

**THIS WEEK AT
BETHEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

May 28th - June 3rd

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

Monday Memorial Day
 Church Office Closed

Wednesday Deadline: PWCT Yearbook Updates
 7:00 Adult Choir
 7:00 The Bells of Bethel
 7:30 Young Life Meeting

Thursday 2:00 Prayer Fellowship Group

Next Sunday, June 4th: Pentecost Sunday
 9:45 Sunday School
 11:00 Worship/Communion
 12:15 Diaconate Meeting
 12:15 PWCT Meeting

Serving During The Worship Service Today

Greeters Dale & Libby Smith

Worship Service Assistant Marion Simmers

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

Nursery Brian & Penny Lee

Our Staff
and
Leaders

Adrienne Barker, Office Manager
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 Office Days & Hours: Monday - Thursday 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

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

<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

<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

<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 28th, 2017 7th 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)* Marion Simmers

Presentation of the Colors Boy Scout Troop 13

Pledge of Allegiance Boy Scout Troop 13

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

Pledge to the Christian Flag Boy Scout Troop 13

I pledge allegiance to the Christian flag and to the Savior for whose kingdom it stands; one brotherhood, uniting all mankind in service and in love.

Prayer of the Day

Preparation for the Word

The Call to Worship

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: who made heaven and earth.

Leader: Those who wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength.

People: They shall mount up with wings like eagles.

Leader: They shall run and not be weary.

People: They shall walk and not faint.

• **Hymn 526** "For All the Saints"

(sing the alternate stanzas as indicated before stanza 3 & stanza 4)

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, in every age you have raised up men and women to live and die in faith. We confess that we have not always lived up to the best examples of those who have served you before us. We have been indifferent to your will. You call us to proclaim your name, but we are silent. You call us to take risks, but we are timid. You call us to do what is just, but we remain idle. You call us to live faithfully, but we break our promises to you and others. In your mercy, forgive us. Give us courage to follow in your way, that joined with those from ages past, who have served you in

faith, hope, and love, we may inherit the kingdom you promised in Jesus Christ.

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/Four Cents A Meal Offering

•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

Old Testament Reading: Joshua 24:1-5, 13-15 Marion Simmers

(pages 211 & 212) (see insert)

Anthem "God Bless America" Adult Choir

(Irving Berlin 1888-1989)

First Time: Choir

Second Time: Choir and Congregation

God Bless America! Land That I Love!

Stand beside her, and guide her

Thru the night with a light from above.

From the mountains, to the prairies,

To the oceans, white with foam

God bless America, My home sweet home.

"God Bless America"

By Irving Berlin

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New Testament Reading:

Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-10, 13-14, 32-40; 12:1-3

(pages 205, 206 & 207) (see insert)

Leader: This is the word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon "A Heritage of Courage and Vision"

Rev. J. Malcolm Brownlee

Response to the Word

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

• **Hymn 364** "I Sing a Song of the Saints of God"

Announcements/Joys & Concerns Marion Simmers

Prayers of the People/The Lord's Prayer

Amen #583 - Amen. Amen. Amen.

The Offering of Tithes & Gifts

Offertory

• **Doxology** (#592)

• **Prayer of Dedication**

• **Hymn 361** "How Firm a Foundation"

• **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

Music Notes

Born in Tolochin, Russian Empire, Irving Berlin was one of eight children of Moses and Lena Berlin. His father was cantor in the Jewish Synagogue. The family emigrated to America when Irving was six years old, settling in a cold water basement of the lower east side of New York City. Starting at age 8 with peddling newspapers, he added singing to his "act", eventually became a singing waiter and taught himself to play the piano. This led to a job as a song writer and eventual fame. His most famous song was made popular by Kate Smith, born just down the road on May 1, 1907 in Greenville VA, her family having stopped at the B&O rail terminal for the birth. Kate's father was a choir singer at the Catholic church and her mother was pianist at the Presbyterian Church in their Washington DC neighborhood. Berlin wrote God Bless America in 1918 when serving in the U. S. Army and revised it in 1938 with the rise of Hitler and his persecution of the Jews. It was introduced on an Armistice Day broadcast in 1938 by Kate Smith, who was by then a famous radio personality. Irving Berlin gave all royalties to the boy scouts and girl scouts, a practice which continues today, benefiting our troops here at Bethel.