



SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP · OCTOBER 22ND 2023 · 11:00 AM

Prelude *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need* Setting by Edward Broughton

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: Here, in this place, we discover the great things God has done.

People: **In story and song, in silence and sacrament, we are reminded that God's relationship with us lasts forever.**

Leader: Here, among your children, our friends, we find our true home.

People: **Where we can run home laughing after being lost for so long.**

Leader: Here in this place of hope, we hear those promises made so long ago.

Everyone: **Of the one who repairs our mistakes,
and the one who reshapes us from our brokenness. Amen!**

† *Opening Hymn #356* *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing* JoAnn Pendley

† *Call to Confession* Cindy Almarode

† *Prayer of Confession* Cindy Almarode

Merciful Father, we are truly sorry for our many shortcomings and this morning we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son and our Savior Jesus Christ, we experience mercy and grace. In that experience, we also understand forgiveness because we have received it firsthand. Forgive us Lord when we don't extend these gifts beyond ourselves. God, may you be ever present with us as we delight in your will, and walk in your ways, may you receive all the glory and honor through our discipleship, Amen.

† *Moment of Silent Confession*

† *Assurance of Forgiveness* Cindy Almarode

HEARING GOD’S WORD -----

Children’s Sermon {Luke 9:23} .. *Take Up or Pick Up – Order or Suggestion?* Derek Almarode

Prayer of Illumination Derek Almarode

Scripture Reading {1 Corinthians 1:1-18} Derek Almarode

Sermon *Still Standing* Derek Almarode

Anthem *Now Praise the Lord* Bethel Choir

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD -----

† *Hymn of Reflection #293* *The Old Rugged Cross* 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*

Joys & Concerns Cindy Almarode

Prayers of the People Derek Almarode

RECEPTION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS -----

Offertory *Be Thou My Vision* Setting by Edward Broughton

Doxology JoAnn Pendley

Prayer of Dedication Derek Almarode

SENDING -----

Closing Hymn #464 *There is a Fountain Filled with Blood* JoAnn Pendley

Charge & Benediction Derek Almarode

Postlude *Sweet Song of Peace* Setting by Robert J. Hughes

MEN’S SUPPER

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH AT 6:30PM

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Come, thou Fount of ev - ery bles - sing, tune my heart to sing thy grace; streams of
Here I find my great - est trea - sure; hi - ther by thy help I've come; and I
Oh, to grace how great a deb - tor dai - ly I'm con - strained to be! Let thy

5

mer - cy, ne - ver ceas - ing, call for songs of lou - dest praise. Teach me__
hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home. Je - sus__
good - ness, like a fet - ter, bind my wan - dering heart to thee: prone to__

9

some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by__ fla - ming tongues a - bove. Praise the
sought me when a stran - ger, wan - dering from the fold of God; he, to
wan - der, Lord, I feel__ it, prone to__ leave the God I love; here's my

13

mount I'm fixed up - on it mount of God's re - deem - ing love.
re - scue me from dan - ger, bought me with his pre - cious blood.
heart, O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

The Old Rugged Cross

Ab Db Bb

1 On a hill far a - way stood an old rug - ged cross, the
 2 O that old rug - ged cross, so de - spised by the world, has a
 3 In the old rug - ged cross, stained with blood so di - vine, a
 4 To the old rug - ged cross I will ev - er be true, its

Eb7 Ab

em - blem of suf - fer - ing and shame; and I love that old cross, where the
 won - drous at - trac - tion for me; for the dear Lamb of God left his
 won - drous beau - ty I see; for 'twas on that old cross Je - sus
 shame and re - proach glad - ly bear; then he'll call me some day to my

Db Bb Eb7 Ab

dear - est and best for a world of lost sin - ners was slain.
 glo - ry a - bove to bear it to dark Cal - va - ry.
 suf - fered and died to par - don and sanc - ti - fy me.
 home far a - way, where his glo - ry for - ev - er I'll share.

