



SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP · NOVEMBER 19TH 2023 · 11:00 AM

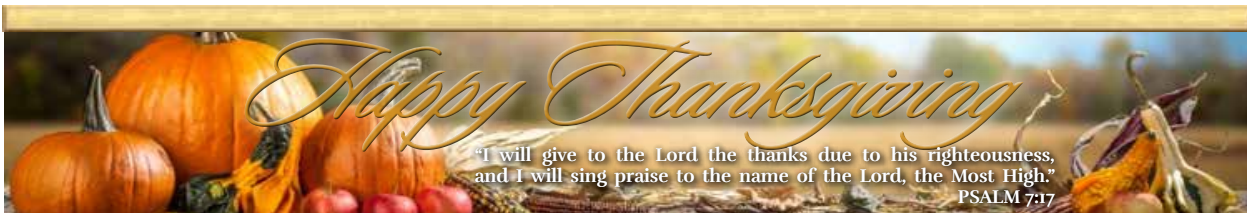
Prelude The Lord's Prayer . . .Albert Hay Malotte, arr. by Donald P. Hustad
 Westminster Chimes
 Welcome & Announcements Tim Turner

WE APPROACH GOD -----

Invocation & Lord's Prayer Tim Turner
 Call to Worship {Psalms 121} Tim Turner

Leader: I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help.
 People: My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth
 Leader: He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: he that keepeth thee will not slumber.
 People: Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.
 Leader: I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord.
 People: Our feet shall stand within thy gates, O Jerusalem.
 Leader: Whither the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, unto the testimony of Israel, to give thanks unto the name of the Lord.
 People: For there are set thrones of judgment, the thrones of the house of David.
 Leader: Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee.
 People: Peace be within thy walls, and prosperity within thy palaces.
 Leader: For my brethren and companions' sakes, I will now say, Peace be within thee.
 People: Because of the house of the Lord our God I will seek thy good.
 All: Let us worship God.

†Opening Hymn #460 Holy God, We Praise Your Name JoAnn Pendley/Jim Dye
 †Call to Confession Tim Turner



†Prayer of Confession Tim Turner

We need You, Lord. we need You now. We know that we can do without many of the things that once we thought were necessities, but without You we cannot live, and we dare not die. We needed You when sorrow calls, when shadows were thrown across the threshold of our lives, and You did not fail us then. We needed You when sickness laid a clammy hand upon our families, and we cried to You, and You did hear. We needed You when perplexity brought us to a parting of the ways, and we knew not how to turn. You did not fail us then, but in many ways, big and little, did indicate the better way. And though the sun may be shining around us today, we know that we need You even in the sunshine, and shall still need You tomorrow. We give You our gratitude for that constant sense of need that keeps us close to Your side. Help us to keep our hand in Yours and our ears open to the wisdom of Your voice. Speak to us, that we may hear You giving us courage for hard times and strength for difficult places; giving us determination for challenging tasks. We ask of You no easy way, but just Your grace that is sufficient for every need, so that no matter how hard the way, how challenging the hour, how dark the sky, we may be enabled to overcome. In Your strength, who has overcome the world, we make this prayer. Amen.

†Moment of Silent Confession

†Assurance of Forgiveness Tim Turner

Anthem I Believe in a Hill Called Mount Calvary Bethel Choir

HEARING GOD’S WORD -----

Prayer of Illumination Jim Dye

Scripture Reading {Psalm 69:1-29 & John 15: 10-27} Jim Dye

Sermon The Mark of the Christian Jim Dye

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD -----

†Hymn of Reflection #383 My Faith Looks Up to Thee 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 -----

OffertoryPrecious Lord, Take My Hand Arranged by Jack Schrader

Doxology. JoAnn Pendley

Prayer of Dedication. Jim Dye

SENDING -----

Closing Hymn (*in bulletin*). Love Divine JoAnn Pendley/Jim Dye

Charge & Benediction Jim Dye

Postlude What a Friend Arranged by Jack Schrader

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

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Charles Wesley, 1740

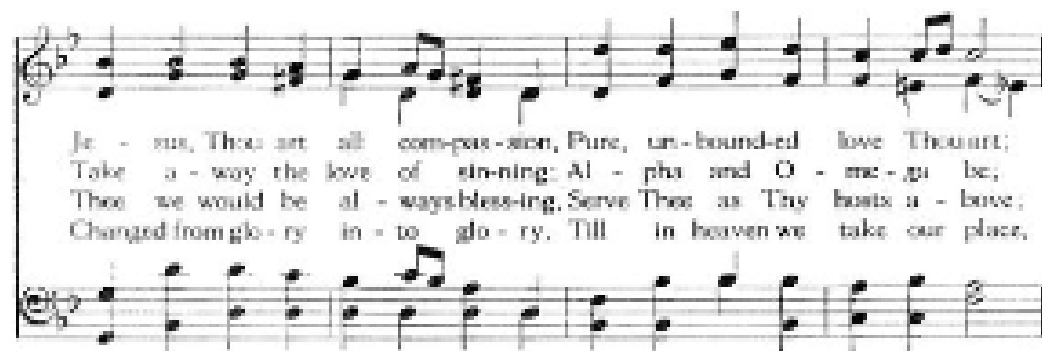
arranged by S. F. B. T. D.
John Zundel, 1870



