

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

(please be seated)

JOYS & CONCERNS Cindy Almarode

-- PRAYER LIST --

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Derek Almarode

AMEN 601 "Amen, Amen, Amen"All



RECEPTION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "Nearer the Cross"
by Roy E. Molte
JoAnn Pendley, Organist & Pianist

(please stand)

† **DOXOLOGY 606** "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"
...All

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him all creatures here below;
praise him above ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

† **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**Derek Almarode

SENDING

† **CLOSING HYMN 837** . "What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine"
JoAnn Pendley, Organist & Pianist

† **CHARGE & BLESSING**Derek Almarode

POSTLUDE "The Crusaders"
by William Stickles
JoAnn Pendley, Organist & Pianist

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WELCOME TO BETHEL!

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 28TH, 2022

HOMECOMING SUNDAY ~ WELCOME HOME!

Covered Dish Meal following Worship

Covered Dish Meal Location: Fellowship Hall

FLOWERS The flowers are given by Jill Webb in memory of Dr. James Sprunt and Rev. Clifford Caldwell.

BETHEL WOMEN'S LUNCHEON

Bethel Presbyterian Women are hosting a Ladies Luncheon (for the gals only) on Sunday, September 18th, 2022, at 1:00 pm.

Cost is \$15.00 per person.

The deadline for reservations is extended to TODAY for you and your guests.

Contact Stephanie Rivers or Beth Miller to make reservations.

Stephanie: (540) 849-9839 Beth: (540) 255-1940

Meal catered by Middlebrook Mercantile.

Menu: Quiche, Soup, Salad, Bread.

Please contact Stephanie Rivers or Beth Miller if you need transportation to the luncheon or have any questions.

ELDER-ON-CALL

If you have a pastoral need contact Derek Almarode.
(540) 280-4940 (call or text) or almarodes@verizon.net

PRAYER LIST Copies of the Prayer List available in the vestibule.

