



FEBRUARY 11<sup>TH</sup> 2024 · 11:00 AM

Prelude . . . . . *Pipings!* . . . . . by John Southbridge

Westminster Chimes

Welcome & Announcements . . . . . Cindy Almarode

**WE APPROACH GOD** -----

Invocation . . . . . Cindy Almarode

Call to Worship . . . . . Cindy Almarode

Leader: Father, the creator of our hearts, here we are.

People: **We have come with thirsty hearts Father,  
praying that your word will truly satisfy us.**

Leader: Father, we come with a longing heart,  
praying for good news and a comforting presence.

People: **Father, we come with overflowing hearts  
desiring to share in your love and joy.**

Leader: God, you know our hearts!

All: **Gracious God, hear our prayers, be with us now in this hour of worship.  
We ask all this in your holy name! Amen!**

† Opening Hymn #391. . . . . *Take My Life and Let it Be.* . . . . . JoAnn Pendley

† Call to Confession . . . . . Cindy Almarode

<sup>5</sup>I wait for the LORD, I expectantly await,  
*and in His word I put my Hope.*

<sup>6</sup>I wait for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the morning,  
more than watchmen wait for the morning.

<sup>7</sup>Israel, put your hope in the LORD,  
for with the LORD is unfailing love  
and with him is full redemption.

PSALM 130:5-7

† Prayer of Confession . . . . . Cindy Almarode

Dearest God, we want to thank You for the precious gift of love that  
You have given to the world and to us.  
Thank You for blessing us every day with this love  
and the power and strength that we get from it.  
Without Your love for us we can't be, we can't function, we can't even breathe,  
because we need Your love to sustain us.  
God, we give ourselves over to You so that we may glorify this gift of love.  
Expression of Your love to others is where we sometimes fail.  
Father, please forgive us for this shortcoming.  
Father, we admit some people are harder to love than others,  
but we want to be like Your Son Jesus, so please continue the work  
You are doing in our hearts, so that our hearts will be more like Yours.  
In Jesus glorious name, we pray, Amen.

† Moment of Silent Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness . . . . . Cindy Almarode

**HEARING GOD'S WORD** -----

Anthem . . . . . *I Will Come to You* . . . . . Bethel Choir  
Time with Young People {John 3:16} . . . . . *Giving is Saving Power!* . . . . . Derek Almarode  
Prayer of Illumination . . . . . Derek Almarode  
Scripture Reading {John 3; 14-21} . . . . . Derek Almarode  
Sermon . . . . . *Candy Hearts Don't Last!* . . . . . Derek Almarode

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD** -----

† Hymn of Reflection #85. . . . . *What Wondrous Love is This.* . . . . . JoAnn Pendley

† Statement of Faith {The Apostle's Creed} . . . . . Cindy Almarode

\*THE HOLY CATHOLIC CHURCH: THAT IS THE TRUE CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF ALL TIMES AND ALL PLACES

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 at the right hand of God 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.

Joys & Concerns . . . . . Cindy Almarode  
Prayers of the People followed by Amen #601 . . . . . Derek Almarode

**RECEPTION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS** -----

Offertory . . . . . *Trusting* . . . . . by Robert J. Hughes  
† Doxology #606 . . . . . JoAnn Pendley  
† Prayer of Dedication . . . . . Derek Almarode

**SENDING** -----

† Closing Hymn #339 . . . . . *Be Thou My Vision* . . . . . JoAnn Pendley  
† Charge & Benediction . . . . . Derek Almarode  
Postlude . . . . . *Benediction Response* . . . . . by Dorothy Wells



