

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

November 25th, 2018

Christ the King/Reign of Christ

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.

GATHERING**Ring**ing of the Bell John Pilson**Chim**ing of the Hour The Bells of Bethel**Welcome & Announcements** *(please pass the friendship pad)***Prelude** "A Grateful Heart" by Cynthia Dobrinski
The Bells of Bethel**Passing of the Peace**

Pastor: . . . The peace of Christ be with you.

People: *And also with you!*****Gathering Song** "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

*Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Chris-tian love:
The fel-low-ship of kin-dred minds
Is like to that a-bove.*

WE APPROACH GOD****Call to Worship**

Pastor: The King of Kings is raised in glory.

People: *Christ sits on the throne at the right hand of God.*

Pastor: Come, let us worship and bow down to the Lord our Creator.

People: *Let us offer praise to Christ our Redeemer. AMEN.*****Hymn of Adoration 1** "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!"****Prayer of Adoration****Call to Confession****Unison Prayer of Confession**

It is difficult for us Lord to imagine your reign. We are held captive by the powers and principalities of this world. When our noble visions fail to be realized, we turn to kingdoms of our own making and are led astray by the kings and rulers of this world. Forgive us and give us Jesus, O God—not a Jesus high and lifted up, but chained and arraigned by authorities with boldness to tell the truth. Speak through our words and deeds, that your will may be done in our time. Embolden us with the confidence that your reign will one day come.

Silent Prayer of Confession**Assurance of Forgiveness**

Pastor: Accept God's forgiveness in Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit.

People: *Halleluiah! for we are forgiven.*****Celebration of God's Grace 368** "We Fall Down"**WE HEAR GOD'S WORD****Call to the Young People**

Conversation with the Young People/5 Cents A Meal Offering
(Young people may go downstairs for special activities following the conversation.)

Anthem "Majesty"
Adult Choir**Prayer for Illumination****Revelation of John:** Revelation 1:4-8**Gospel Reading:** John 18:33-37

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.***Message** "The King of Love"
Rev. Kelly-Ann Rayle**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD******Hymn of Reflection 634** "To God Be the Glory"**Thanksgiving Prayer & Affirmation of Faith** Walter Brueggemann*The witnesses tell of your boundless generosity, and their telling is compelling to us:*

*You give your world to call the worlds into being;
You give your sovereign rule to emancipate the slaves and the oppressed;
You give your commanding fidelity to form your own people;
You give your life for the life of the world.
You give; we receive, and are thankful.*

*We acknowledge this day in gratitude, thanks that is a match for your self-giving,
gratitude in gifts offered,
gratitude in tales told,
gratitude in lives lived.*

In thankfulness, we affirm that we belong to God, we follow Jesus Christ, and we live by the Holy Spirit and because of this...

*we will give,
we will tell,
we will live,
your gifts through us to gift the world. Amen*

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer**Invitation to the Offering****Reception of Tithes and Offerings******Doxology 606******Prayer of Dedication****SENDING******Hymn 268** "Crown Him with Many Crowns"****Charge and Benediction******Congregational Response 634** "To God Be the Glory" (refrain)

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the peo-ple re-joice!
O come to the Fa-ther through Je-sus the Son,
And give him the glo-ry: great things he has done!*

**** Postlude**

Welcome to Bethel Presbyterian Church!
Announcements - November 25th, 2018

•Good Morning! Whether you are a member, a friend, or a visitor, please take a moment to fill out the friendship pad at the end of your pew, and give the friendship pad to others to sign. Also, large print bulletins and hearing assists are available in the vestibule for those who may need them.

•The flowers in the Sanctuary last Sunday, November 18th were given to the Glory of God and in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Joel W. Hamilton by Mr. & Mrs. Thomas F. Heizer.

•The poinsettias in the Sanctuary are given by Bettie Swisher in loving memory of Mr. & Mrs. M. B. Swisher, Don B. Swisher, and Wayne Swisher.

Bethel Youth Activities . . . The Bethel Youth will be meeting today at 1:00 pm for fellowship and lunch along with having a Bible Study. Youth of all ages are invited so make plans to join us!

