



SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP › JUNE 4<sup>TH</sup> 2023 › 11:00 AM

*Welcome & Announcements* . . . . . Brian Lee

*Invocation & Lord's Prayer* . . . . . Brian Lee

*Call to Worship* . . . . . Brian Lee

Leader: Friends, welcome to this place of love and grace.

**People: A place where we find hope and perseverance in friendship.**

Leader: God invites all of us to be a part of this beloved community of faith.

**People: A place where God shares in the good news.**

Leader: In gratitude for all of this let us go now and worship God.

**Everyone: All are welcomed here in this hallowed place just as we are because we are loved just as we are. AMEN**

† *Opening Hymn* . . . . . *Be Thou My Vision - Verses 1 & 2* . . . Recorded by JoAnn Pendley

† *Prayer of Confession* . . . . . Brian Lee

Gracious and loving God, open our hearts in confession this morning so that we may be able to admit our sinful nature. Unlike you Lord, we are not perfect and we are impacted by the negative culture in this world. Father, we simply come together this morning and pray for your forgiveness and for your understanding. Father, we are not deserving but we beg of you for your mercy. Through your forgiveness we can be whole again and not be torn away from your glory. Help us to see your light and stay focused on its beacon. We ask for your presence here this morning, help us to be more like you and share in your goodness with whom we meet. In doing so, true peace and love can be found in our lives. Amen.

† *Moment of Silent Confession* . . . . . Brian Lee

† *Assurance of Forgiveness* . . . . . Brian Lee

*Children's Time* . . . . . *Dodgeball* {Colossians 3:1-4} . . . . . Derek Almarode

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

**Scripture Reading** {Colossians 3: 1-16} . . . . . Derek Almarode  
**Sermon** . . . . . *The Best Optometrist* . . . . . Derek Almarode  
† **Hymn of Reflection** . . . . . *Abide with Me - Vs 1 & 4* . . . . . Recorded by JoAnn Pendley  
† **Acknowledgment of Our Faith** . . . . . Brian Lee

*With immense gratitude and respect to God Almighty,  
empowered by the gift of the Holy Spirit,  
as believers in Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior  
we strive to serve Him in our daily walk in life.  
We work diligently, to live holy and joyful lives, as we watch for tomorrow  
which we know will bring God's new heaven and new earth.  
Today, as faithful followers of God's ministry,  
we rejoice in knowing that nothing in this life, including our death  
can separate us from the Love of God, in Christ Jesus our Lord.  
Father, may our time spent here this morning together,  
be found pleasing to you, and may you receive all the Glory  
in all that we do as your disciples. For by your love,  
and the sacrifice of your Son Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen*

**Joys, Concerns & Offering**

**Pastoral Prayer of the People** . . . . . Derek Almarode  
**Closing Hymn** . . . . . *Great is Thy Faithfulness - Vs 1 & 3* . . . . . Recorded by JoAnn Pendley  
**Charge and Benediction** . . . . . Derek Almarode

**Volunteers Needed!!**

*4th of July Parade*

JOIN US TO RIDE OR WALK IN THE PARADE AT GYPSY HILL PARK

## Be Thou My Vision 246

SLANE

1. Be Thou my Vi - sion, O Lord of my heart; be  
 2. Be Thou my Wis - dom, be Thou my true Word; be  
 3. Be Thou my Breast - plate, my Sword for the fight; be  
 4. Rich - es I heed not, nor man's emp - ty praise; be  
 5. High King of heav - en, Thou heav - en's bright Sun, O

all else but naught to me, save that Thou art; be  
 Thou ev - er with me, and I with Thee, Lord; be  
 Thou my whole Ar - mor, be Thou my true Might; be  
 Thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways; be  
 grant me its joys, af - ter vic - t'ry is won; Great

Thou my best thought in the day and the night, both  
 Thou my great Fa - ther, and I Thy true son; be  
 Thou my soul's Shel - ter, be Thou my strong Tow'r, O  
 Thou and Thou on - ly the first in my heart, O  
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall, still

wak - ing and sleep - ing, Thy pres - ence my light.  
 Thou in me dwell - ing, and I with Thee one.  
 raise Thou me heav'n - ward, great Pow'r of my pow'r.  
 High King of heav - en, my Treas - ure Thou art.  
 be Thou my vi - sion, O Ru - ler of all.

WORDS: 8th cent. hymn; tr. Mary Elizabeth Byrne, 1905; vers. Eleanor Hull, 1912, alt. 10.11.11.11  
 MUSIC: Irish folk melody

BIBLE STUDY  
 AT BETHEL

EVERY THUR  
 @ 6:30

30 LESSON  
 STUDY ON THE  
 BOOK OF ACTS

JOIN US  
 ONE THURSDAY  
 OR  
 ALL OF 'EM!