**2024 BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN | JAN 21 - FEB 18**



**SPEAK UP**  
for those who  
cannot speak  
for themselves.  
Proverbs 31:8

**COMFORT CARE** WOMEN'S HEALTH

*Fill A Bottle With Change... Change A Life.*

# Lent & Holy Week Dates of Importance



FASTING + SELF-DENIAL + PRAYER + REPENTANCE

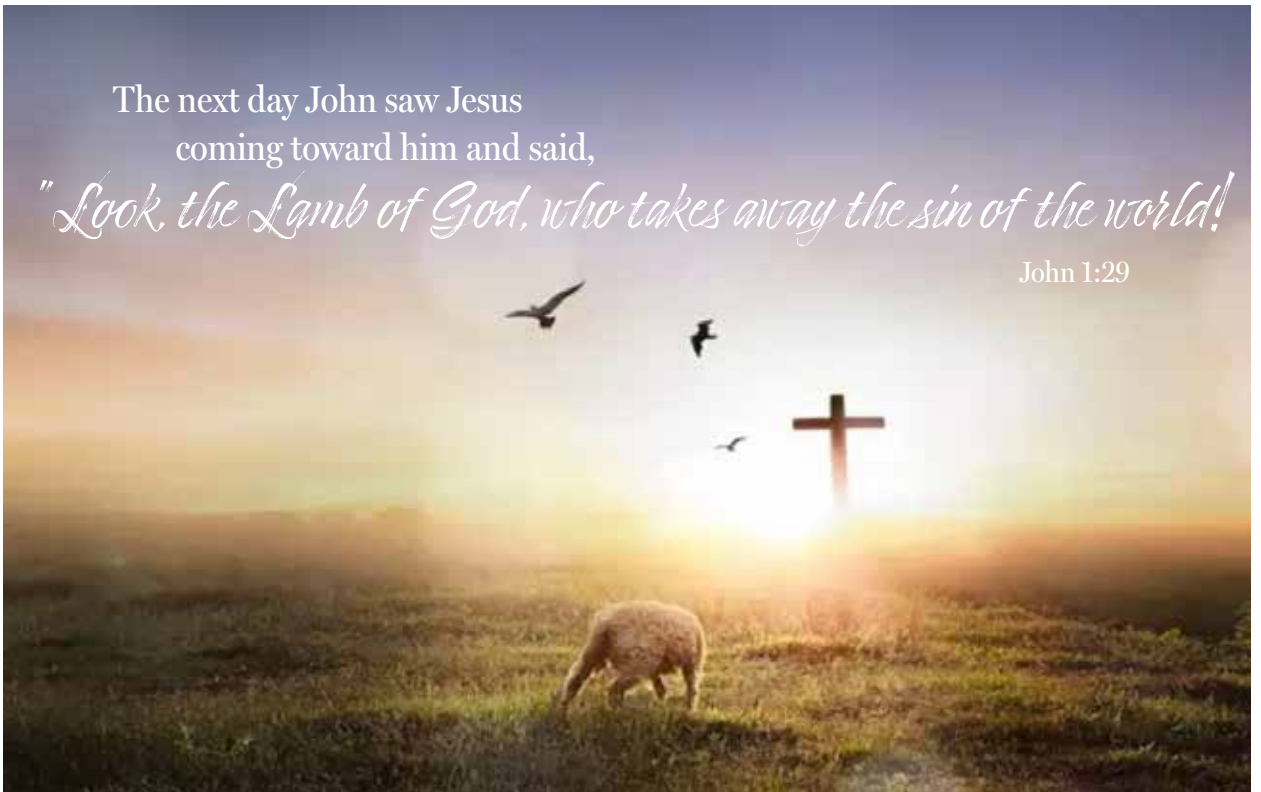
**Shrove Tuesday, February 13 at 6:30pm**  
Community Pancake Supper at Pines Chapel

**Lent**  
**Wednesday, February 14**  
**- Thursday, March 28**

**Ash Wednesday, February 14**  
**at 7:00pm**  
Community Service held at Mt. Tabor

The next day John saw Jesus  
coming toward him and said,  
*"Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"*

John 1:29





## **Palm Sunday, March 24 at 11:00pm**

Regular Worship at Bethel



## **Maundy Thursday, March 28 at 7pm**

Community Service including Meal at Pines Chapel



## **Good Friday Service — March 29 at Noon**

Community Service at Hebron followed by Soup & Sandwich Luncheon.

## **Good Friday Service — March 29 at 7:00pm**

Community Service held at Bethel



A time of reflection and preparation  
for the celebration of the resurrection.



## **Sunrise Service — Sunday, March 31 at 7:00am**

Community Service at Bethel Chapel in the Woods

Covered Dish Breakfast afterwards in Fellowship Hall



## **Easter Worship — Sunday, March 31 at 11:00**

Community Service with Pines and Bethel

worshipping together at Bethel with Communion

Ronald W. Denney  
Jeffrey A. Ward  
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January 30, 2024

Mr. Derek Almarode  
Bethel Presbyterian Church  
563 Bethel Green Road  
Staunton, VA 24401

RE: Transfer of Church Property

Dear Derek:

Please find enclosed herewith the recorded deed of release and quitclaim from the Shenandoah Presbytery as well as the deed of gift to the Bethel Presbyterian Church.

