



FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT › FEBRUARY 18TH 2024 › 11:00 AM

Prelude *Grant Us Peace, O Savior* by John Southbridge

Westminster Chimes

Welcome & Announcements Cindy Almarode

WE APPROACH GOD -----

Invocation Cindy Almarode

Call to Worship Cindy Almarode

Leader: After He was baptized by John,
Jesus went by himself to the wilderness where he was tempted.

**People: Forty days in the desert,
Jesus was tempted to become relevant, spectacular, powerful.**

Leader: Today, we begin our journey with Jesus through this season of Lent,
which brings us to face some of our own weakness and temptations.

**All: Father, let us worship You and walk this journey together,
seeking the spirit as our guide and companion along the way with our hearts
desiring to share in your love and joy. Amen!**

† Opening Hymn #442, Vs 1 & 2 *The Church's One Foundation* JoAnn Pendley

† Call to Confession Cindy Almarode

† Prayer of Confession Cindy Almarode

**Dearest God, you know our hearts.
You have knit our innermost being and you know our deepest desires, fears, and worries.
Help us to journey during this Lenten season into a new awareness of your presence in our
lives. Save us from our own temptations, so that we may more freely follow you.
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 {1Peter 5:5} *Accept Authority & Share Humility!* Derek Almarode
- Prayer of Illumination Derek Almarode
- Scripture Reading {1 Peter 5: 1-11} Derek Almarode
- Sermon *Penitence in Preperation.* Derek Almarode

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD -----

† 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, THE CHURCH UNIVERSAL.
 The term catholic comes from two Greek words that together mean “throughout the whole.” This single word, “catholic,” means throughout all time and places
 and also points to the essential unity or wholeness of the church in Christ. When the creed states, “I believe in the holy catholic church,” it refers to the
 wholeness of the whole church in all times and places rather than to any specific branch of Christianity.

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 *How Sweet the Name* by John M Rasley
- † Doxology #606 JoAnn Pendley
- † Prayer of Dedication Derek Almarode

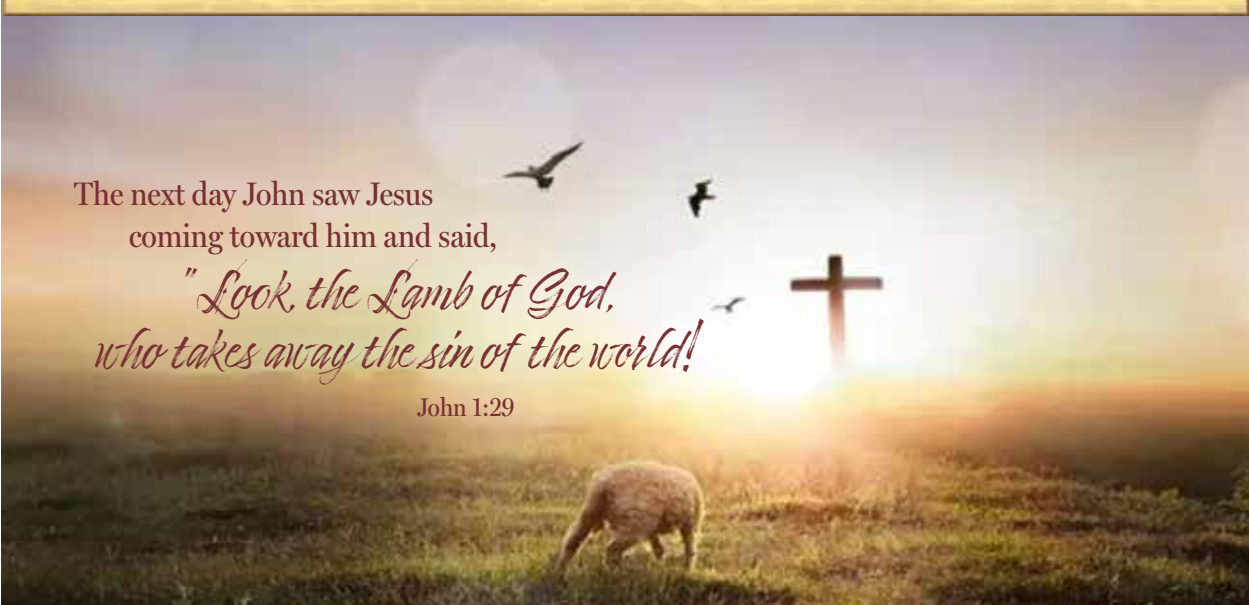
SENDING -----

- † Closing Hymn #403 *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* JoAnn Pendley
- † Charge & Benediction Derek Almarode
- Postlude *At Break of Day* by David Paxton

THE RIVERHEADS WRE COUNCIL

WILL MEET ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19
AT 7:00 IN THE WRE CLASSROOM

EACH SUPPORTING CHURCH IS ENCOURAGED TO SEND 1 OR 2 REPRESENTATIVES.



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



IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR
In case of inclement weather, cancellations will be
emailed and posted on WHSV & FaceBook.

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.

Holy Week



Palm Sunday

March 24 at 11:00pm

Regular Worship at Bethel
Stacy Stevens will lead music.



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 afterward
in the Fellowship Hall



Easter Worship

Sunday, March 31 at 11:00

Community Service with Pines and Bethel
worshipping together at Bethel
with Communion



Fundraiser: Adapted P.E. Shirts

Each Exceptional Learners classroom attends Adapted P.E. trips throughout the year either free of charge or at a drastically reduced price including horseback riding, snow tubing, bowling, and more! Help us raise funds for our monthly activity trips which engage students in their community and expose them to diverse experiences they can experience with others.

Please support our students as they learn lifetime physical activity skills. **Our goal is to sell 100 shirts!**

Shirts sizes are available in youth and adult sizes XS-4XL. Shirts are \$15 each for short sleeve and \$20 each for long sleeve. Hoodies are available in sizes XS-4XL for \$30.

All shirts are short sleeve Gildan 50/50 Dry-Blend. All designs are in white.



Please help us raise funds for our monthly activity trips!!

lift up in prayer

Bethel Leadership and Our Bethel Church Family

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

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**



11th
FEBRUARY
ATTENDANCE
48

The flowers today
are given by
Ginny Gano

ELDER ON CALL
Derek Almarode
540-280-4940

**WEEKLY
FINANCIAL
REPORT**

Estimated Weekly Budget
\$3,127.00

Offering for February 11
\$3,075.00

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UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

INCLUDING OUR
COMMUNITY FAMILY OF FAITH

Monday, February 19th @ noon

- Youth bowling trip and lunch at Staunton Lanes

Sunday, February 25th

- Stacy Stevens, special music at church.

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

Palm Sunday, March 24th

- Stacy Stevens, special music at church.

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
- Anyone interested please see the Almarodes or the Lees

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
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Mitch Lathrop

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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