

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

March 31st, 2019

4th 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**Ringing of the Bell****Chiming of the Hour****Welcome & Announcements** *(please pass the friendship pad)*

Eli English

Prelude**WE APPROACH GOD******Call to Worship***Psalm 32*

Rev. Jessica Townes

Pastor: Blessed are those whose transgression is forgiven and whose sin is covered.

People: *They are happy for the Lord declares them "not guilty" and there is no deception in their hearts.*

Pastor: Let us rejoice and worship the One who is our refuge in times of trouble.

****Hymn of Adoration 804***"Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!"*****Prayer of Adoration****Preparation for Confession**

Eli English

Hymn of Preparation 422*"Create in Me A Clean Heart"***Call to Confession**

Rev. Jessica Townes

Pastor: We come to God, not to justify ourselves but to repent and trust the saving grace of Christ Jesus.

People: **Let us confess our sins before God**

Unison Prayer of Confession

Holy One, The space between us is too great—this agonizing expanse between you and us: The rift we have created by demanding our share. The distance we have put between us as we flee to a far country. The resentment we hold when things don't seem fair. Our refusal to join your gracious party. Forgive each selfish request each step away each bitter thought each joyless rejection. Forgive us and run toward us with open arms.

Silent Confession**Assurance of Forgiveness**

Pastor: In Christ Jesus we are a renewed community.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

****Celebration of God's Grace 824** *"There Is a Place of Quiet Rest"*

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**Call to the Young People****Conversation with the Young People****Anthem***"We Praise Thee O God"*

Adult Choir

Prayer of Illumination**New Testament Reading: Luke 15:1-32**

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon*"Lost But Found"*

Rev. Jessica Townes

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD****Hymn of Reflection 442***"Just as I Am, without One Plea"***Prayers of the People and 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 765***"May the God of Hope Go with Us"*****Charge and Benediction**

****Congregational Response** *"Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!" (refrain)*

*Re-joice! Re-joice!**Re-joice, give thanks, and sing!***** Postlude**-----
*Officer of the Day: Derek Almarode**Greeters: Jane Law & Boyd Wood**Offering: Brian Lee, Katie McElveen, D.W. Miller, Joe Moore***Welcome to Bethel Presbyterian Church!
Announcements - March 31st, 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.

•We welcome Rev. Jessica Townes who will be preaching and leading the worship service this morning. Two words to describe her are jovial and joyous. Affectionately known as Jessie to family and close friends, she is the daughter of Gazetta and the late Frank A. Townes. The Midlothian native is also the younger sister of Alexander Townes. Jessica was licensed into the gospel ministry at Spring Creek Baptist Church in Moseley, Virginia by the Reverend Doctors Jacqueline and Micah Madison-McCreary. She serves as an associate minister at "The Creek." Jessica graduated from Virginia Commonwealth University (2011) with a BS in Psychology. She also holds a Master of Divinity from The Samuel DeWitt Proctor School of Theology at Virginia Union University (2014). Jessica currently works as a Support Coordinator at Richmond Behavioral Health Authority working with individuals diagnosed with intellectual disabilities and mental health diagnoses. Jessica is a former collegiate athlete. In her spare time, she enjoys listening to music, writing, reading, and riding her bicycle on outdoor trails. Jessica's favorite scripture is: "Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance." James 1:2-3. Although her faith has been tested but never broken, she reminds those who she encounters that joy happens. Please let Rev. Townes know how much we appreciate her being with us this morning!

•The flowers in the Sanctuary are given by Kenneth & Joyce Miller in memory of Paul Law.

•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 today!*

•Pastor Kelly-Ann will be on vacation March 23rd - April 6th. If you have a need please contact the Church Office *(during office hours)* or any Elder. If a pastoral need arises, Rev. Joe Condro *(Pastor - Pines Chapel)* will be available March 23rd - March 26th & April 2nd - April 6th at (410) 459-4290. Rev. Tommy Carrico *(Pastor - Finley)* will be available March 27th - April 1st at (540) 425-6212.

•The Bible Study & Prayer Group will not meet this week. They will resume meetings on Tuesday, April 23rd.

•The Community Lenten Service will held this Thursday, April 4th, at Mint Spring United Methodist Church *(58 Mint Spring Circle, Staunton)*. The service is at 7:00 pm and Rev. Jim Bollinger *(Pastor - Greenville United Methodist Church)* will be preaching. Everyone is invited to this special service!

