



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



## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

21<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST · OCTOBER 30TH · 11:00 AM



† Please stand - in body or spirit    Elder Brian Lee, Worship Leader    Elder Derek Almarode, Temp. Supply Pastor

### GATHERING -----

*Prelude* . . . . . *Choral Varie* . . . . . by Stanley E. Saxton  
JOANN PENDLEY, ORGANIST & PIANIST

*Westminster Chimes*

*Welcome & Announcements* . . . . . Brian Lee

### WE APPROACH GOD -----

*Invocation & The Lord's Prayer* . . . . . Brian Lee

Presbyterians celebrate Reformation Sunday the last Sunday in October, marking the occasion in 1517 when Martin Luther posted his 95 theses on the door of the church in Wittenberg, Germany.

Gracious Father, we pray for your holy catholic church.

Fill it with all truth and peace. Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, direct it; where in anything it is amiss, reform it; where it is right, strengthen it; where it is in need, provide for it; where it is divided, reunite it; for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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

**MATTHEW 9:37-38**

*Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."*



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**Call to Worship** (*Matthew 5:3-10*). . . . . Brian Lee

Leader: Creator God, you have filled the world with beauty.  
People: **Open our eyes to behold your gracious hand in all your works;**  
Leader: that, rejoicing in your whole creation,  
People: **we may learn to serve you with gladness:**  
Leader: for the sake of him by whom all things were made,  
People: **your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,**  
Leader: who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
People: **one God, now and forever. Amen.**

† **Opening Hymn #307**. . . . . **God of Grace and God of Glory**  
JOANN PENDLEY, ORGANIST & PIANIST

† **Call to Confession** (*1 John 1:8-9*) . . . . . Brian Lee

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.  
If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and  
will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.  
Trusting in God's great mercy, let us now confess our sins  
before God and one another.

† **Prayer of Confession** . . . . . Brian Lee

Merciful God, in your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of  
this world. Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people divided  
against ourselves as we cling to the values of a broken world.  
The profit and pleasures we pursue, lay waste to the land and pollute the seas.  
The fears and jealousies that we harbor, set neighbor against neighbor and  
nation against nation. We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom,  
of intellect and reason, and have turned them into bonds of oppression.  
Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us. Set us free to serve you in the  
world as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ.  
Hear us now, O God, as we each offer our silent prayer of confession.

† **Moment of Silent Confession**

† **Assurance of Forgiveness** (*2 Corinthians 5:17*). . . . . Brian Lee

We may not keep our promises to God, but God's promises to us never fail.  
Friends, let us rejoice that because of God's great faithfulness, we have been forgiven.  
And all God's people joyfully say **Amen.** *please be seated*

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**HEARING GOD'S WORD** -----

*Anthem* . . . . . *Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness* . . . . . Bethel Choir

*Children's Sermon* . . . . *Through Grace and Grace Alone There is Salvation* . . . . Derek Almarode  
(Romans 3:23, Ephesians 2:8)

*Prayer of Illumination* . . . . . Derek Almarode

*Scripture Reading* . . . . . *Luke 18:9-14*

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

*Sermon* . . . . . "Personal Liberty" (Gifted by the Grace of God) . . . . . Derek Almarode

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD** -----

† *Hymn of Reflection #451* . . . . . *Open My Eyes, That I May See*  
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† *Statement of Faith - The Apostle's Creed* . . . . . Brian Lee

*Joys & Concerns* . . . . . Brian Lee

*Prayers of the People* . . . . . Derek Almarode

*Amen #601* . . . . . All

**RECEPTION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS** -----

*Offertory* . . . . . *Canzonetta* . . . . . by William Stickles  
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*Prayer of Dedication* . . . . . Derek Almarode

**SENDING** -----

*Closing Hymn #269* . . . . . *Lead On, O God Eternal!*

*Charge and Benediction* . . . . . Derek Almarode

*Postlude* . . . . . "A Celebration of Praise" . . . . . by James Denton  
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**All Saints' Sunday next Sunday, November 6th, 2022**

During worship, we will remember all in our Community of Faith  
who have claimed the Gift of Eternal Life over the past year.

Join us for this special service & candle lighting ceremony of remembrance.



# ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

*Remembering those who have gone before us.*

During the worship service on Sunday, November 6 we will recognize all in our Community of Faith who have claimed the Gift of Eternal Life over the past year.

