

**THIS WEEK AT  
BETHEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

May 7th - May 13th

**Today**           Deadline: Mother's Day Corsage Orders  
9:45 Sunday School  
11:00 Worship  
12:15 Diaconate Meeting  
7:00 Session Meeting

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

**Tuesday**      9:30 Shenandoah Presbytery Meeting at Mt. Olive Presbyterian Church; Hinton, VA  
1:30 Afternoon Circle  
7:00 Evening Circle

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

**Saturday**      6:00 Prime Rib Dinner & Dessert Auction for Missions

*Next Sunday, May 14th: Mother's Day  
"Muffins for Moms"  
9:45 - Sunday School  
11:00 - Worship*

**Serving During The Worship Service Today**

**Greeters**     Dale & Libby Smith

**Worship Service Assistant**    Bob Olson

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

**Nursery**      Mac & Emily Williams

**Our Staff  
and  
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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

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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 7th, 2017 4th 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)*

Bob Olson

### Prayer of the Day

#### Preparation for the Word

### Opening Words/Call to Worship *(Acts 2:42-47)*

Leader: Sisters and brothers, let us gather together with glad and generous hearts.

**People:** *For many signs and wonders are being done among us.*

Leader: Let us break bread together and share our lives in common.

**People:** *Let us give what we can to all who have needs so that all people, no matter who they are, may regard us with good will.*

Leader: Let us devote ourselves to our prayers and to the gospel.

**People:** *For in this way God will add to our numbers every day.*

• **Hymn 139** "Come, Thou Almighty King"

### Call to Confession *(Psalm 23:1, 3)*

Friends, in as much as God is our shepherd, let us not fear, but confess our sin that God may restore our souls.

### Prayer of Confession *(I Peter 2:19-25)*

*Holy One, we confess to you and to one another that we have not always followed Christ's example. When we have been abused, we have been abusive in return. We have gone astray. Lead us back into your fold and guard our souls in Jesus' 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.*

### Declaration of Forgiveness *(I Peter 2:19-25)*

Leader: Friends, the promise of our faith is that if we entrust ourselves to the One who judges justly, we need not feel threatened, for we will be returned to righteousness.

**People:** *Having been brought back into the safety of God's fold, let us share our peace with one another.*

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

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

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

### Children's Sermon

• **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

**First Scripture Reading:** Psalm 23:1-6 *(page 485)* Bob Olson

*The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff — they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.*

**Anthem** "Count Your Many Blessings" Adult Choir  
*Name them one by one.*

**Second Scripture Reading:** Acts 2:42-47 *(pages 110 - 111)*

*They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous*

*hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.*

Leader: This is the word of the Lord!

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

### Sermon

Rev. Kathryn Rascoe

#### Response to the Word

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

• **Hymn 293** "This Is My Father's World"

**Announcements/Joys & Concerns**

Bob Olson

**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**

*Generous God, thank you for the gift of this new day. Help us to watch for your signs and wonders in the world today, and fill our hearts with gladness and generosity, that we may generate good will wherever we go. Amen.*

• **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