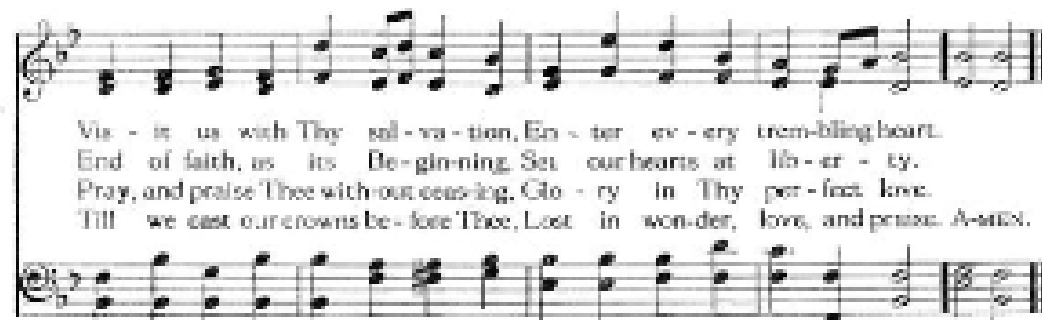
1. Love di - vine, all loves ex - cell - ing, Joy of heaven, to earth come down,
2. Breathe, O breathe Thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - ery trou - bled breast!
3. Come, Al - might - y to de - liv - er, Let us all Thy life re - ceive;
4. Fin - ish, then, Thy new cre - a - tion; Pure and spot - less let us be;



Fix in us Thy hum - ble dwell - ing, All Thy faith - ful mer - cies crown!
Let us all in Thee in - her - it, Let us find the prom - ised rest;
Sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, Nev - er - more Thy tem - ples leave
Let us see Thy great sal - va - tion Per - fect - ly re - stored in Thee;



Je - sus, Thou art all com - pas - sion, Pure, un - bounded love Thou art;
Take a - way the love of sin - ning; Al - pha and O - me - ga be,
Thou we would be al - ways bless - ing, Serve Thee as Thy hosts a - love;
Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry, Till in heaven we take our place,



Vis - it us with Thy sal - va - tion, En - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
End of faith, as its Be - gin - ning Set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
Pray, and praise Thee with out ceas - ing, Glo - ry in Thy per - fect love.
Till we cast our crowns be - fore Thee, Lost in won - der, love, and praise. A - men.



COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22 AT MT. TABOR 7:00PM

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

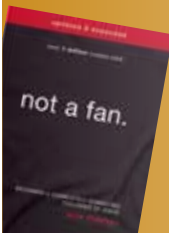


The Presbyterian Children's Home of the Highlands in Wytheville provides a Christian atmosphere and extraordinary care to the children they have been privileged to serve for 97 years.

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 **TOMORROW!**

Monday, November 20 at 7:00PM
WRE Classroom

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



CALLING FOR BELL RINGERS!

Volunteers are needed to help with
ringing the Salvation Army bells at
the Orchard Hill Food Lion
on 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!

Advent Workshop

Immediately
After Worship

Make your own
Advent Wreath.

We'll have a
sandwich bar & snacks.

Make your own
Sub or Sandwich!

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.





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

CHRISTMAS ALIVE PROJECT

RIVERHEADS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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

Sympathy & Condolences

FAMILY and FRIENDS of the FOLLOWING:

John Pilson | Virginia Francisco | Gary Sutton
Chuckie Burgdorf

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 Service, Derek

12th

NOVEMBER

ATTENDANCE

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THE FLOWERS
TODAY ARE GIVEN
BY

ANN
HEIZER

IN HONOR
OF
BETHEL CHURCH

ELDER ON CALL

Derek Almarode
540-280-4940

WEEKLY
FINANCIAL
REPORT

Estimated Weekly Budget
\$3,127.00

Offering for October 29th
\$1,405.00





UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

INCLUDING OUR
COMMUNITY FAMILY OF FAITH

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

Sunday, November 26th
LIGHTS IN THE PARK DISPLAY MUST BE COMPLETED
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