

*Next Sunday, October 30th: Reformation Sunday*

9:45 Sunday School  
11:00 Worship  
12:15 PWCT Meeting

**Serving During The Worship  
Service Today**

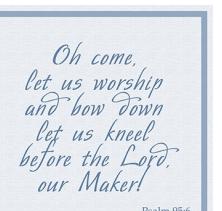
**Greeters** Dale & Kay Thompson

**Scripture Reader** Mary Ann Anderson

**Worship Service Assistant** Irene Elliott

**Offering** Tammy Barbour Barb Gough  
Tabby Moore Dale Thompson

**Nursery** Chris & Therese Schooley



**Our Staff  
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**

<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**

Cindy Almarode, Moderator Stephanie Rivers, Co-Moderator & Secretary  
Sarah Frances Ralston, Treasurer

**Circle Leaders**

Afternoon Circle - Barbara Gough & Jackie Law  
Evening Circle - Irene Elliott & Louise Hoy

**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](http://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

October 23rd, 2016

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

11:00 am

• Please feel free to stand as you are able.

Prelude "Meditation on a Scottish Melody"

The Bells of Bethel arr. Kevin McChesney

Welcome (please pass the friendship pad)

Irene Elliott

### Prayer of the Day

#### Preparation for the Word

#### The Call to Worship

One: In a broken and fearful world, we come to worship God the giver and renewer of life.

Many: We worship the God who has redeemed us; who has set us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor; and who binds us together in one body.

One: In gratitude to God for God's great mercy, empowered by God's Holy Spirit, we strive to be loving and faithful servants.

Many: Event as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus".

ALL: Let us worship God.

•Hymn 455 "All Creatures of Our God and King"

#### Call to Confession

#### Prayer of Confession

*God of grace, have mercy on us as we confess our sin. We confess that we have not always lived for you. You invite us to new life, yet we close our eyes and ears and hearts to you in gracious invitation. You show us the way to love, yet we choose the path of uncaring. You call us to the ministry of reconciliation, yet we look down on - and turn away from - others. You make us one, yet we alienate and tear down and exclude those we judge unworthy. Forgive us, we pray.*

*Release us from the bonds of our self-righteousness. Open us anew to your love, that we may share that love with all others; for Jesus' sake.*

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

Irene Elliott

#### Old Testament Lesson: Psalm 65 (pages 508-509)

Mary Ann Anderson

*Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion; and to you shall vows be performed, O you who answer prayer! To you all flesh shall come. When deeds of iniquity overwhelm us, you forgive our transgressions. Happy are those whom you choose and bring near to live in your courts. We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house, your holy temple. By awesome deeds you answer us with deliverance, O God of our salvation; you are the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas. By your strength you established the mountains; you are girded with might. You silence the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, the tumult of the peoples. Those who live at earth's farthest bounds are awed by your signs; you make the gateways of the morning and the evening shout for joy. You visit the earth and water it, you greatly enrich it; the river of God is full of water; you provide the people with grain, for so you have prepared it. You water its furrows abundantly, settling its ridges, softening it with showers, and blessing its growth. You crown the year with your bounty; your wagon tracks overflow with richness. The pastures of the wilderness overflow, the hills gird themselves with joy, the meadows clothe themselves with flocks, the valleys deck themselves with grain, they shout and sing together for joy.*

#### Children's Sermon/Four Cents A Meal

Irene Elliott

#### Anthem "The Gift of Love"

Adult Choir

#### New Testament Lesson: Luke 18:9-14 (page 75)

*He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."*

Leader: This is the word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon "We Don't Have a Prayer" Rev. Jack B. Wilkers

#### Response to the Word

#### Apostles' Creed

#### Hymn 335

"Though I May Speak"

Irene Elliott

#### 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 307

"Fight the Good Fight"

#### 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