



SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP · NOVEMBER 12TH 2023 · 11:00 AM

Prelude God Bless America Jim Dye
— CONGREGATION PLEASE STAND AND JOIN IN SINGING SECOND TIME THROUGH —

Westminster Chimes

Welcome & Announcements Tim Turner

WE APPROACH GOD -----

Invocation & Lord's Prayer Tim Turner

Call to Worship Tim Turner

Leader: Friends in Christ Jesus, let us gather in the shelter of God's presence this day.

People: Let us bless the Lord for God has wondrously shown us His steadfast love.

Leader: God is indeed our rock and our refuge.

People: God guides us, leads us, and protects us.

Leader: Into God's hands we commit our spirits, for God has redeemed us.

**Everyone: Abundant is God's goodness that the Lord has stored up those
who gather to worship God today! AMEN**

†Opening Hymn (bulletin) Veterans Day Hymn JoAnn Pendley/Jim Dye

†Call to Confession Tim Turner

†Prayer of Confession Tim Turner

**Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly
confess our sins and ask for your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure
heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justice,
loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God. Have mercy on us in
your loving kindness. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin and
guide us in the wisdom of Christ. Amen**

†Moment of Silent Confession

†Assurance of Forgiveness Tim Turner

Anthem Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus Bethel Choir

HEARING GOD’S WORD -----

Prayer of Illumination Jim Dye

Scripture Reading {Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 & John 15:1-9} Jim Dye

Sermon Just One Thing Jim Dye

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD -----

†Hymn of Reflection (bulletin insert) Onward Christian Soldiers JoAnn Pendley/Jim Dye

†Statement of Faith {The Apostle’s Creed}. Tim Turner
*the holy catholic church: that is the true Christian church of all times and all places

Joys & Concerns Tim Turner

Prayers of the People Jim Dye

RECEPTION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS -----

Offertory Battle Hymn of the Republic JoAnn Pendley

Doxology. JoAnn Pendley

Prayer of Dedication. Jim Dye

SENDING -----

Closing Hymn #262 God of Our Fathers JoAnn Pendley/Jim Dye

Charge & Benediction Jim Dye

Postlude My Country Tis of Thee JoAnn Pendley



God bless America



The Veterans Day Hymn

SUNG TO THE TUNE ST. ANNE
THE ORGAN WILL PLAY THROUGH ONE TIME
THEN WE WILL JOIN IN.

VERSE 1

O God, the strength of those who war,
The hope of those who wait,
Be with our sons gone forth to fight,
And those who keep the gate.

VERSE 2

Give to our hosts in battle's hour
Firm hearts and courage high,
Thy comfort give to those who fall,
Thy peace to those who die.

VERSE 3

Breathe on our land the spirit calm
Which faith in right bestows,
And in the hours of dark suspense
A faith which stronger grows.

VERSE 4

In Thee alone we place our hope,
Thou Keeper of the just,
And Thou, through fight and fire and fears
Wilt justify our trust.

VERSE 5

Thy ways are wonderful,
O God, Who makest wars to cease:
O let this be the final war
That ushers in Thy peace.



God bless America, land that I love;
Stand beside her, and guide her
Through the night with the light from above.
From the mountains, to the prairies,
To the oceans, white with foam,
God bless America, my home sweet home
God bless America, my home sweet home

Onward, Christian Soldiers 731

Endure hardship with us like a good soldier of Christ Jesus. 2 Timothy 2:3

1. On-ward, Chris-tian sol-diers, March-ing as to war, With the cross of
2. At the sign of tri-umph Sa-tan's host doth flee; On, then, Chris-tian
3. Like a might-y ar-my Moves the Church of God; Chris-tians, we are
4. On-ward, then, ye peo-ple, Join our hap-py throng; Blend with ours your

Je-sus Go-ing on be-fore. Christ, the roy-al Mas-ter, Leads a -
sol-diers, On to vic-to-ry! Hell's foun-da-tions quiv-er At the
tread-ing Where the saints have trod. We are not di-vid-ed; All one
voic-es In the tri-umph song. Glo-ry, laud, and hon-or Un-to

gainst the foe; For-ward in-to bat-tle, See His ban-ners go!
shout of praise; Chris-tians, lift your voic-es, Loud your an-thems raise!
bod-y, we: One in hope and doc-trine, One in char-i-ty.
Christ, the King; This thro' count-less a-ges Men and an-gels sing.

