

**SENDING**

**\*\*Hymn 538** "Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing"

**\*\*Charge and Benediction**

**\*\*Congregational Response 341** "Blessed Assurance"

*This is our sto-ry, this is our song,  
Prais-ing our Sav-ior all the day long;  
This is our sto-ry, this is our song,  
Prais-ing our Sav-ior all the day long.*

**Postlude**

**THIS WEEK AT  
BETHEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

August 26th - September 1st

<b>Today</b>	Homecoming Sunday 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship/ Four Cents A Meal Offering 12:00 Covered Dish Luncheon
<b>Monday</b>	7:00 Boy Scouts 7:30 Young Life Meeting Adrienne out of the Church Office (August 27th - 30th)
<b>Tuesday</b>	2:00 Bible Study & Prayer
<b>Wednesday</b>	7:00 Adult Choir 7:00 The Bells of Bethel 7:30 Young Life Meeting

*Next Sunday, September 2nd:*

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

**Serving During The Worship Service Today**

<b><u>Greeters</u></b>	Rhonda Johnson    Bob Law Jackie Law        Kathy Swisher
<b><u>Offering</u></b>	Ellen Fitzgerald    Brian Lee Joe Moore            Joe Williams
<b><u>Nursery</u></b>	Joyce Davis, Louise Hoy

**Our Staff  
and  
Leaders**

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Rhonda Johnson, Clerk of Session    Sara Ann Lamb, Organist

JoAnn Pendley, Handbell Choir Director

Ken Wilkinson, Receiving Treasurer    Lori Miller, Disbursing Treasurer

**THE SESSION**

<u>Class of 2019</u> William Brubeck Daniel Gano Rhonda Johnson Marion Simmers	<u>Class of 2020</u> John Davis Tabitha Moore Robert Olson Mac Williams	<u>Class of 2021</u> Derek Almarode Dean Caldwell Patricia Quick Kathy Swisher
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**THE DEACONS**

<u>Class of 2019</u> Wade Cash Briana Lawhorne Brian Lee Joe F. Williams	<u>Class of 2020</u> Ellen Fitzgerald D. W. Miller Alex Sproul Dale Thompson	<u>Class of 2021</u> Katie McElveen Joe Moore Linda Tenney Drury Whitaker
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**THE TRUSTEES**

<u>Class of 2019</u> Guy D. Brooks Joe F. Williams	<u>Class of 2020</u> Dan Gano Lee Ann Heizer	<u>Class of 2021</u> Charlie Johnson Dale C. Smith
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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

