

**THIS WEEK AT
BETHEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

October 8th - October 14th

Today	9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 7:00 Session Meeting
Monday	Columbus Day 7:00 Boy Scouts 7:30 Young Life Meeting
Tuesday	1:30 Afternoon Circle 7:00 Evening Circle
Wednesday	6:00 Christian Education Committee Meeting 6:30 Cub Scouts 7:00 Adult Choir 7:00 The Bells of Bethel 7:30 Young Life Meeting
Thursday	2:15 Prayer Fellowship Group
<i>Next Sunday, October 15th:</i>	
	9:00 Communications Committee Meeting
	9:45 Sunday School
	11:00 Worship
	12:15 Stewardship & Finance Committee Meeting
	12:15 Worship Committee Meeting

Serving During The Worship Service Today

<u>Greeters</u>	Wade & Phyllis Cash
<u>Worship Service Assistant</u>	Rhonda Johnson
<u>Offering</u>	Tammy Barbour Barb Gough D. W. Miller Dale Thompson
<u>Nursery</u>	Jackie Law, Stephanie Rivers

Our Staff
and
Leaders

Adrienne Barker, Office Manager
(540) 886-6041 bethelpc@gmail.com
Office Days & Hours: Monday - Thursday 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

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>	<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	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



Bethel Presbyterian Church

563 Bethel Green Road

Staunton, Virginia 24401

bethelpc@gmail.com

www.bethelpresbyterianstaunton.org



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

October 8th, 2017

18th 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)*

Rhonda Johnson

Moment of Silent Prayer/Meditation

Prelude

Preparation for the Word

The Call to Worship

Leader: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases.

People: *God's mercies never end.*

Leader: They are new every morning. Great is thy faithfulness.

People: *"The Lord is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in God."*

• **Hymn 263** *"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession *(unison)*

We confess our divided loyalties. We have allowed the clamor of the world to drown the still small voice of your presence. We have spent much time and money on trivial things. Instead of vain regret, move us to genuine penitence. Then your grace can speak to us. Then we may know the joy, cleansing and renewal Christ can bring us. 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: Read with me the great assurance of our pardon from Sacred Scripture.

Together: *"The Lord forgives our sins, heals us when we are sick, and protects us from death. God's kindness and love are a crown on our heads." (Psalm 103:3-4)*

• **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 *"Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"* Adult Choir
(Dale Wood 1934-2003)
*Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation,
Christ the Head and Cornerstone.
Chosen of the Lord and Precious,
Binding all the Church in one.*

Scripture Reading: Luke 14:7-11 (page 71)

(Revised Standard Version)

Now he told a parable to those who were invited, when he marked how they chose the places of honor, saying to them, "When you are invited by any one to a marriage feast, do not sit down in a place of honor, lest a more eminent man than you be invited by him; and he who invited you both will come and say to you, 'Give place to this man,' and then you will begin with shame to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that when your host comes he may say to you, 'Friend, go up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at table with you. For every one who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

Leader: This is the word of the Lord!

People: *Thanks be to God!*

Sermon *"I Sat in Jerry's Seat"* Rev. Bernard Bangley

Response to the Word

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

• **Hymn 339** *"Be Thou My Vision"*

Joys & Concerns Rhonda Johnson

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 376** *"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"*

• **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 =====

The Anthem text shows Christ as the foundation. Less obvious is the reference to Christ as the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the ending, as exemplified in the text "Christ the Head and Cornerstone" or capstone and cornerstone in addition to the beginning and ending. It also brings to mind the hymn text "In Christ there is no east or west, in Him no south or north." The anthem ends with the Trinity and speaks of the omnipresence, omniscience, and eternal nature of God. The first and second hymn speak of invisibility and God's vision as a "before the sermon and after the sermon" commentary on the text from Luke.