

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

March 24th, 2019

3rd Sunday in Lent

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****Chiming of the Hour**

The Bells of Bethel

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

Eli English

Prelude*"Song of Praise"* Kevin McChesney

The Bells of Bethel

WE APPROACH GOD****Call to Worship***Psalm 27*

Rev. J. Malcolm Brownlee

Pastor: The Lord is our light and our salvation; whom shall we fear?

People: *The Lord is the stronghold of our lives; of whom shall we be afraid?*

Pastor: For he will hide us in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal us under the cover of his tent; he will set us high on a rock.

People: *Hear us, O Lord, when we cry aloud, be gracious to us and answer us!*

Pastor: Come, let us seek God's face together.

People: *Your face, Lord, do we seek.*

All: *Thanks be to God!*

****Hymn of Adoration 175***"Seek Ye First"*****Prayer of Adoration****Preparation for Confession****Hymn of Preparation 422***"Create in Me A Clean Heart"***Responsive Prayer of Confession**

written by Bruce Prewer

Pastor: Let us confess our failures, and renounce our sins, let us pray.

Pastor: Please hear us, loving God, when we cry to you, be gracious to us and answer our prayer. If we have slid away from new opportunities, or failed to give our best effort to long familiar duties. If we have become weary, and slipped into mirroring the prejudices and dissatisfactions of a greedy and unjust world. If we have performed well in public, smoothly keeping up appearances, while our personal faith has grown shabby and weak, forgive us and rehabilitate us, merciful Friend.

People: *Christ Jesus is our light and salvation, of whom shall we be afraid?*

Pastor: Wait for the Lord. Be strong and allow your heart to take courage.

People: *Wait; yes my soul, wait on the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ.*

--- *Silent Confession* ---

Pastor: Loving God, you are not impatient and tightfisted like us, your generosity flows freely to all your creatures. We praise you that our sins are forgiven, and that the future has again become an open door. Amen!

Assurance of Forgiveness

Pastor: In Christ, you are forgiven!

All: *Thanks be to you, God of grace and glory, through Christ Jesus our Savior. Amen!*

****Celebration of God's Grace 438***"Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me" (verse 1, sing twice)***WE HEAR GOD'S WORD****Call to the Young People**

Eli English

Conversation with the Young People**5 Cents A Meal Offering (Prayer)**

Rev. J. Malcolm Brownlee

Anthem*"Come Home"*

Adult Choir

Prayer of Illumination**Old Testament Reading: Psalm 27****New Testament Reading: Luke 13:31-35**

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God!*

Message*"God's Presence in the Struggles of Our Hearts"*

Rev. J. Malcolm Brownlee

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

****Hymn of Reflection 343** *"Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life"*
(verses 1, 3, 5, 6)

Affirmation of Faith*Apostles' Creed (page 35)***Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer***"Amen"**Amen. Amen. Amen.***Moment for Mission***"Summerlee Mission Trip"*

Kathy Swisher

Invitation to the Offering**Reception of Tithes & Offerings******Doxology 606******Prayer of Dedication****SENDING**

****Hymn of Sending 761** *"Called as Partners in Christ's Service"*

****Charge and Benediction******Congregational Response***"Seek Ye First" (verse 1)*

*Seek ye first the king-dom of God
and its righ-teous-ness,
and all these things shall be add-ed un-to you.
Al-le-lu, al-le-lu-ia!*

**** Postlude**

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

Officer of the Day: Derek Almarode

Greeters: Jane Law & Boyd Wood

Offering: Brian Lee, Katie McElveen, D.W. Miller, Joe Moore

•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.

•We welcome Rev. Malcolm Brownlee who will be preaching and leading the worship service this morning. Malcolm Brownlee grew up in Rockbridge Baths, Virginia, and moved back there 10 years ago to retire. He has been pastor of churches in Hazard, Kentucky; Riverdale, Georgia; and Huntersville, North Carolina, and interim pastor of churches in Lexington, North Carolina; Beckley, West Virginia, and Fairfield and Rockbridge Baths, Virginia. From 1973 till 1984 he and his wife Sarah were missionaries in Indonesia. Bethel Presbyterian Church was one of their supporting churches during that time. Please let Rev. Brownlee know how much we appreciate him being with us this morning!

