

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

February 24th, 2019

7th Sunday after Epiphany

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

Ringling of the Bell John Pilson

Chiming of the Hour The Bells of Bethel

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

Prelude "Song of Joy" arr. Kevin McChesney
The Bells of Bethel

WE APPROACH GOD

****Call to Worship** B.J. Beu

Pastor: Come and learn the ways of life.

People: *We have come to follow Jesus.*

Pastor: Love your enemies, and do good to those who hate you.

People: *We have come to follow Jesus.*

Pastor: Bless those who curse you, and pray for those who persecute you.

People: *We have come to follow Jesus.*

Pastor: Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.

People: *We have come to follow Jesus.*

Pastor: Come and learn the ways of life.

****Hymn of Adoration 193** "Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain"

****Prayer of Adoration****Call to Confession**

Unison Prayer of Confession B.J. Beu

Teacher of hard truths, it is difficult to let go of our anger toward those who prosper through deceit and unscrupulous ways; it is not easy to make ourselves believe that the meek will inherit the earth, when they are being crushed by the unjust systems stacked against them. We long to see the vindication of the righteous and the prosperity of those who work selflessly to bring your realm here on earth. We yearn for the day when all people will treat one another as they wish to be treated. Help us live into that day, Holy One, even when it is difficult, that your love might shine like the sun through our lives and our ministries.

Silent Confession**Assurance of Forgiveness**

Pastor: In Christ, grace abounds and you are forgiven.

People: *Thanks be to God for his unending grace!*

****Celebration of God's Grace 441**
"Hear the Good News of Salvation"

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**Call to the Young People**

Conversation with the Young People/5 Cents A Meal Offering
Eli English

Prayer of Illumination

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 37:1-11

New Testament Reading: Luke 6:27-38

Pastor: *This is the Word of the Lord.*

People: *Thanks be to God!*

Message "Agape Love"
Rev. Kelly-Ann Rayle

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

****Hymn of Reflection 729** "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"

Affirmation of Love & Faith by Pierre Pradervand

I am love. Love is all I have always been. I am only love, manifesting all that love is. Love constitutes my real identity. "As She/He is, so are we in this world" (I John 4:17) Love is also the identity of all those I meet, whatever the material appearances. Love constitutes the ground of my being, the only law governing my existence. It is the only meaning of my life, freed from all ego.

May love be the point of departure of all my thoughts, my only possible response to any aggression, encounter, fear, event, situation, challenge or joy. May love be the only presence I express, for it is the ultimate reality of my being which it fills entirely, constituting my one and only power. Love constitutes the space of my existence, the very life of my life, its true essence, my only presence.

Love which created me is what I am.

Sharing Joys & Concerns

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer "Amen"

Amen. Amen. Amen.

Invitation to the Offering**Reception of Tithes & Offerings**

****Doxology 606**

****Prayer of Dedication**

SENDING

****Hymn of Sending 192** "Shine, Jesus, Shine"

****Charge and Benediction**

****Congregational Response** "This Little Light of Mine"

**** Postlude**

Welcome to Bethel Presbyterian Church!
Announcements - February 24th, 2019

•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 are given by Cathy Hill in loving memory of her parents, Alfred & Sarah Cash.

•The rose on the organ is in honor of the birth of Molly Blair Smith who was born at Augusta Health on Tuesday, February 19th. She is the daughter of Dustin & Sarah Smith and the granddaughter of Tom & Lee Ann Heizer. Congratulations on this new addition to your family!

•Augusta Health Hospice of the Shenandoah - Spring 2019 Volunteer Training
 Augusta Health Hospice of the Shenandoah is recruiting new volunteers to assist them with serving the community. The mission of the hospice is to provide holistic care to patients and families with terminal medical conditions. Whether visiting patients, volunteering at Shenandoah House, helping in the office or sharing a special talent, dedicated volunteers are key members of the hospice team. Volunteers are required to take a training class to better equip them to serve patients and families. Working for hospice is very rewarding and many consider it an honor. Volunteer classes will be held on Monday & Thursday evenings from 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm starting Monday, March 4th, and finishing on Thursday, March 21st. The registration deadline for classes is tomorrow, February 25th. Please contact Carrie Gibbons, Volunteer Coordinator Augusta Health Hospice of the Shenandoah at (540) 932-4977 or (540) 332-4977 to register and/or for more information. A brochure with additional information is on the bulletin board in Memorial Hall.