Refrain

On-ward, Chris-tian sol-diers, March-ing as to war,

With the cross of Je-sus Go-ing on be-fore.



Bethel Christmas Poinsettias & Christmas Donations to BERF

Purchase a Red Christmas poinsettia at \$10.00 each
and/or make a Christmas donation to the
Bethel Emergency Relief Fund (BERF) of \$10.00 or more.

Poinsettia(s) purchased and donations made to BERF
will be acknowledged in the bulletins for December 17th & Christmas Eve.

Please fill out the form below completely, attach check or cash,
and place in the offering plate or mail to the church at
563 Bethel Green Road; Staunton, VA 24401.

POINSETTIA - Make check payable to Bethel Presbyterian Church
BERF DONATION - Make check payable to BERF

PLEASE FILL OUT TWO SEPARATE FORMS if you are purchasing
a poinsettia(s) AND making a donation to BERF.

DEADLINE TO RETURN FORMS WITH PAYMENT:
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2023.

POINSETTIAS WILL BE IN THE SANCTUARY ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17TH & CHRISTMAS EVE.

NAME _____

PHONE NUMBER _____

EMAIL _____

NUMBER OF POINSETTIA(S) _____ x \$10 = TOTAL COST \$ _____

IN MEMORY OF _____

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COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22 AT MT. TABOR

TIME TO BE ANNOUNCED

PRAYER REQUESTS OR CHANGES

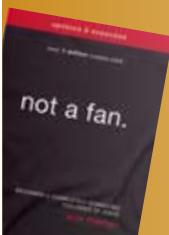
If you have any changes, additions or updates to the Prayer List please contact:
Tammy Barbour @ 540-471-0450— or — Ellen Fitzgerald @ 540-292-2914

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.

BIBLE STUDY AT BETHEL EVERY THURSDAY @ 6:30

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

THANKSGIVING/CHRISTMAS COVERED DISH
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30TH @ 6:30



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!

PARTICIPATE IN BETHEL'S MINISTRIES!!

Riverheads WRE Council Meeting

Monday,

November 20 at 7:00PM

WRE Classroom

WRE would love to have at least 1 or 2 folks from each church attend!



Help with lights in the park!
If you can't do physical labor, we can always use a supervisor or moral support -
Fellowship is good anywhere!



CALLING FOR BELL RINGERS!

Volunteers are needed to help with ringing the Salvation Army bells at the Orchard Hill Food Lion Thursday, December 7th from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon & from 4:00 to 7:00 pm.

You will be stationed at the main door. Each shift can last one or two hours, your choice.

If you can help, please call Mo Kyle at (540)292-8578 to schedule a ringing time.

It is fun to team up with a friend to make the time go by faster in the cooler weather.

Help "ring in the holiday season" for those in need in our community!

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITY

If you would like to purchase a new window for the Sunday School Wing in Honor or Memory of someone, please see Wade Cash.

SAMPLE WINDOW ON THE RIGHT.



Shoeboxes are due today!



Hanging of the greens

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3RD

1st Sunday in Advent — Communion — Covered Dish Meal Following Worship

LIVING NATIVITY

at the Chapel in the Woods

Sunday, December 17th @ 5:00 pm

Live animals. Refreshments before. Come early - stay late.
Christmas Carols around the bonfire.

Pines Chapel and Mt. Tabor will be joining us! If you would like to participate or help in any way, please see Cindy, Penny, Tammy, Brian or Derek!

LIVING NATIVITY AT THE CHAPEL IN THE WOODS



In addition to providing Christmas gifts to our Christmas Alive Families, we would like to provide our families with food for Christmas as well.

