



*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

FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS · JANUARY 1<sup>ST</sup> · 11:00 AM

† Please stand - in body or spirit    Elder David Schooley, Worship Leader    Elder Derek Almarode, Temp Supply Pastor

### GATHERING -----

*Prelude* . . . . . *Hymn for the New Year* . . . . . by James Manfield

*Westminster Chimes*

*Welcome & Announcements* . . . . . David Schooley

### WE APPROACH GOD -----

*Invocation & The Lord's Prayer* (Psalms 85:8-13) . . . . . David Schooley

Almighty God, you have filled us with the light of the Word  
who became flesh and lived among us.  
Let the light of Faith shine in all that we do;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who now lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever.

ISAIAH 9:6

FOR TO US A CHILD IS BORN, TO US A SON IS GIVEN, AND THE  
GOVERNMENT WILL BE ON HIS SHOULDERS. AND HE WILL BE CALLED  
WONDERFUL COUNSELOR,  
MIGHTY GOD,  
EVERLASTING FATHER,  
PRINCE OF PEACE.

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*Call to Worship* (Psalm 148:1-6) . . . . . David Schooley

Leader: Praise the Lord.

**People: Praise the Lord from the heavens,**

Leader: praise him in the heights above.

**People: Praise him, all his angels,**

Leader: praise him all his heavenly hosts.

**People: Praise him, sun, and moon,**

Leader: praise him, all you shining stars.

**People: Praise him, you highest heavens,  
and you waters above the skies.**

Leader: Let them praise the name of the Lord,

**People: for he commanded, and they were created.**

Leader: He set them in place for ever and ever;

**People: he gave a decree that will never pass away.**

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

† *Opening Hymn #150* . . . . . *As with Gladness Men of Old* . . . . . JOANN PENDLEY, ORGANIST

† *Call to Confession* (Titus 2:11-12) . . . . . David Schooley

The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all and teaching us to renounce what is evil in this world. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

† *Prayer of Confession* . . . . . David Schooley

**God of glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world to reveal your love for all people.**

**We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of your light.**

**We turn away from the injustices in our world, and we do not strive for peace.**

**In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin and restore us by your Spirit that forgiven and renewed we may show forth your glory as we know it shining in the face of Jesus Christ.**

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

† *Moment of Silent Confession*

† *Assurance of Forgiveness* (Lamentations 3:22-23) . . . . . David Schooley

God's mercy and healing grace are sure for each and for all.

Friends hear the good news of the gospel:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and restored.

We are set on right paths of love, justice, and peace.

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

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*Anthem* . . . . . *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* . . . . . Bethel Choir

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

*Children's Sermon* . . . . . *A New You* (Isaiah 43:19) . . . . . Derek Almarode

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

*Scripture Reading* - Matthew 6:25-34 . . . . . Derek Almarode

*Sermon* . . . . . *First Steps, Make Them Count* . . . . . Derek Almarode

†*Hymn of Reflection #816* . . . . *If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee* . JOANN PENDLEY, ORGANIST & PIANIST

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

†*Statement of Faith - The Apostle's Creed* . . . . . David Schooley

*Joys & Concerns* . . . . . David Schooley

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

*Amen #601* . . . . . All

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

*Offertory* . . . . . *Andantino* . . . . . JOANN PENDLEY, ORGANIST & PIANIST

†*Doxology #606*

*Prayer of Dedication* . . . . . Derek Almarode

**SENDING** -----

*Closing Hymn #634* . . . . . *To God Be the Glory* . . . . . JOANN PENDLEY, ORGANIST & PIANIST

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

*Postlude* . . . . . *A New Year Dawns* . . . . . by Humphrey Turner  
JOANN PENDLEY, ORGANIST & PIANIST

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## 2023 Bring a Friend to Church Campaign

*This year, it is our hope you will bring a friend to church!*

Share the love that is Christ Jesus with a friend, a neighbor,  
a family member or an acquaintance you feel led to invite to church.  
If they don't like inside church maybe they'll love worship at the chapel.

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## COMMUNION NEXT WEEK

January 8th

Baptism of the Lord

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*Church Office closed  
until Wednesday, January 4th, 2023.*

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### Monthly Movie Night

*If you have any movie requests, please let  
the Lees or the Almarodes know.*

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### Lydia's Trip to Peru

*The Lees will host a luncheon and Lydia will  
present a powerpoint with many pictures  
and videos of her adventures in Peru.*

*The date will be announced soon.*

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### VALENTINE'S SERVICE

*Sunday, February 12th.  
Youth will be conducting the service  
& leading us in worship.*

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### NEW BIBLE STUDY!

*Thursdays at 6:30  
30 Week Study on the Book of Acts.*

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#### 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.

18<sup>TH</sup>  
DECEMBER

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ATTENDANCE

61

*the flowers today are given*

*By*

*Jill Webb*

*in honor of our staff  
as we begin a new year.*

#### ELDER ON CALL

Derek Almarode  
540-280-4940

#### WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT

*Estimated Weekly Budget*  
\$3,127.00

*Offering for Dec. 18th*  
\$1,540.00





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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  
Yvonne Goodson  
McElveen & Johnson Families

### *Sympathies & Condolences*

FAMILY & FRIENDS  
OF THE FOLLOWING:  
Ava Ann Cloonan  
Dan Sumner  
Matt Koogler  
Shelby Fridley  
  
Matt & Mark Harris  
(LOSS OF THEIR MOTHER)

## 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*