•The Bible Study & Prayer Group is currently studying the Gospel of Luke and the study is being led by Pastor Kelly-Ann. They will meet this Tuesday, February 26th, at 2:00 pm. Please read Luke 6:27-49 and Luke 9:28-43a before Tuesday afternoon. All are welcome to join them as they study what Dr. Luke has to say and then pray for those in the congregation, community, and world.

•Soup & Scripture will be this Thursday, February 28th, from noon to 1:15 pm. The group will be discussing Psalm 99 and Luke 9:28-43a while eating delicious soup prepared by Pastor Kelly-Ann. Everyone is invited!

•There will be a chili cook-off at the American Legion on Cedar Green Road on Saturday, March 2nd, at 4:30 pm. All proceeds will go the Riverheads WRE Building Fund. Support the WRE by attending this community event!

•Communion will be received during the worship service next Sunday, March 3rd.

•Attention: The examination of the new Deacons and Elders for ordination and/or installation and the all-Session workshop, to begin goal setting, review roles and responsibilities, confirm committee leadership, etc. for the new sessional year, March 10th, 2019-February 29th, 2020 will be held next Sunday, March 3rd, from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm.

1:00 to 2:00 pm: Examination of New Deacon Officers by current Session

2:00 to 3:00 pm: Examination of New Session Officers by current Session

3:00 to 5:00 pm: All-Session Workshop ★

★ Deacons please note that you are welcome to attend the Session workshop, but are only required to attend from 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm for your examination.

•Add the date to your calendar! The next Table Talk Theology is scheduled for Tuesday, March 5th, at 7:00 pm. They will meet at Giovanni's in Greenville and the topic will be emailed next week. Everyone is invited!

•Lenten Study – This is a church-wide invitation to participate in a “self-guided” Lenten Study along with Pastor Kelly-Ann. Take a journey with Jesus to the cross and beyond to his resurrection as you read Walter Brueggemann’s **Devotions for Lent: “A Way Other Than Our Own”**. Brueggemann’s daily devotions have been reviewed as being, “thought provoking reflections for the season of Lent which invite us to consider the challenging, beautiful life that comes with walking the way of grace.” Walter Brueggemann is a world reknown theologian, biblical interpreter and author who is well respected in the Presbyterian Church. As a group we will conclude our self-guided study with an informal lunch and discussion of our spiritual walk.

Please reserve your book ASAP by using the form available at the end of your pew or in the vestibule. The cost of the book is \$10.19. Checks should be made payable to Bethel with designation for Lenten Study and placed in the offering plate with your order form. Lent begins on Wednesday, March 6th so please order your book soon! God Bless our journey together!

•Bethel will be participating in community Lenten services this year with several other local churches. All Lenten services begin at 7:00 pm and are on Thursday nights (excluding Ash Wednesday and Good Friday). Make sure to plan to attend these meaningful services during this holy season. A complete calendar of Lenten service locations and speakers is included in your bulletin.

•The Community Ash Wednesday Service will be held on Wednesday, March 6th, at 7:00 pm, at Greenville United Methodist Church (126 Main Street, Greenville, VA). Rev. Ryan Oswald (Pastor, Mint Spring UMC) will be preaching and light refreshments will be served following the service. Everyone is invited to participate in this important service marking the beginning of the Lenten season.

*Please note that imposition of ashes will be available on Ash Wednesday morning at Church of the Forerunner (Staunton Mall - Suite 113), anytime between 8:00 am to 10:00 am.

•Class of 2022 Elders & Deacons will be ordained and/or installed during the worship service on Sunday, March 10th so make plans now to attend this special service!



Youth Activity The Bethel Youth will meet at the church on Sunday, March 10th at 1:00 pm and then travel to the Valley Jump Trampoline Park in Penn Laird, VA. They will stop at McDonalds for lunch on the way. All ages are welcome - if they can walk they can jump! 😊

(Please remember that all children must have a park waiver signed by their parent.)

•If you would like to join Bethel Presbyterian Church, please feel free to contact Pastor Kelly-Ann. She would love to hear from you!