Thank you for allowing me to assist you with these matters and with best wishes, I remain

Very truly yours,

  
Jeffrey A. Ward

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Enclosures

# lift up in prayer

## Bethel Leadership and Our Bethel Church Family

Bill Brubeck | Joyce Davis | Ronnie Wilson | Cathy Bartley | Jane Law  
John Sproul | Reid Allen Kyger | Corey Stogdale | Ronnie Warren  
Kenny Olson | Joe Heizer | Eddie Bartley | Angie Waymack  
Sally Brubeck | Faye Ambler | Pat Quick | Billy Wade | Perry Rexrode

# Sympathy & Condolences

## FAMILY and FRIENDS of:

Lester Hughes | Jeff Lawson

Hello Church,

## A MESSAGE FROM THE PULPIT

As you know the prophet Jeremiah reminds us “The Lord’s mercies are new every morning”, and this is the message I want you to remember everyday of this year.

It is unbelievable, but if we look back, we will immediately realize we have already completed the first full month of 2024. I wonder how your New Year’s Resolutions are working out now that we are a month in? I am not sure if you know this, but statistics tell us that most people begin to give up on their resolution after two weeks.

If that is a true statement, then most of us have already tossed our resolutions aside and they are some ten plus days behind us as I write this message. But here is what I want you to remember. Our faith teaches us that something new can be started at any time.

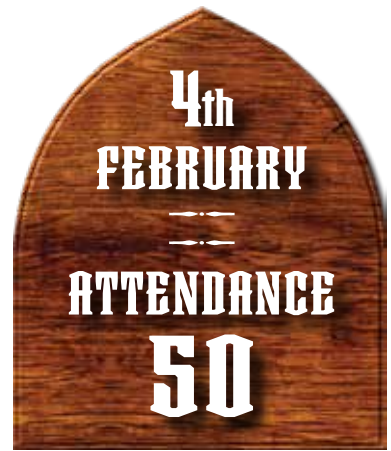
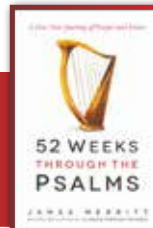
Referencing the opening scripture, if God’s mercies are new every morning, then the opportunity for us to begin new is also available each, and every morning. That’s the bearing I want each of you to mark in your spiritual compass as you travel this year.

As 2024 unfolds into its second month, keep your eye on the sparrow, because He watches over you. The beauty of this simple expression is the meaning of His boundless love for you and me. The love of Christ is your compass, and your bearing is His mercy and grace.

Friends may our Lord Jesus Christ be pleased with all our efforts this year. May our church and her people be blessed; thus, our ministry will be a real blessing to others.

Christ Blessings, Derek

**BIBLE STUDY WITH  
THE WAYMAKERS  
BETHEL, THURSDAYS @ 6:30**





# UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

INCLUDING OUR  
COMMUNITY FAMILY OF FAITH

## Shrove Tuesday, February 13 @ 6:30pm

- Pancake supper at Pines

## Ash Wednesday, February 14 @ 7:00pm at Mt. Tabor

## Monday, February 19th @ noon

- Youth bowling trip and lunch at Staunton Lanes

## Thursday, February 29, 4:00pm-7:00pm

- Ruritan Spaghetti Supper at Middlebrook Ruritan/Fire Dept.

## Friday, March 1 @ 6:30

- Game night with Baked Potato Bar & Salad at Bethel

## Saturday, March 9, 8:00am-10:00am

- Ruritan Community Breakfast at Middlebrook Ruritan/Fire Dept

## Saturday, March 16 @ 6:00pm

- WRE Cakewalk at Mint Spring Ruritan Building

## Saturday, March 23 @ 5:00pm

- Bean & Cornbread Supper at Pines

## Maundy Thursday, March 28 @ 7pm

- Meal included at Pines Chapel

## Good Friday Service, March 29 @ Noon

- Community Service @ Hebron, Soup & Sandwich After

## Good Friday Service, March 29 @ 7:00pm

- Community Service @ Bethel

## Sunrise Service, Sunday March 31 @ 7:00am

- Community Service at Bethel Chapel in the Woods
- Breakfast afterwards in Fellowship Hall

## Easter Worship, Sunday March 31 @ 11:00

- Pines will be joining us for church, Communion

## Sunday, April 28 @ 6:00pm

- WRE Praise Night at Raphine Christian Church

## April - Date TBD

- Youth trip to Ark Encounter

## 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 Rahnvard-Tehrani**

**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

**YOUTH COMMITTEE**

*Meets the last Sunday of each month.*

**SECURITY COMMITTEE**

*Meets the 3rd Sunday of each month.*