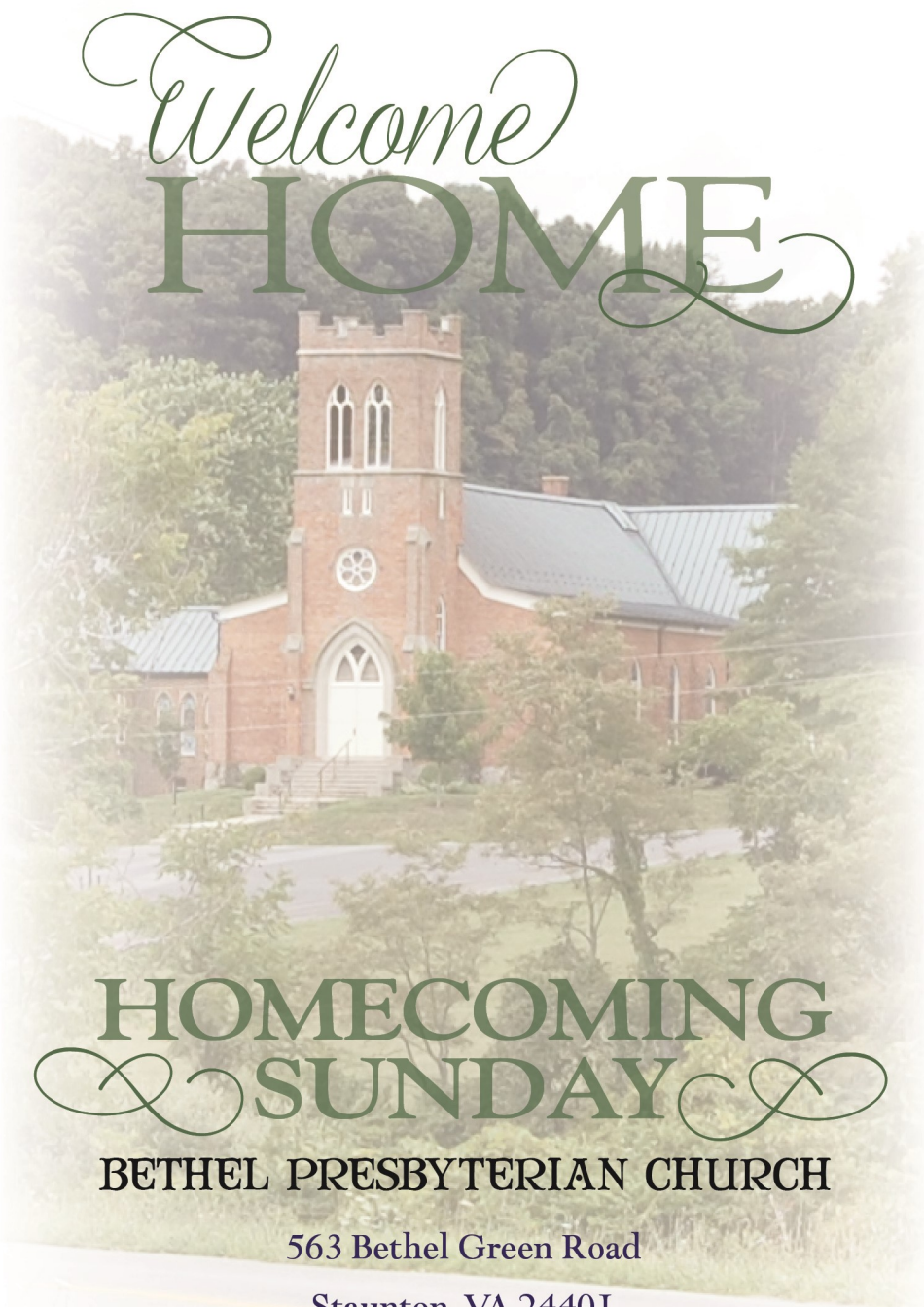
**MEN OF THE CHURCH**

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)



*Welcome*  
**HOME**

**HOMECOMING  
SUNDAY**

**BETHEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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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 26th, 2018

14th Sunday after Pentecost Homecoming Sunday

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.*

### PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

**Ring of the Bell** John Pilson

**Chiming of the Hour** The Bells of Bethel

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

*(White prayer request sheets are in the pew racks. Please place your prayer request(s) in the basket located in the front of the Sanctuary during the Passing of the Peace.)*

**Special Music** *Medley of Fanny Crosby Hymns*  
Luke Haynes, Guest Musician

#### **\*\*Passing of the Peace**

Pastor: May the peace of Christ be with you!

**People:** *And also with you.*

**\*\*Gathering Song** *"O God of Bethel" (sing twice)*

*O God of Beth-el, by whose Hand  
Thy peo-ple still are fed,  
Who through this wea-ry pil-grim-age  
Hast all Thy ser-vants led*

### WE APPROACH GOD

**The Call to Worship** *(by Thomas Schuman)*

Pastor: From the corners of worry and fear, from the shadows where we huddle with our doubts,

**People:** *God calls us to this place of sanctuary where we can draw from Love's deep wells.*

Pastor: In every moment where we look for strength to continue, in every time wonder if faith is worth it,

**People:** *Jesus calls us to this time where we can welcome the peace given to us.*

Pastor: In every person who embraces us with acceptance, in every touch that offers healing and hope,

**People:** *The Spirit calls us to see those around us as God's beloved, our forever sisters and brothers of grace.*

#### **\*\*Hymn of Adoration 368**

*"I've Got Peace Like a River"*

#### **Prayer of Adoration**

#### **Call to Confession**

#### **Unison Prayer of Confession**

*Holy God, we come together to worship, a people who would like to think that we love you with all our hearts and souls, with all our might, but there are so many other things in our lives that clamor for our attention that we often relegate you to Sundays and times when we want you to rescue us. We really do want you to be the one in whom we live and move and have our being. We really do want to hear your voice above all of the other voices in our lives. We really do aspire for peace. But we get bogged down in the daily routine. We forget who we are. We forget who you are. We forget what the church is supposed to be. Forgive us...*

#### **Silent Prayers of Confession**

#### **Assurance of Forgiveness**

Pastor: God has promised us peace, grace and forgiveness in the love of Jesus Christ. Just as you are at home here at Bethel, so are you in the arms of God. I declare we are forgiven, redeemed and restored.

**People:** *Hallelujah, thanks be to God!*

#### **\*\*Celebration of God's Grace**

*"Give Thanks"*

*(see insert - from the new Glory to God hymnal)*

### WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

#### **Conversation with the Young People**

*"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.*

#### **Message**

#### **Four Cents A Meal Offering**

*(Young people may go downstairs for special activities following the conversation.)*

#### **Prayer for Illumination**

**Old Testament Reading:** Deuteronomy 6:4-9

**New Testament Reading:** Acts 20:28-32

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

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

**Sermon** *"The Babushka Factor"* Rev. Kelly-Ann Rayle

### WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

**\*\*Hymn of Reflection** *"For the Life That You Have Given"*  
*(see insert - from the new Glory to God hymnal)*

#### **\*\*Responsive Statement of Faith**

Pastor: Every day we journey on this earth is a day in which we make choices: left or right, up or down, in or out, yes or no? Some choices are simple, and some are very complex, but one choice informs all the others: Who will be our God? Who will we trust to see us through this journey?

**People:** *Holy One. The One and Holy.*

Pastor: Will you choose this day to stay faithful to the One who is faithful to us?

**People:** *Count us in.*

Pastor: Will you choose this day to place your whole trust in the One who is trustworthy?

**People:** *Count us in.*

Pastor: Will you choose this day to commit your talents and your resources to the One who first endowed them?

**People:** *Count us in.*

Pastor: Will you choose this day to love the One who loved us first?

**People:** *Count us in.*

Pastor: Praying together,

**All:** *We devote ourselves to you by renewing the covenant—the promise you made to humanity so long ago. Because you are our God, we will be your people. Enlarge our faithfulness, our trust, our commitment and our love so that we may graciously uphold our side of the deal. Help us always to recognize your presence and your blessings throughout our journey. Keep us in your care. Amen.*

#### **\*\*Gloria Patri 579**

#### **Sharing of Joys & Concerns**

#### **Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer**

#### **Congregational Response 583**

*"Amen"*  
*Amen. Amen. Amen.*

#### **Reception of Tithes and Offerings**

#### **Offertory**

*"Majesty"*  
Adult Choir

#### **\*\*Doxology 592**

#### **\*\*The Prayer of Dedication**