•The flowers in the Sanctuary are given by Dr. Lynn & Eloise Moore to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Jim & Charlotte Williams and Mary Williams Dransfield.



Youth Bible Study & Lunch Group The youth will have lunch and Bible Study today at 1:00 pm. Many thanks to Sally Williams for preparing lunch. Bring your Bibles and make plans to join us for the fun! All youth are invited!

•Pastor Kelly-Ann will be on vacation through Saturday, April 6th. If you have a need please contact the Church Office (*during office hours*) or any Elder. Rev. Joe Condro (*Pastor - Pines Chapel; March 23rd-26th & April 2nd-April 6th*) and Rev. Tommy Carrico (*Pastor - Finley; March 27th - April 1st*) will also be available if a pastoral need arises. We are grateful to have the Rev. Malcolm Brownlee joining us for worship today, and the Rev. Jessica Townes joining us next Sunday, March 31st.

•*Please Note...* Starting May 2019 Bethel is "going green" in regards to The Tower meaning the newsletter will be distributed primarily by email. *The last issue to be mailed out in bulk will be the April 2019 edition of The Tower which will be mailed out this Thursday, March 28th.* If you do not have email and would still like to receive a mailed copy of The Tower please contact the Church Office at (540) 886-6041 or bethelpc@gmail.com. Paper copies of The Tower will also be available in the Church Office, Memorial Hall, and the vestibule starting with the May Tower. If we do not have your email address on file or if you have any questions please contact the Church Office. Also, please remember you can always access The Tower on the Bethel website at: www.bethelpresbyterianstaunton.org.

- The Bethel Communications Committee & Session

•The Community Lenten Service will held this Thursday, March 28th at Church of the Forerunner (*Staunton Mall - Suite 113, 90 Lee Jackson Highway, Staunton*). The service is at 7:00 pm and Rev. Lance Braun (*Pastor - Mt. Tabor Lutheran & Redeemer Lutheran*) will be preaching. Everyone is invited to this special service!

•It's that time of year! Easter Lilies are available for purchase at \$10.00 each and/or you can make a special Easter donation to the Bethel Emergency Relief Fund. As in the past you can make your lily or donation in honor or in memory of someone. All lilies purchased and BERF donations made in honor or in memory of someone will be reflected in the bulletin on Easter Sunday. Order/donation forms are at the end of your pew and in the vestibule. Additional information is also available on the forms. All lily orders and Easter donations must be to the Church Office by next Sunday, March 31st.

•As most of you know Bethel member Karen Koogler is battling cancer. To help Karen with her increasing medical bills she has been chosen as the Gateway Cafe's March 2019 Round-Up Recipient. What is the "Round-Up Recipient"? This community project features a person each month that needs help with medical bills regarding chronic illnesses and/or conditions. When people purchase something at the Gateway Cafe, they have the option of rounding their bill up and 100% of the extra amount will go to the recipient for that month. For example, if your purchase is \$8.32 you can round it up to \$10.00 and the extra \$1.68 will go to the chosen recipient for that month. The Gateway Cafe is open Monday - Friday from 7:00 am until 3:00 pm and serves breakfast, lunch, specialty coffee drinks, and baked goods. Their address is: 15 Angela Court, Suite C, Fishersville and more information can be found at their website www.gatewaycafe.org. Make sure to stop by during the month of March (*this is the last week!*) and round-up your bill to help our friend Karen!

•**Receiving Treasurer Wanted!** After 22 years of faithful service, Ken Wilkinson is stepping down as Receiving Treasurer, effective April 4th. All of us at Bethel owe Ken a debt of gratitude. The Stewardship & Finance Committee is in need of someone to step-in as Receiving Treasurer. If you might be willing to serve Bethel in this capacity, please contact Mac Williams (540/294-1853, williamsmac07@icloud.com) or Derek Almarode (540/280-4940, almarodes@verizon.net).