•**Church Wide Advent/Christmas Study** Pastor Kelly-Ann invites you to join her in a “self guided” provocative journey through the Advent and Christmas season using the Dietrich Bonhoeffer masterpiece “God Is In the Manger”. Copies of Bonhoeffer’s book will be available for purchase in the Church Office. The cost of the book is \$11.00 and checks are to be made payable to Bethel Presbyterian Church.

Following the Advent/Christmas season join Pastor Kelly-Ann for a special gathering to reflect and discuss your journey and experience through the Advent/Christmas season on Epiphany Sunday @ 1:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Lunch will be provided; an RSVP for this study and the luncheon would be most appreciated. Forms are available in the vestibule and at the end of your pew if you are interested in joining Pastor Kelly-Ann on this spiritually rich and transformative journey. Please fill the form out, tear off the bottom, and place it in the offering plate or Pastor Kelly-Ann’s mailbox ASAP.

•**Christmas Dinner & Concert** Let Massanetta Springs put you in the holiday mood! Great food, fellowship, and music await you at Massanetta’s annual Christmas Dinner and Concert on Saturday, December 1st. Dinner will begin at 6:00 pm with a concert by the Massanetta Brass Quintet to follow. The cost is \$20 per adult, \$13 per youth/child, and free for children under 3 years. Reservations are required and are requested by 5:00 pm tomorrow. Please call (540) 434-3829 to make your reservations.

•You are cordially invited to the Staunton Choral Society’s Christmas Concert “Sing We All” on Saturday, December 1st or Sunday, December 2nd. Both concerts will begin at 7:00 pm and there will be a free-will offering to benefit the Staunton Choral Society, a 501(c) (3) organization. The concert on December 1st will be at Calvary United Methodist Church (2179 Stuarts Draft Hwy, Stuarts Draft) and the concert on December 2nd will be at Christ Lutheran Church (2807 N. Augusta St, Staunton). For more information check their Facebook page at www.facebook.com/StauntonChoralSociety.

•The annual Hanging of the Greens program to celebrate the first Sunday of Advent will be held next Sunday, December 2nd during our regular worship service. Communion will also be received.

•There will be a Congregational Meeting next Sunday, December 2nd, following worship for the purpose of forming a Nominating Committee.

•**Bethel’s Annual Advent Workshop will be next Sunday, December 2nd, following the Congregational Meeting. All ages are welcome!** We will have a light lunch provided by the Bethel Women and then do crafts and activities to take home to celebrate the Advent season. Please contact Barb Gough (540-255-6521 or barbsgough@gmail.com) if you would like more information. Make plans now to attend and join the fun! - Congregational Care Committee

•**Calling for Bell Ringers!** The Bethel Outreach & Evangelism Committee needs volunteers to help with ringing the Salvation Army bells at the Staunton Wal-Mart on Friday, December 7th, from 12:00 pm to 8:00 pm. You will be stationed at the Pharmacy entrance and each shift lasts about two hours. Please call Dean Caldwell at (540) 292-0646 as soon as possible to schedule a time to “ring in the holiday season” for those in need.

•**Stuarts Draft Christmas Parade!** The Bethel Outreach & Evangelism Committee will be decorating a small camper to tell the community about Bethel in the Stuarts Draft Christmas Parade! The parade will be on Saturday, December 8th, at 4:00 pm. If you would like to help decorate or walk in the parade (we especially need members willing to walk with the camper!), lineup will begin at Hollister at 3:00 pm. The holiday theme for the parade this year is “Christmas at the Movies”. Please contact Dean Caldwell if you are willing to walk in the parade or if you have any questions (540) 292-0646.

•It’s time to place your orders for Christmas poinsettias or to make a Christmas donation to BERF in memory or in honor of someone. Order forms along with additional details are in the vestibule and at the end of your pew. All poinsettia orders and Christmas BERF donations must be turned in to the Church Office by Sunday, December 9th.

