

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP , OCTOBER 15TH 2023 , 11:00 AM

Prelude	
Westminster Chimes	5
Welcome & Announ	<i>cements</i>
WE APPROACH O	GOD
Invocation & Lord's Prayer	
<i>Call to Worship</i> {Psalm 63:1-4; Proverbs 3:5-6} Cind	
Leader:	We gather today to worship the One who created us.
People:	The One who calls us.
Leader:	The One who equips us.
People:	The One who loves us without end.
Everyone:	With joyful hearts, let us worship God.
† Opening Hymn #525 All 3 Verses Here I Am Lord	
† <i>Call to Confession</i>	
+ Prayer of Confession	
We confe lives as w him glory obeying t	God, you have raised Jesus from the grave and crowned him Lord of all. ss that we have not bowed before him or acknowledged his rule in our we ought. We have gone along with the way of the world and failed to give w. Forgive us and raise us from sin, that we may be your faithful people, the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ, who rules the world and is head wrch, his body, Amen.
<i>†Assurance of Forgiveness</i> Cindy Almarode	
HEARING GOD'S	WORD
Children's Sermon	{Matthew 16:19} The Real Map Derek Almarode
+ Please stand - in body	or spirit Elder Cindy Almarode, Worship Leader Elder Derek Almarode, Lay Pastor

 Prayer of Illumination
 Derek Almarode

 Scripture Reading {Matthew 16:13-20}
 Derek Almarode

 Sermon
 Our Church or His?
 Derek Almarode

 WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD
 Derek Almarode

 †Hymn of Reflection #293
 This is My Father's World
 JoAnn Pendley

 †Statement of Faith {The Apostle's Creed}
 Cindy Almarode

 I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ
 his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin

 Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended
 into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and

 sitteth on the right hand of the Father Almighty. From thence he shall come to judge
 the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic* church, the

 communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the
 life everlasting. Amen.

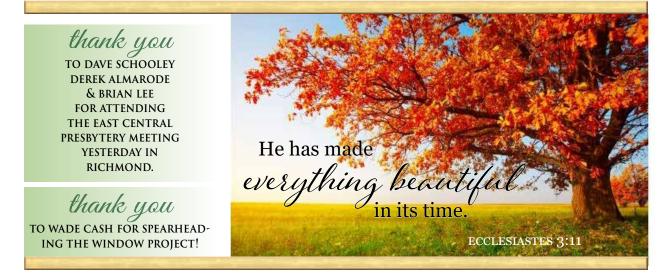
*that is the true Christian church of all times and all places

<i>Joys & Concerns</i>		
<i>Prayers of the People</i>		
RECEPTION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS		
Offertory		
<i>Doxology</i>		
<i>Prayer of Dedication</i>		
SENDING		
Closing Hymn #464		
Charge & Benediction		
Postlude		



The Presbyterian Children's Home of the Highlands in Wytheville provides a Christian atmosphere and extraordinary care to the children they have been privileged to serve for 97 years.

For some time, our Bethel Women have helped brighten these children's Christmas by sending them gift cards. We are collecting these cards from the congregation again this November. The most useful gift cards are from McDonalds, Walmart, Burger King, and Dollar General. Please give your cards to Beth Miller or Stephanie Rivers by November 20. THANK YOU!





Shoeboxes are now available in the vestibule. They are due November 12th

BIBLE STUDY AT BETHEL EVERY THURSDAY @ 6:30

This may be the best bible study yet...



are we a fan or follower in our relationship with Jesus?



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28 6:00 - 8:00 PM

This is a huge community outreach, lots of help is needed. It takes a village! Last year we had 125 in attendance.

If you would like to donate candy, please leave in the kitchen — If you can set up your car for trunk or treat, please be set up by 5:30, decorated optional — If you can help gut pumpkins, please be here at 3pm, bring buckets if you want to take the insides to your animals — If you'd like to donate snacks, please have them here by 5:00 — If you'd like to help, come on out!! Feel free to dress up!

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY Remembering those who have gone before us.

During the worship service on Sunday, November 5 we will recognize all in our Community of Faith who have claimed the Gift of Eternal Life over the past year.