The Receiving Treasurer maintains a complete and accurate record of church member accounts. While *not* an employee of the church is accountable to the Session.

Responsibilities include:

1. Establish account records for members and others who designate monies for the general fund.
2. Create receipt and deposit records weekly.
3. Prepare articles for the Tower and weekly bulletins as needed.
4. Tabulate and record in members accounts pledges received.
5. Receive, prepare, and deposit all monies for the general fund weekly.
6. Provide Disbursement Treasurer with deposit information for the general fund weekly.
7. Provide Office Manager with total receipts to budget and other special collections weekly.
8. Maintain and post account records as needed.
9. Prepare monthly report for publication in the Tower, of receipts to the General Fund.
10. Prepare and distribute annual statement for all accounts by January 31st for the previous year.
11. Order/purchase materials needed to accomplish Receiving Treasurer actions.
12. Advise Session of any irregularities in giving trends as needed.
13. Insure two church officers assist in counting/verifying currency and coin received in Sunday collections, and any time cash is received.

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Announcements - March 24th, 2019 (continued)

•The Staunton Choral Society (with congregational singing) will present their 6th Annual Hymn Concert "The Song Victorious" here at Bethel on Saturday, April 6th, at 4:00 pm. There is no admission cost but a free-will offering will be taken to benefit the Staunton Choral Society, a 501(c)3 organization. For more information please check out the Staunton Choral Society website at: www.stauntonchoralsociety.org or their Facebook page: www.facebook.com/StauntonChoralSociety. Make plans now to attend this special concert!

Miles for Mary 5K Fun Run/Walk



When: Saturday, April 13th 2019
Time: Sign in begins at 9:00am
 Run/Walk begins at 10:30am
 **Race will be timed
Location: Riverheads High School
 19 Howardsville Rd.
 Staunton, VA 24401

Lunch will be provided with donations benefiting the Mary Williams Dransfield Scholarship at Riverheads High School

REGISTRATION:

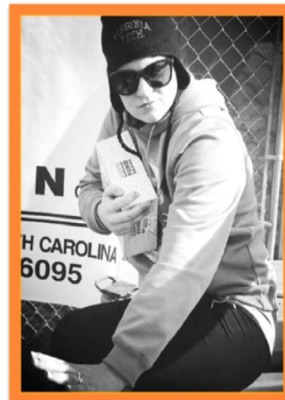
Please use the QR code or go to <https://milesformary5k.com> to Register and Donate Online

If unable to attend or donate online donations can be mailed to:

Cynthia Williams
 326 McClures Mill Rd
 Greenville, VA 24440



For more information contact:
 Katie Morris at 434-547-9724 or
shookke@vcu.edu



*All Donations to Miles for Mary, Inc are tax deductible

•Bethel Continuing Education Loan Fund Loans from this fund are available to church members for any post-high school education, including vocational schools, nursing, etc. The deadline for the return of the completed applications together with attachments is April 15th, 2019. Applications are available in the church office. If you have any questions, please contact one of the following Continuing Education Loan Fund Committee members: Dan Gano, David Schooley, or Jimmy Callison. Completed applications may be left in the Church Office or given to a member of the committee.

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Welcome to Bethel Presbyterian Church!
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•The Bethel Mission Committee is asking for your help! Bethel will be running the food booth at The Meating Place on May 10th and May 11th. The Committee needs your help with both cooking and selling food. Desserts are needed to sell such as homemade cookies, brownies, pies, and cakes. Please contact Kathy Swisher at (540) 885-7397 if you can work in the food both and/or would like to make a dessert. Money raised from this evening helps support Bethel's mission projects.

