



# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

SUNDAY · MAY 7<sup>TH</sup> 2023 · 11:00 AM

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

## GATHERING

*Prelude* . . . . . *Lord, I Want to be a Christian* by Lloyd Larson . . . . . Bethel Bell Choir  
*Westminster Chimes*

*Welcome & Announcements* . . . . . Dave Schooley

## WE APPROACH GOD

*Invocation & Lord's Prayer* . . . . . Dave Schooley

*Call to Worship* (Psalm 31:1-5,15-16,24) . . . . . Dave Schooley

Leader: In you, O Lord, do I take refuge;

People: **let me never be put to shame;**

Leader: in your righteousness deliver me!

People: **Turn your ear to me,**

Leader: come quickly to my rescue;

People: **be my rock of refuge,**

Leader: a strong fortress to save me.

People: **since you are my rock and fortress,**

Leader: for the sake of your name lead and guide me,

People: **Free me from the trap that is set for me,**

Leader: for you are my refuge.

People: **Into your hands I commit my spirit,**

Leader: you have redeemed, O Lord, the faithful God

People: **My times are in your hands;**

Leader: deliver me from my enemies and from those who pursue me.

People: **Let your face shine on your servant;**

Leader: save me in your failing love, Amen

† *Opening Hymn #361* . . . . . *O Christ, the Great Foundation* . . . . . JoAnn Pendley, Organist

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

† *Prayer of Confession* . . . . . Dave Schooley  
Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being,  
whose face is hidden from us by our sins,  
and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts:  
Cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires,  
that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you,  
confessing our faults, confiding in your grace,  
and finding in you, our refuge and strength; through your son Jesus Christ.

† *Moment of Silent Confession* . . . . . Dave Schooley

† *Assurance of Forgiveness* (Romans 8:24) . . . . . Dave Schooley

Leader: Friends and Family of Bethel - hear the good news!  
We have come to plead our cause with our Lord and Savior.  
People: **Jesus our Lord and Savior is the answer to all our problems,  
He is the healer of all our wounds & He is the keeper of our faithful souls.**  
Leader: Believe the good news!  
People: **In Jesus Christ our Lord we are Forgiven!**  
Leader: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.  
People: **And also with you.**  
Leader: And all God's people joyfully said, **Amen!**

*Anthem* . . . . . *Jesus, What a Wonder You Are* . . . . . Bethel Choir

**HEARING GOD'S WORD** \_\_\_\_\_

*Children's Message* . . . . . *Different Size, Different Shape, Same Water* (John 4:10) . . . . . Derek Almarode  
*Prayer of Illumination* . . . . . Derek Almarode  
*Scripture Reading* - John 9:1-11 . . . . . Derek Almarode  
*Sermon* . . . . . *There was more to the break!* . . . . . Derek Almarode

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD** \_\_\_\_\_

† *Hymn of Reflection #625* . . . . . *O Lord My God* . . . . . JOANN PENDLEY, ORGANIST & PIANIST  
† *Statement of Faith - The Apostle's Creed* . . . . . Dave Schooley  
*Joys & Concerns* . . . . . Dave Schooley  
*Prayers of the People* . . . . . Derek Almarode  
*Amen #601* . . . . . All

**RECEPTION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS** \_\_\_\_\_

*Offertory* . . . . . *More Love to Thee* . . . . . by Tim Doran  
† *Doxology #606*  
*Prayer of Dedication* . . . . . Derek Almarode

**SENDING** \_\_\_\_\_

*Closing Hymn #169* . . . . . *Dear Lord and Father of Mankind* JOANN PENDLEY, ORGANIST & PIANIST  
*Charge and Benediction* . . . . . Derek Almarode  
*Postlude* . . . . . *To God Be the Glory* . . . . . Tim Doran  
JOANN PENDLEY, ORGANIST & PIANIST

*Thank YOU!*

Dear Bethel friends,

Wes, Liam and I appreciate all of your prayers, cards and well-wishes during Harper's and my hospitalizations. Knowing that we had your support certainly helped us through a very difficult time. It is nice to have everyone home and for all of us to be able to attend Bethel with our church family again.

With love, the McElveens

## 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.

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

## LET THE RISING SON-SHINE IN A MESSAGE FROM THE PULPIT

With a farewell to the winter and this last bit of cooler weather, we say hello to the warmth of the sun and the life it now brings us. The signs of new life are all around us. As Spring transitions into summer, we should focus on letting the light of Christ shine in our hearts, for He is the true rising son from whom our warmth and strength flow.

As our days begin to lengthen, and May moves into June many things bloom and prosper. Thus, so should your discipleship for Jesus. God is always doing something in our hearts, in the world, and in our church. Like seeds waiting for warm rains and warmer nights to sprout, the Spirit works in us. Friends it is time to bloom and blossom for God!

Jesus has shown me that a new season has come. Time is on the side of new growth, and with new growth comes Hope! How can Bethel help you grow as a disciple of Jesus in this new season? It is time to connect or perhaps reconnect with God and with one another. The harshness of winter has passed, it is time to grow! It is our time to grow in connection, grow in community, grow as disciples, grow in our service, and grow in Jesus.

If Bethel has been a blessing to you, don't keep that to yourself. As I stated in January at the New Year message, invite a friend to join you for worship or one of the many events and gatherings here at Bethel. If worship blesses you, invite a friend to worship too. If the choir or our soloist blesses you, invite a musical person you know to join you. If you love our current Bible Study, bring a friend. Be fishers of men, bring a friend simply because you love God and you love Bethel. Together, we can grow as disciples and grow into the people God is calling each of us to be!

I am overjoyed to be your shepherd, I am delighted to share in God's word with each of you, and I am humbled by your trust. Lastly, I am excited to see what God has in store for us! Let's take this new season and grow together.

See you Sunday in God's House, Derek

30TH  
APRIL

ATTENDANCE

60

*the flowers today  
are given*

*By*

*DW & Beth  
Miller*

*in Memory of  
Loved Ones*

ELDER ON CALL

Derek Almarode  
540-280-4940

WEEKLY  
FINANCIAL  
REPORT

*Estimated Weekly Budget*  
\$3,127.00

*Offering for April 30*  
\$2,162.00





# UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

INCLUDING OUR COMMUNITY  
FAMILY OF FAITH

**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 21st - 2:00**

YOUTH FISHING TRIP, HEARN LAKE, SNACKS PROVIDED

**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 4th - Gypsy Hill Park**

RIDE ON THE FLOAT OR WALK ALONGSIDE!!

**Sunday, July 9th - 11:00**

LEMONADE AT THE PAVILION AFTER WORSHIP

**Sunday, August 27th - Homecoming**

**Sunday, September 24th - 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  
John Sproul | Joe Heizer | Eddie Sensabaugh  
Blakeleigh Thompson daughter of Dan & Julie Thompson  
Bethany Moore | Sara Moore | Hannah Harris

## *Sympathy & Condolences*

**FAMILY and FRIENDS of the FOLLOWING:**

Bill Ross | Garret Cassell  
Mike Houff | Paul Shreeves



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*).

*every Thursday at 6:30*

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FUN  FAITH  FAMILY

JOIN US ONE THURSDAY OR ALL OF 'EM!

