

THIS WEEK AT
BETHEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

November 19th - November 25th

Today 9:45 Sunday School
 11:00 Worship
 12:15 Stewardship & Finance
 Committee Meeting

Monday 7:00 Boy Scouts
 7:30 Young Life Meeting

Wednesday Church Office Closed

Thursday Thanksgiving Day
 Church Office Closed

Next Sunday, November 26th:

Deadline: Gift Cards for PCHH

9:45 Sunday School

11:00 Worship/Four Cents A Meal Offering

12:15 Diaconate Meeting

12:15 Witness Committee Meeting

12:15 Worship Committee Meeting

Serving During The Worship Service Today

Greeters Marion & Marty Simmers

Worship Service Assistant Irene Elliott

Offering Ellen Fitzgerald Briana Lawhorne
 Brian Lee Joe F. Williams

Nursery Luanne Leonard, Judy Olson

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>	<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



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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

November 19th, 2017

24th 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)*

Irene Elliott

Moment of Silent Prayer/Meditation

Prelude

Preparation for the Word

The Call to Worship *(adapted from Psalm 90)*

Leader: Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

People: *Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.*

Leader: For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past, or like a watch in the night.

People: *You sweep them away; they are a dream, like grass that is renewed in the morning.*

Leader: So teach us to count our days that we may gain wise hearts.

People: *Satisfy us this morning with your steadfast love, so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.*

Leader: Let us worship God.

People: *Let us worship God together.*

•Hymn 551 "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession *(unison)*

God of abundance, we confess we listen and pursue messages of, "more," everyday. More money. More status. More of whatever we do not have. When we heed the world's call, we find it leads to more. More division. More anxiety. More consumption. More of what does not satisfy. *(continued)*

In the midst of the world's messages of "more," we forget you also call us to more. More grace. More hope. More love. More of all that does not diminish when given away. When we choose that which does not satisfy, forgive us. When we choose that which pushes farther from you, bring us back close. When we trust the world's fleeting promises over your eternal word, place Christ's claim again upon our lives.

Instill in us a desire to serve you over all that shouts for our attention, and put us on the path that will lead us to multiplying your, "mores" in the world. In Christ's name we pray. 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

•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.

•Passing of 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

Old Testament Reading: Zephaniah 1:7 & 1:12-18

(pages 825 - 826)

Anthem "Bringing In The Sheaves" Adult Choir

*(Text: Knowles Shaw 1834-1878,
Music: George Minor 1845-1904,
Arr. Norman Johnson 1928-1983)*

Second Scripture Reading: Matthew 25:14-30 *(pages 26-27)*

Leader: This is the word of the Lord!

People: *Thanks be to God!*

Sermon

Rev. Clayton Rascoe

Response to the Word

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

•Hymn 391

"Take My Life"

Minute for Massanetta

Joys & Concerns

Irene Elliott

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 555

"Now Thank We All Our God"

•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 =====

Today's anthem has words by Knowles Shaw, who was as a young lad a fiddler at many dances in rural Indiana. After converting to Christianity he began working in religious music, and became one of the most famous revival singers of his era. George Minor was from Richmond VA, attended a military academy there, and served in the Confederate army. After the war he went into the music field, teaching at singing schools and musical conventions, and helped found the Hume-Minor company which made pianos and parlor "pump" organs. Minor was a member of First Baptist Church, Richmond. The arranger is a living Canadian composer.