Christmas Alive Program at Riverheads Elementary School The Witness/Mission Committee is asking for your help in providing gifts to children in need at Riverheads Elementary School. There is a tree in Memorial Hall with gift tags attached. Please choose a tag, put your name on the list that will be provided (so that the committee will know who has taken the tag) and purchase the gift requested on the tag. Please return your gift wrapped and with the tag attached to Memorial Hall by Sunday, December 16th! Contact Kathy Swisher at (540) 885-7397 if you have any questions.

•The family of Judy Olson would like to thank you for your prayers, cards and condolences during our time of loss. We were humbled by the stories shared and the care and concern shown to us during this difficult time. We have been truly blessed to be a part of the Bethel family. - Kenny Olson & family

•**Update on 2019 Pledges** 23 pledges for a total of \$94,120.00 have been received. Many thanks to those who pledged. If you have not already pledged, please prayerfully consider pledging now for 2019 - it is never too late!

November 11th Attendance: 86
 Weekly Budget: \$3,577.00 Received: \$3,212.00

November 18th Attendance: 85
 Weekly Budget: \$3,577.00 Received: \$5,247.00

General Fund Monthly Report
 Estimated Budget through October 31st: \$153,854.00
 Actual Receipts: \$136,120.00 Actual Expenses: \$132,875.00

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THIS WEEK AT BETHEL

November 25th - December 1st

Today Christ the King Sunday
Deadline: Gift Cards for PCHH
9:45 Sunday School
11:00 Worship/Five Cents A Meal Offering
12:15 Witness/Mission Committee
1:00 Youth Group Activity & Lunch

Monday 7:00 Boy Scouts
7:30 Young Life
Adrienne on vacation - November 26th - 29th

Tuesday 9:30 Shenandoah Presbytery Meeting at
Strasburg Presbyterian Church
2:00 Bible Study & Prayer

Wednesday 1:15 Staff Meeting
6:00 Outreach & Evangelism Committee
6:30 Communications Committee
7:00 Adult Choir
7:00 The Bells of Bethel
7:00 Stewardship & Finance Committee
7:30 Young Life

Thursday 12:00 Soup & Scripture

Saturday 9:00 Decorating for Advent & Christmas

Next Sunday, December 2nd: 1st Sunday of Advent

9:45 Sunday School
11:00 Worship/Hanging of the Greens/Communion
12:00 Congregational Meeting
12:30 Advent Workshop
12:30 PWCT



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JoAnn Pendley, Handbell Choir Director Sara Ann Lamb, Organist
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Lift Up in Prayer

Bethel Prayer List - November 25th, 2018

New Additions

Laurin Henderson & Family Jeannie Lee
Roy L. Pilson

Congregation Members

Betty Cash Jarod Davis & Family
Irene Elliott Karen Koogler
Sara Ann Lamb Evelyn LaPorte
Margaret Liptrap John Pilson
Jill Webb Alice Wooddell

Family & Friends of the Church & Congregation

Mildred Barmore Catherine Bryan
Reese Burdette Ronnie Davis
Martha Dubyk Kenny Earman
Don Hanger Gail Hord
Jack John Jennings & Family
Bill Klitzman Matt Koogler
David Law Olivia Lewis & Family
Meade Loomis Pam Massie
Preston McCallister Meredith McCallister
Maggie Peterson Wallace Pilson
Van Pirkey Carly Pond
Bob Robinson & wife Shirley Devin Scott
Tara Perrotti & Family Michael Somers
Parker Staples Bill & Marguerite Whitaker

Sympathy & Condolences

Family & Friends of Henley Gabeau
Family & Friends of Dan Miller
Family & Friends of Bob Moody
Family & Friends of Tim Moriconi
Family & Friends of Judy Olson

Community, Country, & World

All Military Leaders & Personnel
Police, Firemen, and EMS workers and volunteers
Victims of all hurricanes
Michael & Rachel Weller, Missionaries in Ethiopia

Please call Tammy Barbour at (540) 471-0450, Barb Gough at (540) 255-6521, or the Church Office at (540) 886-6041 with any additions or updates.