If you have a loved one who has passed away in the past 12 months, and would like to have their name(s) included in our remembrance list and candle lighting ceremony, please fill out this form and place it in the provided basket located at the offering table.

Please have all forms in by Sunday, October 29th.

Persons to be remembered:

Submitted by:

Email or phone:

(IN CASE OF QUESTIONS)

lift up in prayer

Bethel Leadership and Our Bethel Church Family Bill Brubeck | Joyce Davis | Ronnie Wilson | Cathy Bartley Jane Law | John Sproul | Skyler Harris | Rodger Swisher Kenny Olson | Joe Heizer | Bobbie Lawhorn | Jane Law | Faye Ambler Ronnie Warren | Wilda Dyer | John Howell | Debbie Koogler

Sympathy & Condolences

FAMILY and FRIENDS of the FOLLOWING: John Pilson | Darrell Hewett | Jewell Rose (Irene's sister)

Gary Sutton | Chuckie Burgdorf | Virginia Francisco

Hello my friends,

A MESSAGE FROM THE PULPIT

I hope this message finds each of you well. As we set sail into fall and cooler weather, I just want to take a minute of your time and share a short message. Coming off the heals of one of the most moving an inspirational worship services of my lifetime I just want to share with each one of you how much God loves you and how He desires for each of you to seek a personal relationship with Him. Today, I encourage each of you to begin by always looking forward!

There is so much to be hopeful for as we look forward into our future together. I remind each of you that there is no better time than the present to begin a sincere relationship with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Here within our ministry, there are so many ways each of you can find yourselves in service to Christ. We welcome you and encourage you in that effort. The sky is not even the limit, in fact, serving Christ is limitless. So come on along, you can even take the wheel!

In closing, I invite you to join us in our Worship, our Bible Studies, our Christian Education Programs, our Music Programs, our Outreach Ministries, and last, but certainly not least, come join us in Christ's family. Leaving the river last Sunday as I watched all of you ascend the hill to break bread together, God placed on my heart that we were to take the living water and refresh everyone we see and touch with it's almighty power!

Friends, that living water contains within it's refreshment, Hope, Grace, Mercy, Forgiveness and Love. Come now, let's follow Jesus together and share in His living water together!

In Christ, Derek

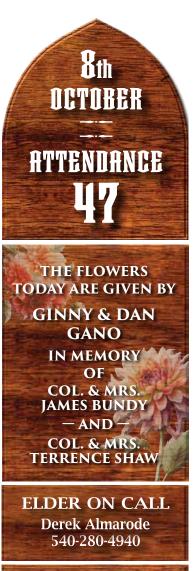
PRAYER REQUESTS OR CHANGES

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

To keep the Prayer List as up to date as possible, names will be removed from the list after eight weeks unless Tammy, Ellen or the Office has been notified otherwise.



WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Estimated Weekly Budget \$3,127.00

Offering for October 8th \$1,872.00





Saturday, October 28th

HARVEST PARTY

PUMPKIN CARVING, TRUNK OR TREAT, SNACKS! COMMUNITY INVITED If you can't bring your vehicle but would like to donate candy, please drop off in the kitchen.

Sunday, October 29th

WRE BREAKFAST HOSTED BY PINES CHAPEL AT 8:30AM. BEFORE WORSHIP WITH TRUNK OR TREAT AT 4:00.

Sunday, November 5th

ALL SAINTS DAY. Don't forget to fill out the form!

Sunday, December 3rd

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT - COMMUNION. COVERED DISH MEAL FOLLOWING WORSHIP.

Sunday, December 24th - Christmas Eve FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT. REGULAR WORSHIP AT 11:00 CANDLELIGHT SERVICE @ 8:00PM.

Every Thursday - 6:30

BIBLE STUDY AT BETHEL NEW SERIES "NOT A FAN"

YOUTH COMMITTEE Meets the last Sunday of each month.

SECURITY COMMITTEE Meets the 3rd Sunday of each month.

-ELDERS

Dave Schooley clerk of session s&f co-chair

Cindy Almarode christian education, chair moderator, women of the church

Derek Almarode Lay pastor TRANSITION CHAIR

Tammy Barbour worship chair

Wade Cash buildings & grounds chair chairmen of the deacons

Penny Lee christian outreach chair

Brian Lee youth chair s&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