



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER · APRIL 30TH 2023 · 11:00 AM

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

GATHERING

Prelude *Summer Sabbath* by Mercy Bartlett JoAnn Pendley, Organist
Westminster Chimes
Welcome & Announcements Penny Lee

WE APPROACH GOD

Invocation & Lord's Prayer Penny Lee
Call to Worship (Psalm 147:1-5) Penny Lee

Leader: How good it is to sing praises to our God,
People: **how pleasant and fitting to praise him.**
Leader: The Lord builds up Jerusalem,
People: **he gathers up exiles of Israel.**
Leader: He heals the broken-hearted and binds up their wounds.
People: **He determines the number of the stars and calls them by name.**
Leader: Great is our Lord and mighty in power,
People: **his understanding has no limit.**
All: **Praise the Lord! Amen**

† *Opening Hymn #213* *In the Cross of Christ I Glory* JoAnn Pendley, Organist
† *Call to Confession* Penny Lee
† *Prayer of Confession* Penny Lee

Holy God, we know that you created us in love, to enjoy this world and You,
to serve your creation and your children.
And we know that we do not do your will.
With clenched hands, we can neither give nor receive.
With eyes tight shut, we cannot see pain or beauty.
With feet of clay, we cannot dance in joy or run to help.
We ask for your help and your power to change.
Open our hands and eyes, move our feet,
toward grace and hope and trust in You!

†*Moment of Silent Confession* Penny Lee
†*Assurance of Forgiveness* (Romans 8:24) Penny Lee
Special Music. *Seek Ye First* . . . Julie Turner & Melissa Sumner Swisher

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Children's Message. *Precious to Me* (Isaiah 43:1-4) Derek Almarode
Prayer of Illumination Derek Almarode
Scripture Reading - John 9:1-11. Derek Almarode
Sermon *Your Purpose, Your Perception or God's?* Derek Almarode

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

†*Hymn of Reflection* #724 *O Jesus, I Have Promised* JOANN PENDLEY, ORGANIST & PIANIST
†*Statement of Faith - The Apostle's Creed* Penny Lee
Joys & Concerns Penny Lee
Prayers of the People Derek Almarode
Amen #601 All

RECEPTION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

Offertory *A Holy Offering* by Stewart Landon
†*Doxology* #606
Prayer of Dedication Derek Almarode

SENDING

Closing Hymn #408. *There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit* JOANN PENDLEY, ORGANIST & PIANIST
Charge and Benediction Derek Almarode
Postlude *Aria* George Blake
JOANN PENDLEY, ORGANIST & PIANIST

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.



A Covenant Order
of Evangelical Presbyterians

As a Presbyterian church, ECO adheres to Reformed theology and Presbyterian polity. The acronym represent ECO's three-fold commitment to make disciples of Jesus Christ (*Evangelical*), connect leaders through accountable relationships and encourage collaboration (*Covenant*), and commit to a shared way of life together (*Order*).



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".

WRE Praise Night @ Raphine Christian Church
Sunday, May 7, 2023 @ 6:00 pm



This is a wonderful opportunity to hear children and adults from community churches share their musical talents. All are welcome to participate, by sharing a song or by attending this enjoyable event.

A free will offering will be taken to help support the Riverheads WRE.

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.

**23RD
 APRIL**

ATTENDANCE

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*the flowers today
 are given*

By

To Ann Pendley

*in Honor of
 Bethel's Choir Members
 & Handbell Choir
 Members*

ELDER ON CALL
 Derek Almarode
 540-280-4940

**WEEKLY
 FINANCIAL
 REPORT**

Estimated Weekly Budget
 \$3,127.00

Offering for April 23
 \$1,053.00

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UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

INCLUDING OUR COMMUNITY
FAMILY OF FAITH

Sunday, April 30th - 2:00pm

YOUTH COMMITTEE MEETS IMMEDIATELY AFTER WORSHIP

Sunday, April 30th - 2:00pm

MUSIC BY JACK & DAVIS REID AT REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

Saturday, May 6th - 9:00am Registration

STRIDE FOR LIFE AT LAKE PAVILION, FISHERSVILLE
TO SUPPORT WOMEN'S COMFORT CARE

Saturday, May 6th - Noon - 4:00pm

MINT SPRINT FLING AT MINT SPRING RURITAN BUILDING

Sunday, May 7th - 6:00pm

PRAISE NIGHT AT RAPHINE CHRISTIAN TO SUPPORT WRE

Tuesday, May 9th - 6:30

BETHEL MEN OF THE CHURCH MEAL

Sunday, May 14th - 11:00

MOTHER'S DAY, OUTSIDE WORSHIP BEGINS

Sunday, May 28th - 11:00

LEMONADE AT THE PAVILION AFTER WORSHIP

Thursday, June 8th - 6:30

BIBLE STUDY PICNIC AT THE PAVILION - EVERYONE WELCOME!!

Sunday, June 18th - 11:00

LEMONADE AT THE PAVILION AFTER WORSHIP

Sunday, July 9th - 11:00

LEMONADE AT THE PAVILION AFTER WORSHIP

Sunday, August 27th - Homecoming

LAST SUNDAY IN OUTSIDE WORSHIP

Every Thursday - 6:30

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

YOUTH COMMITTEE

Meets the last Sunday
of each month.

SECURITY COMMITTEE

Meets the 3rd Sunday
of each month.

ELDERS

Dave Schooley
CLERK OF SESSION
&F CO-CHAIR

Cindy Almarode
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION, CHAIR
MODERATOR, WOMEN OF THE CHURCH

Derek Almarode
TRANSITION CHAIR
TEMPORARY SUPPLY PASTOR

Tammy Barbour
WORSHIP CHAIR

Wade Cash
BUILDINGS & GROUNDS CHAIR
CHAIRMEN OF THE DEACONS

Penny Lee
CHRISTIAN OUTREACH CHAIR

Brian Lee
YOUTH CHAIR
&F CO-CHAIR

Bob Olson
NOMINATING CHAIR
WITNESS CHAIR

Dale Thompson
PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Tim Turner
COMMUNICATIONS CHAIR

Jill Webb

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

CHURCH STAFF

JoAnn Pendley
PIANIST, ORGANIST
BELL CHOIR AND CHOIR

Lois Stogdale
DISBURSING TREASURER

Kay Thompson
RECEIVING TREASURER

John & Donna Bush
CUSTODIANS

Carol & Puggie Sprouse
CUSTODIANS

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."

*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
John Pilson | Jane Law | Louise Hoy
Ashley Kellogg & Matt Cloonan | Paul Shreeves
John Sproul | Joe Heizer | Eddie Sensabaugh
Blakeleigh Thompson daughter of Dan & Julie Thompson

Sympathy & Condolences

FAMILY and FRIENDS of the FOLLOWING:

Bill Ross | Garret Cassell
Mike Houff



every Thursday at 6:30

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FUN † FAITH † FAMILY

JOIN US ONE THURSDAY OR ALL OF 'EM!

