

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

Prelude	My Shepherd Will Supply My Need Setting by Edward Broughton
Westminster Chimes	
Welcome & Announcements	
WE APPROACH GOD	
Invocation & Lord's H	Prayer
Call to Worship {Psalm 63:1-4; Proverbs 3:5-6}	
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!
† <i>Opening Hymn #356 Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing</i> JoAnn Pendley	
† <i>Call to Confession</i>	
† <i>Prayer of Confession</i>	
•	Father, we are truly sorry for our many shortcomings and this morn- umbly repent. For the sake of your Son and our Savior Jesus Christ, we

ing 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

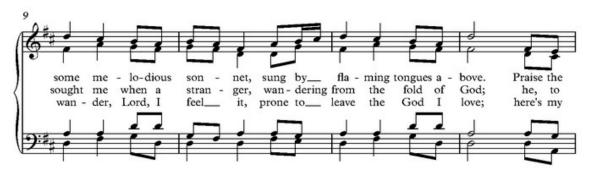
<i>†Assurance of Forgiveness</i>		
HEARING GOD'S WORD		
Children's Sermon {Luke 9:23} Take Up or Pick Up – Order or Suggestion?		
Prayer of Illumination		
Scripture Reading {1 Corinthians 1:1-18}		
SermonDerek Almarode		
Anthem		
WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD		
† <i>Hymn of Reflection #293 The Old Rugged Cross</i> JoAnn Pendley		
† Statement of Faith {The Apostle's Creed}		
Joys & Concerns		
Prayers of the People		
RECEPTION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS		
Offertory Setting by Edward Broughton		
Doxology		
Prayer of Dedication		
SENDING		
<i>Closing Hymn #464 There is a Fountain Filled with Blood</i> JoAnn Pendley		
Charge & Benediction		
<i>Postlude</i>		

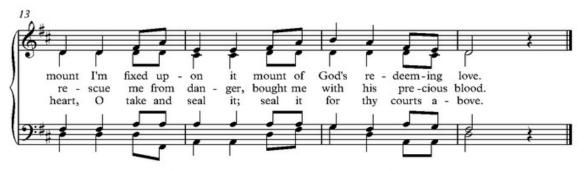
MEN'S SUPPER Tuesday, November 7th at 6:30pm

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing









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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).

WORDS and MUSIC: George Bennard (1873-1958)

OLD RUGGED CROSS Irregular

There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood 256



WORDS: William Cowper (1731-1800) MUSIC: American melody; arr. Lowell Mason (1792-1872) CLEANSING FOUNTAIN 8.6.8.6.6.6.8.6



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



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 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.

In Christ, Derek

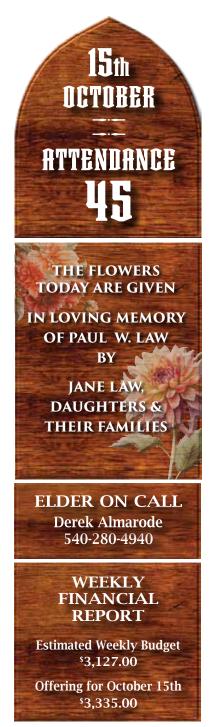


NAMES FOR ALL SAINTS DAY ARE DUE BY OCTOBER 29

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.



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UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

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 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