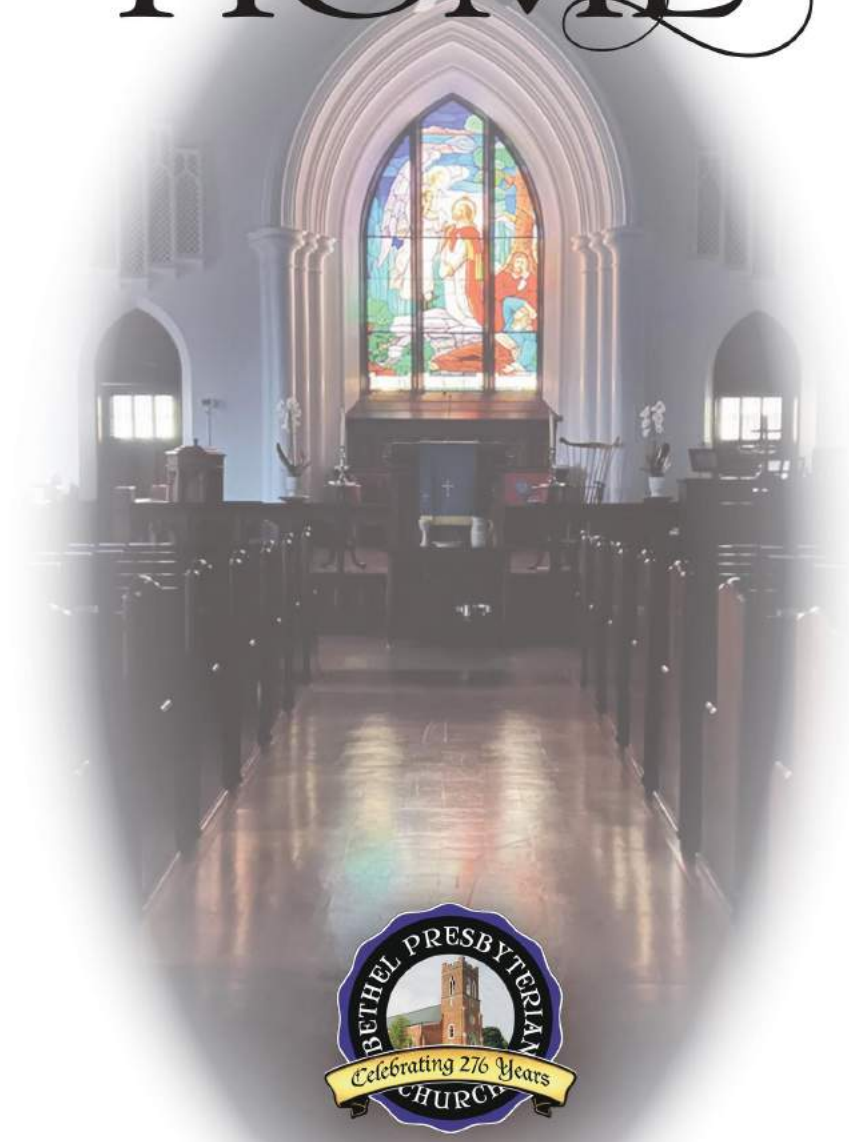
ATTENDANCE August 21st: 47

WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT Estimated Weekly Budget: \$ 3,127.00
August 21st Offering: \$ 1,610.00

THANK YOU FOR JOINING US TODAY!
HAVE A FABULOUS & BLESSED WEEK!

(See the September Tower for additional announcements)

Welcome
HOME



**HOMECOMING
SUNDAY**
BETHEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

August 28, 2022
12th Sunday of Pentecost
Homecoming Sunday
11:00 am

~ "I was glad when they said unto me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord.'" ~
- Psalm 122:1

† please stand - in body or in spirit †

GATHERING

PRELUDE "Melodie"
by William Stickles
JoAnn Pendley, Organist & Pianist

WESTMINSTER CHIMES

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Cindy Almarode,
Worship Leader

AS WE APPROACH GOD

INVOCATION & THE LORD'S PRAYER Cindy Almarode

God of creation,
we give thanks for the goodness of the earth
that you made and sustain.
Our voices join in praise with all creation:
with the seas that roar,
the trees that clap their hands,
and the birds that sing in joy.
Unite us by your Spirit,
that we may be signs of your abundant mercy
and live in thanksgiving for your grace,
as we wait for your completion of your creation
in Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

In the wonderful name of Jesus Christ let us pray the prayer Christ
taught us . . .

(in unison) **THE LORD'S PRAYER** All
... *Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy king-
dom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this
day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our deb-
tors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For
thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.*

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 97:8-12).Cindy Almarode

Leader: Zion hears and rejoices, and the villages of Judah are
glad

People: *because of your judgements O Lord.*

Leader: For you, O Lord, are the Most High over all the earth;

People: *you are exalted far above all gods.*

Leader: Let those who love the Lord hate evil,

People: *for he guards the lives of his faithful ones and delivers
them from the hand of the wicked.*

Leader: Light is shed upon the righteous and joy on the upright
in heart.

People: *Rejoice in the Lord, you who are righteous, and praise
his holy name. Amen.*

(please stand)

† **OPENING HYMN** (insert) "O God of Bethel, by Whose Hand"
JoAnn Pendley, Organist & Pianist

† **CALL TO CONFESSION** (Hebrews 7:25). Cindy Almarode

Jesus is able for all time to save those who approach God through him,
since he always lives to make intercession for them.

Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin before God and one an-
other.

† **PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (unison) All

*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...

Hear us now, O God, as we each offer our silent prayer of confession.

† **MOMENT OF SILENT CONFESSION**

† **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**Cindy Almarode

Leader: 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!*

And all God's people joyfully say "Amen".

(please be seated)

HEARING GOD'S WORD

ANTHEM "The Church in the Wildwood"
by William S. Pitts
Bethel Choir

CHILDREN'S SERMON "Belongingness" Luke 18:16

FIVE CENTS A MEAL OFFERING

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION Derek Almarode,
Bethel Ruling Elder

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 95:1-7

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

SERMON "Thanksgiving & Celebration"
Derek Almarode

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

(please stand)

† **HYMN OF REFLECTION 37** "Let All Things Now Living"
JoAnn Pendley, Organist & Pianist

† **STATEMENT OF FAITH - APOSTLES' CREED** (unison) All
Let us confess the faith of our Baptism.

*I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by
the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pi-
late, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third
day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and
sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he
shall come to judge the quick and the dead.*