•The Staunton Choral Society (with congregational singing) will present their 6th Annual Hymn Concert “The Song Victorious” here at Bethel this 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 and support the Staunton Choral Society!

•Communion will be received during the worship service next Sunday, April 7th, the 5th Sunday in Lent.

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

•One Great Hour of Sharing Offering
 The PCUSA One Great Hour of Sharing Offering will be collected during the worship service on Sunday, April 14th, Palm Sunday. OGHs offering envelopes will be available in the April 14th bulletin for those who wish to give. Since 1949, Presbyterians have been giving from the heart in the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering to help those in great need. Our gifts support ministries of disaster response, refugee assistance and resettlement, and community development that help people find safe refuge, start new lives and work together to strengthen their families and communities. More information about the OGHs offering is included on the insert in your bulletin.
 This PCUSA offering was approved by the Bethel Mission Committee

•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.

•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.

•Please Note. . .
 Starting May 2019 Bethel is “going green” in regards to The Tower. The newsletter will be distributed primarily by email. The April issue is the last one to be mailed out in bulk. 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 to receive a copy. Printed copies of The Tower will also be available in the Church Office, Memorial Hall, and the vestibule beginning in May. If we do not have your email address on file or if you have any questions please contact the Church Office. At any time you can access The Tower on the Bethel website at: www.bethelpresbyterianstaunton.org.
 - The Bethel Communications Committee & Session

Memorial Donations for Henley Gabeau
 Henley Gabeau was a wonderful friend to many of us and active in many community events and charities. Henley passed away last fall and many have asked about Memorial donations. Henley was an active member of a group of women called the Equestriennes, who rode horses and volunteered at the Virginia Horse Center. In addition, she was a positive force for good at the Horse Center, supporting and participating in the general work they do, as well as developing and producing Horse Center fundraising activities herself. The Horse Center is planning to build a garden behind the stone wall at the entrance to the Center. This garden will have trees, plantings, and a stone bench with a memorial plaque or inscription carved into the stone in memory of Henley. The Horse Center also plans to have a brunch one day this spring to dedicate the memorial. All those who would like to donate to the memorial garden in loving memory of Henley or would like to attend the brunch this spring are welcome. Donations of any amount would be most appreciated and helpful! Donations can be sent to the Virginia Horse Center Foundation; Attn: Director of Development, Jennifer Donovan; 487 Maury River Road; Lexington, VA 24450. More information about the Virginia Horse Center can be found at: <https://vahorsecenter.org>. Thank you!

March 24th Attendance: 82
 Weekly Budget: \$3,979.00 Received: \$3,063.00

February Treasurer’s Report (through February 28th, 2019)
 Estimated Budget \$31,832
 Income \$26,245 Expenses \$36,869

Bethel Presbyterian Church

“Lost But Found”

*Parables of the
Lost Sheep,
Lost Coin, &
Lost Son*

Luke 15:1-32

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THIS WEEK AT BETHEL

March 31st - April 6th

Today 4th Sunday in Lent
 9:45 Confirmation Class
 9:45 Sunday School
 11:00 Worship
 12:15 PWCT Meeting
 Pastor Kelly-Ann on vacation
(through this Saturday, April 6th)

Monday April Fools Day
 7:00 Boy Scouts
 7:30 Young Life

Wednesday 1:15 Staff Meeting
 6:00 Worship Committee
 6:30 Cub Scouts
 7:00 Adult Choir
 7:00 The Bells of Bethel
 7:30 Young Life

Thursday 7:00 Community Lenten Service at
 Mint Spring UMC

Friday Staunton Choral Society Hymn Concert
 Set-Up & Rehearsal

Saturday 4:00 Staunton Choral Society Hymn
 Concert

Next Sunday, April 7th: 5th Sunday in Lent
 9:45 Sunday School
 9:45 Confirmation Class
 11:00 Worship/Communion
 12:30 Diaconate Meeting

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 Ken Wilkinson, Receiving Treasurer Lori Miller, Disbursing Treasurer
 Donna Bush and Carol Sprouse, Custodians

*Lift Up in Prayer**Bethel Prayer List - March 31st, 2019***New Additions**Judy Hughes *(friend of Bill & Sally Brubeck)***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
Roy Pilson	Van Pirkey
Maya Ramsey	Ruby Rosen
Devin Scott	Misty Woods

Sympathy & Condolences

Family & Friends of Bettie Beard
 Family & Friends of Don Gough
 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 names will be removed from the Prayer List (excluding congregation members, military, first responders, and missionaries). This will allow us 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. 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!