February 17th Attendance: 100
 Weekly Budget: \$3,979.00 Received: \$2,888.00

Bethel Presbyterian Church



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THIS WEEK AT BETHEL

February 24th - March 2nd

Today 9:45 Sunday School
 9:45 Confirmation Class
 11:00 Worship/Five Cents A Meal Offering

Monday 7:00 Boy Scouts
 7:30 Young Life

Tuesday 2:00 Bible Study & Prayer

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

Thursday 9:00 March Tower Mailing
 12:00 Soup & Scripture

Friday World Day of Prayer

Next Sunday, March 3rd: Transfiguration of the Lord

9:45 Sunday School
 9:45 Confirmation Class
 11:00 Worship/Communion
 12:15 Diaconate
 12:15 PWCT
 1:00 Examination of New Officers & All-Session Workshop
 1:00 to 2:00 pm: Examination of New Deacons
 2:00 to 3:00 pm: Examination of New Elders
 3:00 to 5:00 pm: All-Session Workshop

Serving at Bethel Today, February 24th

Greeters Dale & Libby Smith
Offering Wade Cash Ellen Fitzgerald
 Alex Sproul Joe Williams

CHURCH STAFF

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Donna Bush and Carol Sproule, Custodians

Lift Up in Prayer

Bethel Prayer List - February 24th, 2019

New Additions

Family & Friends of Bettie Beard

Congregation Members

Betty Cash Jarod Davis & Family
 Karen Koogler Sara Ann Lamb
 Evelyn LaPorte Jeannie Lee
 Margaret Liptrap John Pilson
 Alice Wooddell
 Bethel Confirmation Class, Teachers, & Mentors
 Bethel Nominating Committee & Church Officers

Family & Friends of the Church & Congregation

Linda Dallas Donnie Davis
 Martha Dubyk Bernice English
 Dylan Kallar Ann Kellogg
 Lucas Kinsling Matt Koogler
 Tracy Koogler David Law
 Olivia Lewis & Family Maggie Martino
 Lane McNorton Megan Pettyjohn
 Maya Ramsey Devin Scott
 Buddy Thomas Misty Woods

Sympathy & Condolences

Family & Friends of Mildred Barmore
 Family & Friends of Polly McConnell

Community, Country, & World

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

Prayer List Policy Update (adopted by Bethel Diaconate 2/3/2019)

After two months people will be removed from the Prayer List (excluding congregation members, military, first responders, and missionaries). This will allow us to be able to add new prayer requests along with keeping the list as current as possible. If you would like family members or friends to remain on the Prayer List for a longer period of time or be added back to the list, please call Adrienne in the Church Office at (540) 886-6041 and let her know. You may also call Tammy Barbour at (540) 471-0450 or Barb Gough at (540) 255-6521 with any other additions or updates. Thanks for your understanding with this new policy!

Community Lenten Schedule - 2019

*All Services on Thursdays at 7:00 pm

(*unless otherwise noted)

*Ash Wednesday - Wednesday, March 6th

Imposition of Ashes (anytime from 8:00 am - 10:00 am)
 Church of the Forerunner (Staunton Mall - Suite 113)

Traditional Service - with refreshments to follow
 7:00 pm

Greenville United Methodist Church
 (126 Main Street, Greenville)

Speaker: Rev. Ryan Oswald - Pastor, Mint Spring UMC

March 14th - Lent 1 Devotions

Redeemer Lutheran Church
 (951 McKinley Road, Middlebrook)

Speaker: Rev. Joe Condro - Pastor, Pines Chapel PC

March 21st - Lent 2 Devotions

Mount Tabor Lutheran Church
 (334 Mount Tabor Road, Middlebrook)

Speaker: Rev. Dennis Russell - Pastor, Church of the Forerunner

March 28th - Lent 3 Devotions

Church of the Forerunner

(Staunton Mall, Suite 113, Lee Jackson Highway, Staunton)

Speaker: Rev. Lance Braun -

Pastor, Redeemer Lutheran & Mt. Tabor Lutheran

April 4th - Lent 4 Devotions

Mint Spring United Methodist Church
 (58 Mint Spring Circle, Staunton)

Speaker: Rev. Jim Bollinger - Pastor, Greenville UMC

April 11th - Lent 5 Devotions

Pines Chapel Presbyterian Church
 (3204 Cold Springs Road, Greenville)

Speaker: Rev. Kelly-Ann Rayle - Pastor, Bethel PC

OR

Concert of Pipe Organ & Banjo

Christ Lutheran Church

(2807 North Augusta Street, Staunton)

April 18th - Maundy Thursday

Traditional Service & Holy Communion
 Bethel Presbyterian Church

(563 Bethel Green Road, Staunton)

Speaker: Rev. Merle Fisher - Pastor, Pines Chapel PC

*Good Friday - Friday, April 19th

Service of Music, Meditation & Prayers
 7:00 pm

Mt. Tabor Lutheran Church

(334 Mt. Tabor Road, Staunton)