



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER · APRIL 16TH 2023 · 11:00 AM

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

GATHERING

Prelude *Meditation* by William Stickles JoAnn Pendley, Organist
Westminster Chimes
Welcome & Announcements Penny Lee

WE APPROACH GOD

Invocation & Lord's Prayer Penny Lee
Call to Worship. Penny Lee

Leader: Christ is risen! He greets us with a word of peace.
People: We welcome the risen Christ! We worship and adore him!
Leader: Christ is risen! Locked doors and doubting hearts cannot keep him away.
People: We welcome the risen Christ! We worship and adore him!
Leader: Christ is risen! He comes to bless us with the gift of the Holy Spirit.
People: We welcome the risen Christ! We worship and adore him! Amen

† *Opening Hymn #307* *God of Grace and God of Glory* JoAnn Pendley, Organist
† *Call to Confession* Penny Lee
† *Prayer of Confession* Penny Lee

Savior God, forgive our doubts and disbelief.
You show up in our lives, yet we fail to notice you and demand more proof.
We expect more when you have already given us enough.
Forgive our lack of faith. Forgive our lack of gratitude.
Redeem us. Restore us. Resurrect us for life in Christ.

† *Moment of Silent Confession*
† *Assurance of Forgiveness* Penny Lee
Anthem. *Everytime I Feel the Spirit* Bethel Choir

HEARING GOD'S WORD

<i>Children's Sermon</i>	<i>Alive or Not?</i> (John 20:29)	Derek Almarode
<i>Prayer of Illumination</i>		Derek Almarode
<i>Scripture Reading</i> - John 20:19-29		Derek Almarode
<i>Sermon</i>	<i>No Time to Doubt.</i>	Derek Almarode

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

† <i>Hymn of Reflection</i> #442	<i>Just As I Am, without One Plea</i>	JOANN PENDLEY, ORGANIST & PIANIST
† <i>Statement of Faith - The Apostle's Creed</i>		Penny Lee
<i>Joys & Concerns</i>		Penny Lee
<i>Prayers of the People</i>		Derek Almarode
<i>Amen</i> #601		All

RECEPTION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

<i>Offertory</i>	<i>Meditation on "Jacob's Ladder"</i>	by Randolph Johnston
† <i>Doxology</i> #606		
<i>Prayer of Dedication</i>		Derek Almarode

SENDING

<i>Closing Hymn</i> #353	<i>My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less</i>	JOANN PENDLEY, ORGANIST & PIANIST
<i>Charge and Benediction</i>		Derek Almarode
<i>Postlude</i>	<i>Triumphal March</i>	William Stickles JOANN PENDLEY, ORGANIST & PIANIST

MESSAGE FROM THE PULPIT

I extend a very warm welcome to each of you this morning. It is my hope, my prayer, and my desire that you experience a blessing today from Christ Jesus, through the singing, fellowship and reading of God's word. The heartbeat of Bethel is not hard to describe, but it only can be realized by personal experience. It is my hope that you will come to know us and give us a chance to serve you in Christ.

Here at Bethel, we are attempting to live a life which is pleasing to Jesus. Every day we make a concerted effort to learn and apply the bible in our everyday life through a well-rounded program of bible study, worship, and fellowship for every age group. From personal experience, I can assure you the spirit of God can be found here in this family of faith. It is my sincere prayer that Jesus will become a real part of your life and it is my hope that you come and join us in worship and mission. In our 277th year, God is as present today as he was in our infancy. No need to look for God, he is already found here at Bethel, which I lovingly call God's miracle on Howardsville Road.

BETHEL OUTREACH

If you're visiting with Bethel Presbyterian Church today, we look forward to visiting with you following worship. If you haven't had the opportunity to fill out a Welcome Visitor card, please take a moment to do so. Cards are available in the pew racks in front of you or on designated tables throughout the church for your convenience. We are a growing family of faith and should you be interested in receiving correspondence we will be more than glad to share our weekly announcements and our church newsletter with you on a monthly basis via email.*Please make sure to include your email address on the card. If you don't have email please include your full mailing address.



