

**THIS WEEK AT  
BETHEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

September 3rd - September 9th

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

**Monday**            Labor Day  
                      Church Office Closed

**Wednesday**      7:00 Adult Choir  
                      7:00 The Bells of Bethel  
                      7:30 Young Life Meeting

**Thursday**        2:00 Prayer Fellowship Group

*Next Sunday, September 10th:*

*9:00 Communications Committee Meeting  
 9:45 Sunday School  
 11:00 Worship  
 12:15 Worship Committee Meeting*

**Serving During The Worship Service Today**

**Greeters**      Joe & Sally Williams

**Worship Service Assistant**      Betty Schooley

**Offering**      Wade Cash            Ellen Fitzgerald  
                      Marty Simmers        Dale Thompson

**Nursery**      Brian & Penny Lee

Our Staff  
and  
Leaders

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Rhonda Johnson, Clerk of Session      Bob Moody, Music 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      Emily Williams, Co-Moderator  
 Stephanie Rivers, 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

September 3rd, 2017  
13th 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)*

Betty Schooley

### Moment of Silent Prayer/Meditation

### Prelude

### Preparation for the Word

### The Call to Worship

Leader: Although we have different backgrounds, various opinions, diverse points of view, unique insights and distinctive gifts, we are one with each other as the Body of Christ.

**People:** *Christ unifies us by his call to come and be his people. Because he loves us, we can love each other.*

•Hymn 482 *"Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"*

### Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession *(unison)*

**Great God, your patience is our only hope and your grace our only need. In humility we confess our unworthiness of both. In ways known publicly and privately, we have sinned. Whether we have been caught in gross error or escaped in subtle deception, it is known to you, and it smolders in our memory. Remove it from us, we pray, in Christ's name. 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

Leader: Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.

**People:** *If we are in Christ, we become new persons altogether. The past is finished and gone. Everything has become fresh and new.*

•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** *"The Love of God"* Adult Choir  
*Text: Frederick Martin Lehman 1868-1953  
Music: Claudia Lehman Mays 1892-1973 (his daughter)*

**Scripture Reading:** Luke 15:11-24 *(page 72)*

*Revised Standard Version*

*And he said, "There was a man who had two sons; and the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of property that falls to me.' And he divided his living between them. Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took his journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in loose living. And when he had spent everything, a great famine arose in that country, and he began to be in want. So he went and joined himself to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would gladly have fed on the pods that the swine ate; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have bread enough and to spare, but I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me as one of your hired*

*servants."* And he arose and came to his father. But while he was yet at a distance, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet; and bring the fattest calf and kill it, and let us eat and make merry; for this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to make merry.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord!

**People:** *Thanks be to God!*

**Sermon** *"Lost and Found"* Rev. Bernard Bangley

### Response to the Word

### •Affirmation of Faith

*This is the good news which we received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day, and that he appeared to Peter, then to the Twelve and to many faithful witnesses. We believe he is the Christ, the Son of the living God. He is the first, and the last, the beginning and the end. He is our Lord and our God.*

•Hymn Insert *"Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling"*

**Joys & Concerns** Betty Schooley

**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 276 *"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"*

•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**