We are requesting the following items that could be used for Christmas dinner:

HAM • INSTANT OR BOXED MASHED POTATOES • BOXED MAC'N CHEESE OR Velveeta Shells & Cheese
BOXED STUFFING • CANNED VEGETABLES • CANNED FRUIT

Any kind of meat would also be appreciated since it's unaffordable for them at this time such as ground beef or chicken tenders. If you plan to donate a ham, ground beef or chicken tenders please call Katie McElveen @ 540-292-4442 before purchasing so as not to duplicate the meats

We would also like to donate snacks for the kids, suggested items include:

MICROWAVE POPCORN • GOLDFISH CRACKERS • INDIVIDUAL CUPS OF APPLESAUCE OR FRUIT • FRUIT SNACKS
HOT COCOA MIX • CAKE MIXES & FROSTING • MUFFIN MIXES WITH LINERS OR NON STICK SPRAY
PEANUT BUTTER • JELLY • CAPRI SUNS OR JUICE BOXES

**PLEASE HAVE YOUR DONATIONS TO CHURCH BY SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2023.
PRESENTS ARE ALSO DUE SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17TH — ALREADY WRAPPED WITH THE TAG ATTACHED**

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 | Joe Heizer

Sympathy & Condolences

FAMILY and FRIENDS of the FOLLOWING:

John Pilson | Darrell Hewett | Jewell Rose (Irene's sister)
Gary Sutton | Chuckie Burgdorf | Virginia Francisco

Friends,

A MESSAGE FROM THE PULPIT

As we move rapidly into November, we have so much to be thankful for. I know sometimes it is hard to feel thankful as we see so much bad around us daily, but even in the midst of these things that seem out of our control, we can, and should, always give thanks to the Lord. I know you have heard me say many times, "God is GOOD every day, and every day God is GOOD." The reason I say this is because every good and perfect gift and blessing comes down from our almighty Father.

During this season of Thanksgiving, even in this tumultuous world, where we see things like our friends in Israel emersed in hatred. We should fall on our knees and pray, and while we are engaged in prayer, let us pray for righteousness and justice for the evil in our world. Let us pray for all of our friends and protectors at home and abroad. Let us come together and ask God for peace - peace that touches us, and peace that extends to those we cannot touch personally.

We learn while reading Philippians 4:6-7, "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your request be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

As you gather around your family this Thanksgiving Season know that God is GOOD every day. This world may be scary at times, but God has promised to never leave us nor forsake us. In fact, in Joshua 1:9 He said, "Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

In closing, I want you to know that in this season of Thanksgiving, I am grateful, and very thankful to God for each of you. It is a joy and a privilege to be your brother in Christ and to have the ability to serve alongside each of you in the cause of Christ. Together may our service to the Lord be pleasing to Him. God's grace to all of you and peace from our Savior Jesus Christ during this Thanksgiving season.

In Christ's Service, Derek

29th
OCTOBER

ATTENDANCE
48

THE FLOWERS
TODAY ARE GIVEN
BY

CINDY & DEREK
ALMARODE

IN MEMORY
OF THEIR SON
NATHANIEL,
DEREK'S PARENTS &
CINDY'S FATHER

ELDER ON CALL

Derek Almarode
540-280-4940

WEEKLY
FINANCIAL
REPORT

Estimated Weekly Budget
\$3,127.00

Offering for October 29th
\$3,755.00





UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

INCLUDING OUR
COMMUNITY FAMILY OF FAITH

Wednesday, November 22nd
COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE @ MT. TABOR

Sunday, November 26th
LIGHTS IN THE PARK DISPLAY HAS TO BE FINISHED
ADVENT WORKSHOP AND LIGHT SNACKS

Thursday, November 30th - 6:30
BIBLE STUDY THANKSGIVING/CHRISTMAS
COVERED DISH MEAL @ BETHEL SOCIAL HALL

Sunday, December 3rd
HANGING OF THE GREENS.
FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT - COMMUNION.
COVERED DISH MEAL FOLLOWING WORSHIP.

Sunday, December 17th
LIVING NATIVITY AT THE CHAPEL IN THE WOODS, BETHEL
WITH PINES CHAPEL AND MT. TABOR.

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

Thursday, December 28 - NO BIBLE STUDY

Sunday, December 31st
WRE BREAKFAST AT PINES CHAPEL AT 8:30
WORSHIP AT PINES - 9:30, WORSHIP AT BETHEL - 11:00.

Thursday, January 4 - NO BIBLE STUDY

Thursdays - 6:30
BIBLE STUDY AT BETHEL — SERIES "NOT A FAN"
NEW LESSON SERIES STARTS JANUARY 11TH!!
SERIES TO BE DETERMINED

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