Refrain Eb Ab

So I'll cher - ish the old rug - ged cross, till my
 cross, the old rug - ged cross,



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).

There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood 256

B \flat
 $\frac{E\mathbb{b}}{B\mathbb{b}}$
B \flat
 $\frac{B\mathbb{b}}{D}$
E \mathbb{b}
B \flat
 $\frac{E\mathbb{b}}{B\mathbb{b}}$
B \flat

1 There is a foun-tain filled with blood drawn from Im-man - uel's
 2 The dy - ing thief re - joiced to see that foun-tain in his
 3 Dear dy - ing Lamb, thy pre - cious blood shall nev - er lose its
 4 E'er since by faith I saw the stream thy flow - ing wounds sup -
 5 When this poor lisp - ing, stam - mering tongue lies si - lent in the

F
B \flat
 $\frac{E\mathbb{b}}{B\mathbb{b}}$
B \flat
 $\frac{B\mathbb{b}}{D}$
E \mathbb{b}
B \flat
F7
F13

veins, and sin - ners, plunged be - neath that flood, lose all their guilt - y
 day, and there may I, though vile as he, wash all my sins a -
 pply, till all the ran - somed Church of God be saved, to sin no
 grave, then in a no - bler, sweet - er song I'll sing thy power to

B \flat
F7
B \flat
E \mathbb{b}
B \flat
 $\frac{E\mathbb{b}}{B\mathbb{b}}$
B \flat
F

stains: lose all their guilt - y stains, lose all their guilt - y stains;
 way: wash all my sins a - way, wash all my sins a - way;
 more: be saved, to sin no more, be saved, to sin no more;
 die: and shall be till I die, and shall be till I die;
 save: I'll sing thy power to save, I'll sing thy power to save;

B \flat
 $\frac{E\mathbb{b}}{B\mathbb{b}}$
B \flat
 $\frac{B\mathbb{b}}{D}$
E \mathbb{b}
B \flat
F7
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B \flat

and sin - ners, plunged be - neath that flood, lose all their guilt - y stains.
 and there may I, though vile as he, wash all my sins a - way.
 till all the ran - somed Church of God be saved, to sin no more.
 re - deem - ing love has been my theme, and shall be till I die.
 then in a no - bler, sweet - er song I'll sing thy power to save.



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!



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

**BIBLE STUDY AT BETHEL
EVERY THURSDAY @ 6:30**

Join us!!!
*are we a fan
or follower
in our relationship
with Jesus?*



**COMMUNITY
THANKSGIVING SERVICE
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22
AT MT. TABOR**

TIME TO BE ANNOUNCED



**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!

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SPONSOR
A NEW WINDOW FOR THE
SUNDAY SCHOOL WING,
CONTACT WADE CASH.**

**IF ANYONE CAN HELP WITH
LIGHTS IN THE PARK PLEASE LET
BRIAN OR DEREK KNOW!**

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 | Jean Harris
Ronnie Warren | Wilda Dyer | John Howell | Debbie Koogler
Crystal Gordan | Tara Lafler | Lester Hughes
Pat Quick | Faye Ambler

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 and 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.

In Christ, Derek



NAMES FOR ALL SAINTS DAY ARE DUE BY OCTOBER 29

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.

15th
OCTOBER

ATTENDANCE
45

THE FLOWERS
TODAY ARE GIVEN

IN LOVING MEMORY
OF PAUL W. LAW
BY

JANE LAW,
DAUGHTERS &
THEIR FAMILIES

ELDER ON CALL

Derek Almarode
540-280-4940

WEEKLY
FINANCIAL
REPORT

Estimated Weekly Budget
\$3,127.00

Offering for October 15th
\$3,335.00





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 4th

MT. TABOR CARRY OUT TENDERLOIN DINNER.

Sunday, November 5th

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

Sunday, November 22nd

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE @ MT. TABOR

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