SATURDAY, MAY 6
 STAR Trail and WWRC
 Lake Pavilion, Fishersville
 9am Registration
 10am Stride for Life Walk

The Bethel Presbyterian Women are participating in the ComfortCare Women's Health Stride for Life Walk annual fundraiser event on Saturday, May 6th, starting at 10:00am at the STAR Trail and WWRC Lake Pavilion in Fishersville. We are asking everyone in the congregation to participate. "Your stride supports the women, men and unborn miracles." Let's show our support of this worthwhile ministry by either walking; attending the event to cheer on the Bethel Brave Heart walkers and hear testimonies from families who have received help from ComfortCare; or by sponsoring a walker. Contact Stephanie Rivers or Beth Miller for more information. We would love to have our Bethel family join us this year "as we CELEBRATE the beauty of life that God created".

OUTSIDE WORSHIP

Begins Mother's Day
 Begins May 14th
 Weather Permitting

LEMONADE AT THE PAVILION

May 28th (Honor our Graduates)
 June 18th (Father's Day)
 July 9th & August 27th

YOUTH COMMITTEE

Will meet the last Sunday of the month.

SECURITY COMMITTEE

Will meet the 3rd Sunday of the month.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES



April 20th - 12:30pm

WOMEN'S CIRCLE IN THE BUMGARDNER ROOM AT BETHEL
 JACKIE LAW HAS REFRESHMENTS.

April 28th - 5:00pm

DINNER AND MOVIE AT PINES

April 30th - 2:00pm

MUSIC BY JACK & DAVIS REID AT REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

May 9th - 6:30

BETHEL MEN OF THE CHURCH MEAL

June 8th - 6:30

BIBLE STUDY PICNIC AT THE PAVILION - EVERYONE WELCOME!!

September 24th - Homecoming

LAST SUNDAY IN OUTSIDE WORSHIP

Every Thursday - 6:30

BIBLE STUDY AT BETHEL
 30 LESSON STUDY ON THE BOOK OF ACTS

9TH APRIL

ATTENDANCE

115

the flowers today are given

By

Ken & Joyce Miller

to the Glory of God and in honor of the Bethel Congregation

ELDER ON CALL

Derek Almarode
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WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Estimated Weekly Budget
 \$3,127.00

Offering for February 26
 \$2,232.27

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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, & HE SHALL DIRECT
YOUR PATHS.

PROVERBS 3:5-6



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John & Donna Bush
CUSTODIANS

Carol & Puggie Sprouse
CUSTODIANS

*lift up
in prayer*

*¹⁸ and pray in the Spirit
on all occasions with all kinds of
prayers and requests.*

*With this in mind, be alert
and always keep on praying
for all the Lord's people.*

EPHESIANS 6:18 NIV

Bethel Leadership and Our Bethel Church Family

Bill Brubeck | Joyce Davis | Charlie Johnson | Jane Law

McElveen Family | John Pilson | Matt & Mark Harris

Ann Kellogg | Ashley Kellogg & Matt Cloonan

Miah Miller & Family | John Sproul

Blakeleigh Thompson daughter of Dan & Julie Thompson

Sympathy & Condolences

FAMILY and FRIENDS of the FOLLOWING:

Jean Callison | Ann Coffey

Margaret Liptrap | Bill Ross

David Strickler | Garret Cassell

SERVING CHRIST AT BETHEL WILL BENEFIT YOU!!

Each of us have our own individual needs and reasons for participating in church life. Even though we may not know you personally, we believe that God knows you and loves you. He can direct your life as you draw nearer to Him. One way to grow closer to Him is attending Bethel.



Here are a few benefits of worshipping with us:

- Maybe you're struggling with a specific question or need some direction in your life. Maybe you just need to feel God's love and know that He is here. We assure you that God is here and we promise that you can find him here as you experience His presence.
- Jesus commanded, "This is my body broken for you, take, eat, do this in remembrance of me". Here at Bethel, we take part in the Lords table and so can you.
- What we learn at church gives us guidance on how to follow God, improves our spirituality, and live better lives. You can be uplifted here at Bethel by fellow believers and by the opportunity to serve and worship our Savior.
- Church is a community where we can socialize and support each other. You can make friends, feel a sense of belonging, and build a support network that you can rely on. Here at Bethel we are family, welcome home!
- Bethel is home to many! We worship Christ daily in our actions and our deeds. Christ leads us to find those lost to His word. We believe we are called to serve Him in all that we do. Bethel and the family here serve as the foundation to our spiritual life. In Hebrews 10:24-25 we learn the following, "And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and do good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near."



every Thursday at 6:30

BIBLE STUDY AT BETHEL

30 LESSON STUDY ON THE BOOK OF ACTS

FUN † FAITH † FAMILY

JOIN US ONE THURSDAY OR ALL OF 'EM!

