



Lent

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 IN LENT · FEBRUARY 26, 2023 · 11:00 AM

† Please stand - in body or spirit

GATHERING

PRELUDE *"Come, Let Us Worship and Bow Down"* arranged by Tim Doran
JoAnn Pendley, Organist & Pianist

WESTMINSTER CHIMES

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Brian Lee, Worship Leader

WE APPROACH GOD

INVOCATION & THE LORD'S PRAYER Brian Lee

CALL TO WORSHIP (*based on Matthew 4:1-14*) Brian Lee

Leader: For forty days and forty nights our Savior fasted in the wilderness.

People: Tempted to turn from God, tempted to turn to power and privilege our Savior resisted.

Leader: Let us follow Jesus through the wilderness this Lent,

People: examining our temptations, resisting them and returning to God.

Leader: Let us worship God.

† OPENING HYMN 8 *"Eternal Father, Strong to Save"*

† CALL TO CONFESSION Brian Lee

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION *in unison*

Gracious God, as we wander through this wilderness with Jesus, examining all the worldly comforts we turn to during times of stress and struggle, we confess the neglect of our faith. We confess all that we place above you, making idols of money, earthly power, and even food. Empty us this Lent, Holy God. Guide us in our spiritual practices so we can leave this wilderness season more aware of your presence and the ways our faith can sustain us.

† MOMENT OF SILENT CONFESSION *in unison*

† ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (*John 8:32*) Brian Lee

ANTHEM *“Written in Red”* by Gordon Jenson
Dean Caldwell, Recorder

HEARING GOD’S WORD -----

CHILDREN’S SERMON & FIVE CENTS A MEAL *“Candy Before Dinner”* Derek Almarode
Luke 4:1-2

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION Derek Almarode

SCRIPTURE READING Mark 1:9-15

SERMON *“The Tempter”* Derek Almarode, Stated Supply Pastor

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD -----

† HYMN OF REFLECTION 819 *“Be Still, My Soul”*

† STATEMENT OF FAITH - THE APOSTLES’ CREED *in unison*

JOYS & CONCERNS Brian Lee

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Derek Almarode

AMEN 601 *A - men. A- men. A -- men.*

RECEPTION OF TITHES & OFFERING -----

OFFERTORY *“Lamb of God”* arranged by Tim Doran
JoAnn Pendley, Organist & Pianist

† DOXOLOGY 606 *in unison*

† PRAYER OF DEDICATION Derek Almarode

SENDING -----

† CLOSING HYMN 326 *“For All the Saints” (verses 1 & 5)*

† CHARGE & BENEDICTION Derek Almarode

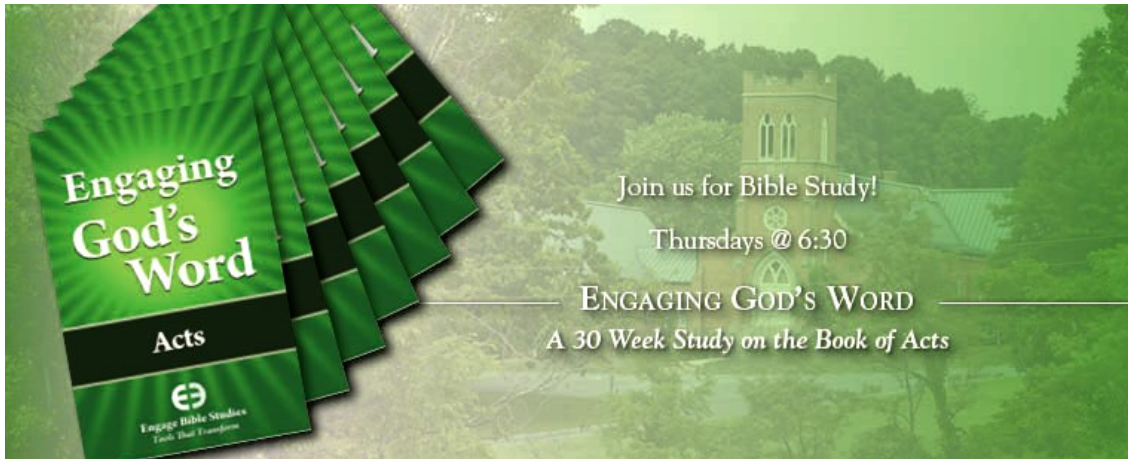
POSTLUDE *“How Majestic is Your Name”* arranged by Tim Doran
JoAnn Pendley, Organist & Pianist

JOIN US FOR BIBLE STUDY!

Looking to expand your Biblical knowledge? Then join us!

