

•Hymn 280 "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"

•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

**THIS WEEK AT  
BETHEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

August 20th - August 26th

<b>Today</b>	9:45	Sunday School
	11:00	Worship
	12:15	Stewardship & Finance Committee Meeting
<b>Monday</b>	7:00	Boy Scouts
	7:30	Young Life Meeting
<b>Wednesday</b>	7:00	Adult Choir
	7:00	The Bells of Bethel
	7:30	Young Life Meeting
<b>Thursday</b>		September Tower Mailing
	2:00	Prayer Fellowship Group
<b>Saturday</b>	9:30	Shenandoah Presbytery Meeting at Mt. Horeb Presbyterian Church; Grottoes, VA

Next Sunday, August 27th: Homecoming Sunday

9:45 Sunday School

11:00 Worship/Four Cents A Meal Offering

12:00 Covered Dish Dinner

**Serving During The Worship Service Today**

**Greeters** Wayne & Kathy Swisher

**Worship Service Assistant** Kathy Swisher

**Offering** Tammy Barbour Brian Lee  
Alex Sproul Joe F. Williams

**Nursery** Barbara Gough, Judy Olson

**Our Staff  
and  
Leaders**

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**THE SESSION**

<u>Class of 2017</u>	<u>Class of 2018</u>	<u>Class of 2019</u>
Kenneth Miller	William Brubeck	John Davis
David Schooley	Daniel Gano	Tabitha Moore
Kathy Swisher	Rhonda Johnson	Robert Olson
Jill Webb	Marion Simmers	Mac Williams

**THE DEACONS**

<u>Class of 2017</u>	<u>Class of 2018</u>	<u>Class of 2019</u>
Tammy Barbour	Wade Cash	Ellen Fitzgerald
Barbara Gough	Briana Lawhorne	D. W. Miller
Charlie Johnson	Brian Lee	Alex Sproul
Marty Simmers	Joe F. Williams	Dale Thompson

**THE TRUSTEES**

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

**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

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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

August 20th, 2017 11th Sunday after Pentecost

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 Chiming of the Hour starts, you are invited to prepare yourself for the worship of God.*

### Chiming of the Hour - Westminster Chimes

**Welcome & Announcements** *(please pass the friendship pad)*

Kathy Swisher

### Moment of Silent Prayer/Meditation

#### Prelude

#### Preparation for the Word

#### The Call to Worship

Leader: The people who dwelt in darkness have seen a great light.

**People: God is light. In God there is no darkness at all.**

• **Hymn 457** "I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art"

#### Call to Confession

**Prayer of Confession** *(unison)*

**God have mercy on us. We are weak and selfish. Open us to the indwelling of your Holy Spirit. Take possession of us, through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

*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

Leader: This statement is completely reliable and should be universally accepted: Christ Jesus entered the world to rescue sinners.

**People: If we are in Christ, we are new people altogether.**

• **Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks #106** *(refrain)*

**Alleluia, Alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.**

**Alleluia, Alleluia! Give praise to His Name.**

**Children's Sermon** "Jesus Loves the Little Children"

*Jesus loves the lit-tle chil-dren, All the chil-dren of the world*

*Ev-'ry col-or, ev-'ry race, all are cov-ered by His grace;*

*Je-sus loves the lit-tle chil-dren of the world.*

#### •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

**Anthem** "He Touched Me" Adult Choir  
*(Bill Gaither b. 1936)*

**Scripture Reading:** John 9:1-34 *(page 95) The Good News Bible*  
*As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man who had been born blind. His disciples asked him, "Teacher, whose sin caused him to be born blind? Was it his own or his parents' sin?" Jesus answered, "His blindness has nothing to do with his sins or his parents' sins. He is blind so that God's power might be seen at work in him. As long as it is day, we must do the work of him who sent me; night is coming when no one can work. While I am in the world, I am the light for the world." After he said this, Jesus spat on the ground and made some mud with the spittle; he rubbed the mud on the man's eyes and told him, "Go and wash your face in the Pool of Siloam." (This name means "Sent.") So the man went, washed his face, and came back seeing. His neighbors, then, and the people who had seen him begging before this, asked, "Isn't this the man who used to sit and beg?" Some said, "He is the one," but others said, "No he isn't; he just looks like him." So the man himself said, "I am the man." "How is it that you can now see?" they asked him. He answered, "The man called Jesus made some mud, rubbed it on my eyes, and told me to go to Siloam and wash my face. So I went, and as soon as I washed, I could see." "Where is he?" they asked. "I don't know," he answered. Then they took to the Pharisees the man who had been blind. The day that Jesus made the mud and cured him of his blindness was a Sabbath. The Pharisees, then, asked the man again how he had received his sight. He told them, "He put some mud on my eyes; I washed my face, and now I can see." Some of the Pharisees said, "The man who did this cannot be from God, for he does not obey the Sabbath law." Others, however, said, "How could a man who is a sinner perform such miracles as these?" And there was a division among them. So the Pharisees asked the man once more, "You say he cured you of your blindness—well, what do you say about him?" "He is a prophet," the man answered. The Jewish authorities, however, were not willing to believe that he had been blind and could now see, until they called his parents and asked them, "Is this your son? You say that he was born blind; how is it,*

*then, that he can now see?" His parents answered, "We know that he is our son, and we know that he was born blind. But we do not know how it is that he is now able to see, nor do we know who cured him of his blindness. Ask him; he is old enough, and he can answer for himself!" His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jewish authorities, who had already agreed that anyone who said he believed that Jesus was the Messiah would be expelled from the synagogue. That is why his parents said, "He is old enough; ask him!" A second time they called back the man who had been born blind, and said to him, "Promise before God that you will tell the truth! We know that this man who cured you is a sinner." "I do not know if he is a sinner or not," the man replied. "One thing I do know: I was blind, and now I see." "What did he do to you?" they asked. "How did he cure you of your blindness?" "I have already told you," he answered, "and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Maybe you, too, would like to be his disciples?" They insulted him and said, "You are that fellow's disciple; but we are Moses' disciples. We know that God spoke to Moses; as for that fellow, however, we do not even know where he comes from!" The man answered, "What a strange thing that is! You do not know where he comes from, but he cured me of my blindness! We know that God does not listen to sinners; he does listen to people who respect him and do what he wants them to do. Since the beginning of the world nobody has ever heard of anyone giving sight to a person born blind. Unless this man came from God, he would not be able to do a thing." They answered, "You were born and brought up in sin—and you are trying to teach us?" And they expelled him from the synagogue.*

Leader: This is the word of the Lord!

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**Sermon** "Positive Value" Rev. Bernard Bangley

#### Response to the Word

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

• **Hymn 339** "Be Thou My Vision"

**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)

• **Prayer of Dedication**