



REIGN OF CHRIST SUNDAY › NOVEMBER 26TH 2023 › 11:00 AM

Prelude *Serenity* by Carl Simone

Westminster Chimes

Welcome & Announcements Brian Lee

WE APPROACH GOD -----

Invocation & Lord's Prayer Brian Lee

Call to Worship {Psalms 121} Brian Lee

Leader: Around the world this day, the entire church celebrates "The Reign of Christ".

People: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, serve him with gladness.

Leader: God has placed everything under Christ's wounded feet.

People: Enter His gates with Thanksgiving.

Leader: God appointed the one who wore a crown of thorns
as the supreme head of the church.

**All: This morning, come into this church, His courts with praise.
Give thanks and praise to His loving name! Amen!**

†Opening Hymn #142, Vs. 1&4 . . . *All Hail The Power Of Jesus Name* JoAnn Pendley

†Call to Confession Brian Lee

†Prayer of Confession Brian Lee

*Gracious and Merciful God, we confess that although we willingly say that
"Jesus is King," we often fail to bow our knees before him. Instead, we grant
our allegiances to the relationships and material goods of this world.
In your mercy, hear our prayer of confession. Grant us the humility to bow before you,
the Ruler of all nations, so that we may be loyal servants in your kingdom.
Through your son, the King of kings and Lord of lords, Amen.*

†Moment of Silent Confession

†Assurance of Forgiveness Brian Lee
Anthem *Give Thanks for Life* Bethel Choir

HEARING GOD’S WORD -----

Time with Young People {1 Corinthians 15:1} *Foundation* Derek Almarode
Prayer of Illumination Derek Almarode
Scripture Reading {1 Corinthians 15:1-8; 12-19}. Derek Almarode
Sermon *Prelude* Derek Almarode

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD -----

†Hymn of Reflection #144, Vs 1&4 *Alleluia Sing to Jesus* JoAnn Pendley
†Statement of Faith {The Apostle's Creed}. Brian Lee
*the holy catholic church: that is the true Christian church of all times and all places
Joys & Concerns Brian Lee
Prayers of the People Derek Almarode

RECEPTION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS -----

Offertory *A Holy Offering* Arranged by Stewart Landon
Doxology. JoAnn Pendley
Prayer of Dedication Derek Almarode

SENDING -----

Closing Hymn #150 *Come Christians Join to Sing* JoAnn Pendle
Charge & Benediction Derek Almarode
Postlude *Postlude in D Minor* by John Troutman



NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3RD

1st Sunday in Advent — Communion

COVERED DISH MEAL FOLLOWING WORSHIP!!



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 _____

GIVEN BY _____

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RIVERHEADS WRE

Riverheads Weekday Religious Education is currently looking for a long-term sub. This is a part-time position, five days a week, working a rotating schedule of half days. Five days in a row classes are in the morning (8:40-11:05) followed by five days of afternoon classes (12:20-2:45). Therefore the applicant would need to be willing to work a flexible schedule. **A love of Jesus and children is a must!**

Deadline to apply is December 20, 2023.

Aiming for a start date in January to continue through the rest of the school year.

If interested, please contact:

Mary Alford

President of Riverheads WRE

(540) 280-3540

alfords4@verizon.net

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 GROUP

**THANKSGIVING/CHRISTMAS
COVERED DISH**

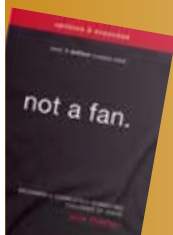
— *This Thursday!* —

NOVEMBER 30TH @ 6:30



ECO

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*).



PARTICIPATE IN BETHEL'S MINISTRIES!!



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!

All of the large windows are installed - go check them out!

Advent Workshop

STAY AFTER CHURCH TODAY!!!

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.



LIVING NATIVITY

at the Chapel in the Woods

Sunday, December 17th @ 5:00 pm

Live animals. Refreshments before.

Come early and fellowship around the fire!

Pines Chapel and Mt. Tabor will be joining us!

LIVING NATIVITY AT THE CHAPEL IN THE WOODS

If you would like to participate, have any livestock that we can use or help in any way, please see Cindy, Penny, Tammy, Brian or Derek!

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 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 | Debbie Koogler | Crystal Gordan
Pat Quick | Tara Lafler | Lester Hughes
Faye Ambler | Jordan Thompson

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

19th

NOVEMBER

ATTENDANCE

40

THE FLOWERS
TODAY ARE GIVEN
BY

TAMMY
BARBOUR

IN HONOR
OF
CHRIST
THE KING DAY

ELDER ON CALL

Derek Almarode
540-280-4940

WEEKLY
FINANCIAL
REPORT

Estimated Weekly Budget
\$3,127.00

Offering for November 19th
\$2,124.00





UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

INCLUDING OUR
COMMUNITY FAMILY OF FAITH

Sunday, November 26th - TODAY!!

**OUR LIGHTS IN THE PARK DISPLAY IS UP!! GO SEE IT!
ADVENT WORKSHOP AND LIGHT SNACKS
IMMEDIATELY AFTER CHURCH**

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
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
CHAIRMAN 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
CUSTODIANS