



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

Prelude

Westminster Chimes

Welcome & Announcements Cindy Almarode

WE APPROACH GOD -----

Invocation & Lord's Prayer Cindy Almarode

Call to Worship {Psalm 63:1-4; Proverbs 3:5-6} Cindy Almarode

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* JoAnn Pendley

† *Call to Confession* Cindy Almarode

† *Prayer of Confession* Cindy Almarode

Almighty God, you have raised Jesus from the grave and crowned him Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before him or acknowledged his rule in our lives as we ought. We have gone along with the way of the world and failed to give him glory. Forgive us and raise us from sin, that we may be your faithful people, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ, who rules the world and is head of the church, his body, Amen.

† *Assurance of Forgiveness* Cindy Almarode

HEARING GOD'S WORD -----

Children's Sermon {Matthew 16:19} *The Real Map* Derek Almarode

<i>Prayer of Illumination</i>	Derek Almarode
<i>Scripture Reading</i> {Matthew 16:13-20}	Derek Almarode
<i>Sermon</i> <i>Our Church or His?</i>	Derek Almarode

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD -----

† <i>Hymn of Reflection #293</i> <i>This is My Father’s World</i>	JoAnn Pendley
† <i>Statement of Faith</i> {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>	Cindy Almarode
<i>Prayers of the People</i>	Derek Almarode

RECEPTION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS -----

<i>Offertory</i>	JoAnn Pendley
<i>Doxology</i>	JoAnn Pendley
<i>Prayer of Dedication</i>	Derek Almarode

SENDING -----

<i>Closing Hymn #464</i> <i>Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee</i>	JoAnn Pendley
<i>Charge & Benediction</i>	Derek Almarode
<i>Postlude</i>	JoAnn Pendley



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!

thank you

TO DAVE SCHOOLEY
DEREK ALMARODE
& BRIAN LEE
FOR ATTENDING
THE EAST CENTRAL
PRESBYTERY MEETING
YESTERDAY IN
RICHMOND.

thank you

TO WADE CASH FOR SPEARHEAD-
ING THE WINDOW PROJECT!

He has made
everything beautiful
in its time.

ECCLESIASTES 3:11



Shoebboxes 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 heels 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.

8th
OCTOBER

ATTENDANCE

47

THE FLOWERS
TODAY ARE GIVEN BY

GINNY & DAN
GANO

IN MEMORY
OF
COL. & MRS.
JAMES BUNDY

— AND —

COL. & MRS.
TERRENCE SHAW

ELDER ON CALL

Derek Almarode
540-280-4940

WEEKLY
FINANCIAL
REPORT

Estimated Weekly Budget
\$3,127.00

Offering for October 8th
\$1,872.00





UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

INCLUDING OUR COMMUNITY FAMILY OF FAITH

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
&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
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

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