WHEN: Thursday evenings at 6:30 pm WHERE: Bethel Church

SUBJECT: 30 week study on the book of Acts



Bring a Friend to Church Campaign

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

Handbell Choir meets Thursday afternoons at 3:00 pm. All are welcome to join them!

The Bethel Presbyterian Women meet the 3rd Thursday of the month at 12:30 pm for Circle & Bible Study.

PRAYER LIST UPDATES: 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. In order to keep the Prayer List up-to-date names may be removed after 8 weeks if we haven't received an update.





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Lift in Prayer

Bethel Leadership
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

Sympathies & Condolences
FAMILY & FRIENDS OF THE
FOLLOWING:
Peggy Coffey (Jon Bush's sister)
Matt Koogler
Tracy Koogler
Margaret Liptrap
Bill Ross
David Strickler
Virginia Ann Strickler

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

You're Invited!

**ARE YOU NEW TO BETHEL?
YOU'RE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR
WORSHIP EVERY SUNDAY AT
11:00 AM!**

If you're new to Bethel Presbyterian Church, and are looking to get more connected, we want to hear from you! If you haven't had the opportunity to fill out a "Welcome Visitor" card with your contact information please take a moment to do so. Cards are available in the pew racks and on the designated table where the copies of the "Order of Worship" are placed.

If you are interested and request it we will gladly send you the announcements every week and "The Tower" newsletter monthly.* Both are great opportunities to engage more deeply with our community. We look forward to getting to know you!

(*Please make sure to include your email address on the card. If you don't have email please include your full mailing address. Thanks!)

**COMFORT CARE WOMEN'S HEALTH
BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN**

All baby bottles are due back today!
Please place in Memorial Hall.

Questions: Contact Stephanie Rivers (540-849-9839).

Please check out this year's Lent Devotionals "Amazing Grace" based on the 250th anniversary of the song Amazing Grace. Booklets are available in Memorial Hall and vestibule.

FAMILY OF FAITH COMMUNITY: UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

SATURDAY MARCH 4th - Dinner & a Movie at Bethel;
5:30 - 7:00 pm Dinner and Fellowship
Movie begins at 7:00 pm (Movie: TBA)

MARCH 11th - Beans & Cornbread at Pines; 5:00 pm

APRIL 1st - Game Night & Potato Bar Dinner
at Redeemer Lutheran Church

FEBRUARY
19th, 2023

ATTENDANCE
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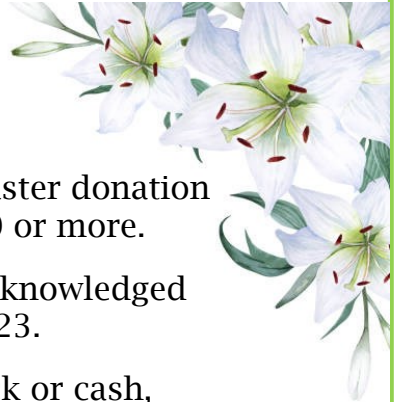
The flowers this morning are given by Julie Turner in loving memory of Lottie Reed McCray.

ELDER ON CALL
Derek Almarode
540-280-4940

WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Estimated Weekly Budget
\$3,127.00
Offering for February 19th
\$3,189.00





BETHEL EASTER LILIES & EASTER DONATIONS TO BERF

Purchase an Easter lily at \$12.00 each and/or make an Easter donation to the Bethel Emergency Relief Fund (BERF) of \$12.00 or more.

Lilies purchased and donations made to BERF will be acknowledged in the bulletin on Easter Sunday, April 9th, 2023.

Please fill out the form below completely, attach check or cash, and place in the offering plate or mail to the church at 563 Bethel Green Road; Staunton, VA 24401.

LILY - Make check payable to Bethel Presbyterian Church

BERF DONATION - Make check payable to BERF

PLEASE FILL OUT TWO SEPARATE FORMS if you are purchasing a lily AND making a donation to BERF.

DEADLINE TO RETURN FORMS WITH PAYMENT: SUNDAY, MARCH 12TH, 2023

(Contact Mo Kyle @ 540-292-8578 with questions.)

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NAME _____

PHONE NUMBER & EMAIL _____

NUMBER OF LILIES & TOTAL COST _____

AMOUNT OF DONATION TO BERF _____

IN MEMORY OF _____

GIVEN BY _____

IN HONOR OF _____

GIVEN BY _____

Remember to pick up your lily following the worship service on Easter Sunday, April 9th. There are always lilies that have been purchased and are left behind in the Sanctuary after Easter. Think about blessing one of our shut-ins or a friend with your beautiful lily instead.