BIBLE  
 STUDY  
 PICNIC

THURSDAY  
 JUNE 8 @ 6:30  
 AT THE CHAPEL

*Please let Derek  
 or Cindy know by  
 Sunday, May 28  
 for a count.*

*The picnic is hosted  
 by and a fundraiser  
 for the Women  
 of the Church.*

## Abide with Me

1. A - bide with me; fast falls the e - ven - tide;  
 2. Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day;  
 3. I need Thy pres - ence ev - ery pass - ing hour;  
 4. Hold Thou Thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes;

the dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide.  
 earth's joys grow dim, its glo - ries pass a - way;  
 what but Thy grace can foil the tempt - er's power?  
 shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;

When oth - er help - ers fail, and com - forts flee,  
 change and de - cay in all a - round I see.  
 Who like Thy - self my guide and stay can be?  
 heaven's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain shad - ows flee.

help of the help - less, O a - bide with me!  
 O Thou who chang - est not, a - bide with me!  
 Through cloud and sun - shine, O a - bide with me!  
 In life, in death, O Lord, a - bide with me!

WORDS: Henry F. Lyte, 1847 (Luke 24:29)  
 MUSIC: William Henry Monk, 1861

EVENTIDE  
 10.10.10.10



ECO

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*).

## "Great is Thy Faithfulness."

T. O. CHISHOLM.

WILLIAM M. RUNYAN.

1. "Great is Thy faith-ful-ness," O God my Fa-ther, There is no  
 2. Sum-mer and win-ter, and spring-time and har-vest, Sun, moon and  
 3. Par-don for sin and a peace that en-dur-eth, Thy own dear

shad-ow of turn-ing with thee; Thou chang-est not, Thy com-  
 stars in their cours-es a-bove, Join with all na-ture in  
 pres-ence to cheer and to guide; Strength for to-day and bright

pas-sions, they fail not, As Thou hast been Thou for-ev-er wilt be."  
 man-i-fold wit-ness, To Thy great faith-ful-ness, mer-cy and love.  
 hope for to-mor-row, Bless-ings all mine, with ten thou-sand be-side!

## CHORUS.

"Great is Thy faith-ful-ness! Great is Thy faith-ful-ness!" Morn-ing by

morn-ing new mer-cies I see; All I have need-ed Thy

hand hath pro-vid-ed,— "Great is Thy faith-ful-ness," Lord, un-to me!

## 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

Bethel Leadership and Our Bethel Church Family  
Bill Brubeck | Joyce Davis | Charlie Johnson | Ronnie Wilson  
John Pilson | Jane Law | Louise Hoy | Bunny Hearn  
Ashley Kellogg & Matt Cloonan | John & Stephanie Davis  
John Sproul | Joe Heizer | Eddie Sensabaugh | Jarod Davis  
Blakeleigh Thompson daughter of Dan & Julie Thompson  
Bethany Moore | Sara Moore | Hannah Harris | Peter Marks

## Sympathy & Condolences

**FAMILY and FRIENDS of the FOLLOWING:**

Bill Ross | Garret Cassell | Jack Turner | Joe Condro  
Mike Houff | Paul Shreeves | Odell Smith

## 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 at the Chapel in the Woods, Derek

28TH  
MAY

ATTENDANCE

45



A Covenant Order  
of Evangelical  
Presbyterians

welcome  
HOME

ELDER ON CALL

Derek Almarode  
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WEEKLY  
FINANCIAL  
REPORT

*Estimated Weekly Budget*  
\$3,127.00

*Offering for May 14th*  
\$878.00





# UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

INCLUDING OUR COMMUNITY  
FAMILY OF FAITH

**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

**Saturday, July 22nd**

DINNER AND A MOVIE

**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

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*Dinner*  
**AND A MOVIE** Hosted by the  
Men of the Church  
Saturday, July 22nd

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**YOUTH COMMITTEE**

Meets the last Sunday  
of each month.

**SECURITY COMMITTEE**

Meets the 3rd Sunday  
of each month.

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## 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  
CHAIRMAN 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

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## DEACONS

Ellen Fitzgerald  
Charlie Johnson  
Mitch Lathrop  
Harleigh Lee  
Katie McElveen  
D.W. Miller

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## TRUSTEES

Guy D. Brooks  
Bill Brubeck  
Charlie Johnson  
Billy Wade  
James Williams

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## 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