•The Shenandoah Presbytery is planning a mission trip this summer to Baja, Mexico. The trip will be Friday, July 5th - Sunday, July 14th (travel days included) and if you are planning to participate they need your registration by Monday, April 1st, at the latest. If you would like to participate in this important mission trip or if you have any questions please check the Presbytery website at <http://shenpres.org/baja-mission> or contact Keith Folsom at keithspringdale@gmail.com. All trip participants are required to attend informational and planning meetings. Scheduled meeting dates are:

Tuesday, April 2nd, 7:00 pm - Olivet Presbyterian Church, Staunton
 Tuesday, May 7th, 7:00 pm - Massanutten Presbyterian Church, Penn Laird
 Thursday, June 6th, 7:00 pm - Olivet Presbyterian Church, Staunton
 Tuesday, July 2nd, 7:00 pm - Massanutten Presbyterian Church, Penn Laird

1st Annual Shenandoah Presbytery Baja Benefit Gala: Building a Better World

When: May 18th, 6:00 pm - 9:30 pm

Where: Frontier Culture Museum (1290 Richmond Ave, Staunton)
 Why: To benefit the 2019 Baja Mission Trip Attire: Business Casual

The 1st Annual Baja Benefit Gala at the Frontier Culture Museum in an opportunity for fellowship and fun - all the benefit the Shenandoah Presbytery's 2019 Baja Mission Trip. Great auction items will be available! Music, a Cinco de Mayo themed dinner, drinks (beer and wine), and dessert will round out the evening - mix and mingle with a fabulous group of people coming together for a great cause. Tickets must be purchased ahead of time and are \$50.00 each. Ticket forms are available in the Church Office (contact Adrienne for forms) and must be submitted by May 6th. The Baja Mission Teams hope you will join them for this fun event!

•Bethel Family - Thank you for all the cards and calls of sympathy in the unexpected passing of R.L.'s mother, Mildred Barmore. Your love and compassion helped us get through a very difficult time.
 - The Barmore Family

March 17th Attendance: 114

Weekly Budget: \$3,979.00 Received: \$6,243.00

THIS WEEK AT BETHEL

March 24th - March 30th

Today 3rd Sunday in Lent
 9:45 Confirmation Class
 9:45 Sunday School
 11:00 Worship/5 Cents A Meal Offering
 1:00 Bethel Youth - Lunch & Bible Study

Pastor Kelly-Ann on vacation
 (through Saturday, April 6th)

Monday 7:00 Boy Scouts
 7:30 Young Life

Tuesday 2:00 Bible Study & Prayer

Wednesday 1:15 Staff Meeting
 6:00 Congregational Care Comm.
 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 April Tower Mailing
 7:00 Community Lenten Service at Church of the Forerunner

Saturday 1:00 Private Event (*Fellowship Hall*)

Next Sunday, March 31st: 4th Sunday in Lent

9:45 Sunday School
 9:45 Confirmation Class
 11:00 Worship
 12:15 PWCT Meeting



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 Wed 1:00 pm - 6:00 pm Th 11:00 am - 2:00 pm

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Elijah English, Music Director
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JoAnn Pendley, Handbell Choir Director Sara Ann Lamb, Organist
 Ken Wilkinson, Receiving Treasurer Lori Miller, Disbursing Treasurer
 Donna Bush and Carol Sprouse, Custodians

Lift Up in Prayer

Bethel Prayer List - March 24th, 2019

New Additions

Family & Friends of Don Gough
Roy Pilson (*John Pilson's brother*)

Congregation Members

Betty Cash	Jarod Davis & Family
Karen Koogler	Sara Ann Lamb
Evelyn LaPorte	Jeannie Lee
Margaret Liptrap	John Pilson
Nancy Cash Stephenson	Alice Wooddell

Bethel Church Officers

Bethel Confirmation Class, Teachers, & Mentors

Family & Friends of the Church & Congregation

Corriea & Mederios Families (<i>Alicia</i>)	Martha Dubyk
Ann Kellogg	Lucas Kinsling
Matt Koogler	Tracy Koogler
David Law	Maggie Martino
Megan Pettyjohn	Van Pirkey
Maya Ramsey	Ruby Rosen
Devin Scott	Buddy Thomas
Misty Woods	

Sympathy & Condolences

Family & Friends of Bettie Beard
Family & Friends of Colin Warmington

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!