

**THIS WEEK AT
BETHEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

May 21st - May 27th

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| Today | Deadline: Yard Sale Items 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship/Graduate Recognition Sunday 12:00 Lemonade on the Lawn 12:15 Stewardship & Finance Committee Meeting 12:15 Worship Committee Meeting |
| Monday | 7:00 Boy Scouts 7:30 Young Life Meeting |
| Wednesday | 7:00 Adult Choir 7:00 The Bells of Bethel 7:30 Young Life Meeting |
| Thursday | Ascension of the Lord June Tower Mailing 2:00 Prayer Fellowship Group |
| Friday | 8:00 - 2:00 Food Booth at The Meating Place |
| Saturday | 8:00 - 2:00 Food Booth at The Meating Place 8:00 - 2:00 Yard Sale for Baja at The Meating Place 3:00 - 6:00 <i>Private Event (Fellowship Hall)</i> |

Next Sunday, May 28th:

9:45 Sunday School
11:00 Worship/Four Cents A Meal Offering
12:15 Witness Committee Meeting

Serving During The Worship Service Today

Greeters Dale & Libby Smith

Worship Service Assistant Kathy Swisher

Offering Tammy Barbour Ellen Fitzgerald
Briana Lawhorne D. W. Miller

Nursery Jackie Law; Judy Olson

Our Staff
and
Leaders

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| Rhonda Johnson, Clerk of Session | Bob Moody, Adult Choir Director |
| 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 2017</u> Kenneth Miller David Schooley Kathy Swisher Jill Webb | <u>Class of 2018</u> William Brubeck Daniel Gano Rhonda Johnson Marion Simmers | <u>Class of 2019</u> John Davis Tabitha Moore Robert Olson Mac Williams |
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THE DEACONS

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| <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 | <u>Class of 2019</u> Ellen Fitzgerald D. W. Miller Alex Sproul Dale Thompson |
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THE TRUSTEES

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| <u>Class of 2017</u> Kenny Olson Dale C. Smith | <u>Class of 2018</u> Guy D. Brooks Joe F. Williams | <u>Class of 2019</u> Dan Gano Lee Ann Heizer |
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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

May 21st, 2017 6th Sunday of Easter

11:00 am

• Please feel free to stand as you are able.

Thank you for worshipping with us today. We consider your presence with us a blessing from God. You are encouraged to greet one another in friendship and love. When the prelude starts, you are invited to prepare yourself for the worship of God.

Prelude

Welcome *(please pass the friendship pad)*

Kathy Swisher

Prayer of the Day

Preparation for the Word

The Call to Worship

Leader: The Lord reigns.

People: God is robed in majesty,

Leader: shrouded in mystery,

People: surrounded by light.

Leader: God lives on high,

People: but is always present with us.

All: Let us worship our King, who reigns forever.

•Hymn 150

“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Though God is high and lifted up,

People: We ignore him.

Leader: Though God is powerful and dependable,

People: We think we can do without him.

Leader: Though God loves us beyond belief,

People: We give him little in return.

Leader: Though God shows us the way,

People: We go our own way.

Leader: Father, forgive us,

People: and bring us to a place where our hearts long for nothing more than you,

Leader: And your truth.

All: 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.

Children's Sermon

•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 for Illumination

First Scripture Reading: Acts 1:6-11 *(page 109)* Kathy Swisher
So when they had come together, they asked him, ‘Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?’ He replied, ‘It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.’ When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, ‘Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.’

Anthem “Majesty” *(Jack Hayford b. 1934)* Adult Choir

Second Scripture Reading: Matthew 28:16-20 *(page 31)*

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, ‘All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.’

Leader: This is the word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon “He Ascended into Heaven”

Rev. J. Malcolm Brownlee

Response to the Word

•Apostles' Creed *(page 14 - Traditional)*

•Hymn 151

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

Recognizing Our Graduates

Announcements/Joys & Concerns

Kathy Swisher

Prayers of the People/The Lord's Prayer

Amen #583 - *Amen. Amen. Amen.*

The Offering of Tithes & 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 426

“Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak”

•Charge and Benediction

•Congregational Response

“Go with Us, Lord” #535

Go with us, Lord, and guide the way

Through this and ev-ery com-ing day,

That in Your Spir-it strong and true

Our lives may be our gift to you.

Postlude