

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**

November 13th - November 19th

Today Stewardship Sunday
Deadline: Nominating Committee Forms
9:45 Sunday School
11:00 Worship
7:00 Session Meeting

Monday 7:00 Boy Scouts

Wednesday 6:30 Cub Scouts
7:00 The Bells of Bethel
7:00 Adult Choir

Thursday December Tower Mailing

Saturday 9:00 - 12:00 Diaconate "Bethel Warm Hearts: Blanket & Winter Coat Giveaway"

Next Sunday, November 20th:

9:45 Sunday School
11:00 Worship/Communion
12:15 Stewardship/Finance Committee Meeting
12:15 Worship Committee Meeting
6:00 Community Thanksgiving Service at Pines Chapel Presbyterian Church

**Serving During The Worship
Service Today**

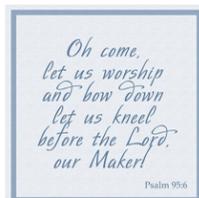
Greeters Dan & Ginny Gano

Worship Service Assistants

Drury Whitaker & Irene Elliott

Offering Briana Lawhorne Brian Lee
Chris Schooley Joe F. Williams

Nursery Mac & Emily Williams



**Our Staff
and
Leaders**

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Rhonda Johnson, Clerk of Session Harold Coiner, Adult Choir Director
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
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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



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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

November 13th, 2016

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

11:00 am

• Please feel free to stand as you are able.

Prelude

Welcome *(please pass the friendship pad)*

Drury Whitaker

Prayer of the Day

Preparation for the Word

The Call to Worship

One: God's mighty acts among us are well known.

Many: We are a people of history.

One: God's love is made real for us in Jesus Christ.

Many: We are a people of faith.

One: God's salvation gives us hope and courage to live as heirs of the kingdom of God.

Many: We are a people of vision.

One: God's continued presence with us give us confidence that all is in God's hands.

Many: We are a people of hope.

ALL: Let us worship God.

•Hymn 260

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession *(unison)*

God of grace, have mercy on us as we confess our sin. You give us a vision of a world made new, yet we find it so easy to abide in the old. You promise your presence among us, yet we often hide from it. You promise to create new heavens and a new earth, free from injustice, oppression, and brokenness, yet we live in fear and despair, as though sin and violence and death were the final words. We confess our nearsightedness and beg for eyes open to your new creation. Forgive us and transform us by your Spirit. Capture our hearts, cleanse our spirits that we live as your fearless and joyful servants in the world; 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)

Proclamation of the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Drury Whitaker

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 65:17-25 *(page 657)*

For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight. I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress. No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime; for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed. They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labor in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they shall be offspring blessed by the LORD—and their descendants as well. Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear. The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent—its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the LORD.

Children's Sermon

Irene Elliott

Anthem *"The Prayer"*

Adult Choir

New Testament Lesson: Luke 22:5-19 *(pages 79-80)*

They were greatly pleased and agreed to give him money. So he consented and began to look for an opportunity to betray him to them when no crowd was present. Then came the day of Unleavened Bread, on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. So Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, 'Go and prepare the Passover meal for

us that we may eat it.' They asked him, 'Where do you want us to make preparations for it?' 'Listen,' he said to them, 'when you have entered the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him into the house he enters and say to the owner of the house, "The teacher asks you, 'Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?'" He will show you a large room upstairs, already furnished. Make preparations for us there.' So they went and found everything as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover meal. When the hour came, he took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. He said to them, 'I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.' Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he said, 'Take this and divide it among yourselves; for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.' Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, 'This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.'

Leader: This is the word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon *"Faith Among the Ruins"* Rev. Jack B. Wilkers

Response to the Word

•**Apostles' Creed**

•**Hymn 434** *"Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples"*

Announcements/Joys & Concerns Drury Whitaker

Prayers of the People/The Lord's Prayer

Amen #583 - Amen. Amen. Amen.

The Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

•**Doxology** (#592)

•**Prayer of Dedication**

•**Hymn 332** *"Live Into Hope"*

•**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