If you have a loved one who has passed away in the past 12 months, and would like to have their name(s) included in our remembrance list and candle lighting ceremony, please fill out this form and place it in the provided basket located at the offering table.

Please have all forms in by Sunday, October 30th.

*Persons to be remembered:*

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Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_

Email or phone: \_\_\_\_\_

(IN CASE OF QUESTIONS)



# Operation Christmas Child

Shoe boxes are available in the vestibule and Memorial Hall.

The box includes a list with suggested items.

All shoe boxes are due

**Sunday, November 13th, 2022.**

— LET'S SURPASS OUR 2021 TOTAL OF 35! —

**The Worship Committee will meet today following worship.**

**The Session and Deacons will have a joint meeting next Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup> at 12:45 pm.**

## ***Mt. Tabor Carry Out Supper – November 5<sup>th</sup>***

Pick up meals for your family and friends!

Meals include baked pork tenderloin,  
mashed potatoes and gravy,

Mt. Tabor's famous fabulous creamed lima beans,  
a roll and a slice of apple pie - all for \$15.

If you want extras, the tenderloin will be available for \$10/lb.  
and quarts of lima beans for \$9.

If you'd like to pre-order, email [taborlutherans@gmail.com](mailto:taborlutherans@gmail.com)  
and let them know what they can have ready for you.

Pay when you pick up.

Pick up between 4:00-6:00 | 334 Mt. Tabor Road

### ***Prayer Requests/Changes***

If you have any changes, additions or updates to the Prayer List please contact:

Tammy Barbour @ 540-471-0450 or Ellen Fitzgerald @ 540-292-2914

To keep the Prayer List as up to date as possible, names will be removed from the list after eight weeks unless Tammy, Ellen or the Church Office has been notified otherwise.

23<sup>RD</sup>  
OCTOBER

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ATTENDANCE

35

*the flowers today are given  
to the Glory of God*

*By*

*JoAnn Pendley*

**ELDER ON CALL**

Derek Almarode

540-280-4940

**WEEKLY  
FINANCIAL REPORT**

*Estimated Weekly Budget:*

**\$3,127.00**

*Offering for Oct. 23rd:*

WILL REPORT NEXT WEEK

Last week's flowers were  
given by Laura Barmore  
in loving memory  
of her mother Lee Jump.





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## Lift in Prayer

**Bethel Leadership**  
**Our Bethel Church Family**  
Joyce Davis  
Margaret Liptrap  
Jane Law  
John Pilson  
Ashley Kellogg & Matt Cloonan  
Ann Kellogg  
Tracy Koogler  
Miah Miller & Family

### Sympathies & Condolences

FAMILY & FRIENDS  
OF THE FOLLOWING:

Ava Ann Cloonan  
Dan Sumner  
Matt Koogler  
Shelby Fridley

## ELDERS

Dave Schooley, *Clerk of Session, S&F Co-Chair*  
Cindy Almarode, *Christian Education, Chair & Women of the Church, Moderator*  
Derek Almarode, *Transition Chair, Temp. Supply Pastor*  
Tammy Barbour, *Worship Chair*  
Wade Cash, *Buildings & Grounds Chair, Chairmen of the Deacons*  
Penny Lee, *Christian Outreach Chair*  
Brian Lee, *Youth Chair*  
Bob Olson, *Nominating Chair; Witness Chair*  
Dale Thompson, *Personnel Committee*  
Tim Turner, *Communications Chair*  
Jill Webb, *Personnel Chair*

## DEACONS

Ellen Fitzgerald · Charlie Johnson  
Mitch Lathrop · Harleigh Lee  
Katie McElveen · D.W. Miller

## TRUSTEES

Guy D. Brooks · Bill Brubeck  
Charlie Johnson · Billy Wade · James Williams

*Trust in the Lord with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths. PROVERBS 3:5-6*

## CHURCH STAFF

Adrienne Barker, *Secretary*  
JoAnn Pendley, JoAnn Pendley, *Pianist, Organist Bell Choir and Choir*  
Lois Stogdale, *Disbursing Treasurer*  
Kay Thompson, *Receiving Treasurer*  
John & Donna Bush, *Custodians*  
Carol & Puggie Sprouse, *Custodians*