



SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP · SEPTEMBER 24TH 2023 · 11:00 AM

Gathering MusicPre-recorded

Welcome & AnnouncementsPenny Lee

InvocationPenny Lee

Call to WorshipPenny Lee

Leader: Good morning and welcome to Bethel, a place where there are no strangers, for all are welcome in the House of God.

People: **Here in worship, there is only acceptance for love as our language of faith.**

Leader: Come now and join us as we celebrate our faith.

People: **Here in our lives there are no divisions, for God dwells in each of us.**

Leader: Come now let us rejoice together in our salvation in Jesus Christ.

Everyone: **Let us all together now, one family of faith, worship in unity and love. Amen**

Special Music God Really Loves Us Stacy Stevens & Penny Lee

† *Call to Confession*Penny Lee

† *Prayer of Confession*Penny Lee

Lord though you should guide us, we inform ourselves, though you should rule us, we control ourselves, though you should fulfill us, we console ourselves. We think your truth is too high, your will too hard, your power too remote, your love too free. But they are not! Without them Lord, we confess we would be miserable. Heal our confused minds with your word. Heal our divided will with your law. Heal our troubled conscience with your unwavering love. Heal our anxious hearts with your presence. All for the sake of your Son and our Savior Jesus Christ who loved us and gave himself for us. Be with each of us now as we come to you in silent confession...

† *Moment of Silent Confession*Penny Lee

† *Assurance of Forgiveness*Penny Lee

<i>Time with Children</i> {Matthew 4:19}	The Hook or the Worm	Derek Almarode
<i>Prayer of Illumination</i>		Derek Almarode
<i>Scripture Reading</i> {Luke 14:12-24}		Derek Almarode
<i>Sermon</i>	Information or Invitation?	Derek Almarode
<i>Special Music</i>	Less Like Me	Stacy Stevens & Penny Lee
† <i>Apostle's Creed</i>		Penny Lee

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.

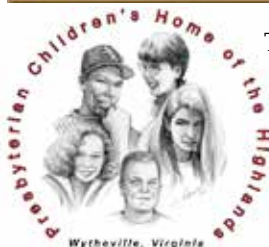
*that is the true Christian church of all times and all places

<i>Joys, Concerns & Offering</i>		Penny Lee
<i>Prayers of the People</i>		Derek Almarode
<i>Closing Hymn</i>	My Jesus	Stacy Stevens & Penny Lee
<i>Charge and Benediction</i>		Derek Almarode

RIVERHEADS WRE PRAISE NIGHT!

Sunday, September 24 at 6:00PM
 Raphine Christian Church

. An offering will be collected to benefit the Riverheads WRE program.
 All are invited to join us for an evening of music and community fellowship!



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!

lift up in prayer

Bethel Leadership and Our Bethel Church Family

Bill Brubeck | Joyce Davis | Ronnie Wilson
Jane Law | John Sproul | Skyler Harris | Rodger Swisher
Kenny Olson | Joe Heizer | Bobbie Lawhorn | Jane Law
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

A MESSAGE FROM THE PULPIT

Hello my friends,

I hope this message finds each of 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.

17th
SEPTEMBER

ATTENDANCE
45



ELDER ON CALL

Derek Almarode
540-280-4940

WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Estimated Weekly Budget
\$3,127.00

Offering for September 17th
\$3,100.00





UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

INCLUDING OUR COMMUNITY FAMILY OF FAITH

Sunday, September 24th -

ALL ARE INVITED TO PINES CHAPEL'S HOMECOMING
AT 1:00 TODAY WITH FAITHFUL PRAISE AT 2:00.

Sunday, October 1st

WORLD COMMUNION DAY
WORSHIP INSIDE

Tuesday, October 3rd

COMFORTCARE WOMEN'S HEALTH
ANNUAL FALL FUNDRAISING BANQUET
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3
CORNERSTONE CHURCH OF AUGUSTA.
CONTACT STEPHANIE RIVERS FOR INFO 540-849-9839

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.

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
& 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
& 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