



JANUARY 14<sup>TH</sup> 2024 · 11:00 AM

Prelude . . . . . *Face to Face* . . . . . by Fred Feible

Westminster Chimes

Welcome & Announcements . . . . . Brian Lee

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

Invocation . . . . . Brian Lee

Call to Worship . . . . . Brian Lee

**Leader:** Friends of Christ, it is time we celebrate a new beginning.

People: We step into the new year with hope!

**Leader:** Friends in faith, it is time to look ahead into the new year with great anticipation of the hope promised!

People: Hope overshadows the unknown in the dawn of the morning, thus, in our faith we will push forward with hope!

**Leader:** Friends do not haste; it is time to walk in the footsteps of Jesus.

**All:** Today and in the future, we step forward together as God's family. Amen!

† Opening Hymn #210. . . . . *Our God, our help in Ages Past* . . . . . JoAnn Pendley

† Call to Confession . . . . . Brian Lee

† Prayer of Confession . . . . . Brian Lee

**Loving and Merciful God, today we ask for your help, your power, and your spirit. We ask these things so we can brave today and tomorrow with a repenting heart and a loving spirit. In doing so, we stand a fair chance to grow more each day into the image of Christ. Father, we confess we fear what is different and we so dislike change, both of which we acknowledge we will experience this year, as in years past. Help us to overcome our fears and concur our dislikes with a different outlook through our trust, respect, and love in you. Help us to forge ahead into the unknown with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love, so that we may be your people in all we do. Amen.**

† Moment of Silent Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness . . . . . Brian Lee

## HEARING GOD'S WORD -----

Anthem . . . . . *Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom.* . . . . . Bethel Choir  
Time with Young People {1 Corinthians 11:20} . . . . *Sharing.* . . . . . Derek Almarode  
Prayer of Illumination . . . . . Derek Almarode  
Scripture Reading {1 Corinthians 11: 17-33} . . . . . Derek Almarode  
Sermon . . . . . *Purpose.* . . . . . Derek Almarode

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

† Hymn of Reflection #69. . . . . *O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright.* . . . . . 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 followed by Amen #601 . . . . . Derek Almarode

## SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION -----

Holy Communion & Lord's Prayer . . . . . Derek Almarode  
Sacrament of Holy Communion

Leader: The Lord be with you,  
**People: and also with you.**  
Leader: Lift up your hearts.  
**People: We lift them to the Lord.**  
Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise**

Response

Leader: Great is the mystery of Faith:  
**People: Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again.**

Words of Institution, Communion & Prayer

## RECEPTION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS -----

Offertory . . . . . *The Holy Hour*  
† Doxology. . . . . JoAnn Pendley  
† Prayer of Dedication. . . . . Derek Almarode

## SENDING -----

† Closing Hymn #62 . . . . . *Bring We the Frankincense of Our Love* . . . . . JoAnn Pendley  
† Charge & Benediction . . . . . Derek Almarode  
Postlude . . . . . *Open the Gates of the Temple*



# 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

Kenny Olson | Joe Heizer | Eddie Bartley

Ronnie Warren | Debbie Koogler | Faye Ambler

Pat Quick | Lester Hughes | Angie Waymack

## A MESSAGE FROM THE PULPIT

Dear Bethel Family,

Christmas is the celebration of the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ. The season of Advent is known as a season of drawing families together and the faithful to worship. As we celebrate this Christmas season with each other, our thoughts turn to that sacred event long ago in Bethlehem where the "Light of the World" was born.

As Advent begins, I sincerely pray that the light and testimony of Jesus will come into your hearts, and your lives will reflect His life and attributes. It is my prayer, that people everywhere will accept the blessings of His mercy and grace that are made possible through His birth and atoning sacrifice.

During this Christmas Season don't miss out on all the great and wonderful things planned here at Bethel. As we celebrate and worship together, may your families be blessed by the joy found in this season of birth which brings us all great hope.

Christmas is a joyous time where we acknowledge with gratitude God's incomparable gift to us, His Son, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Friends, speaking of gifts, the best Christmas gift we can give each other is to share our faith with loved ones and strangers alike, proclaiming the joyous tidings that God is truly with us.

As we serve Jesus here at Bethel, we should not just share our faith with one another but we should reach out beyond our walls and share all the blessings God has given us, especially the gift of love and peace. In our world we are witnesses to violence, prejudice and fear. Christmas is a time for us to counter these worldly sins and ills by loving each other as deeply as God loved us by sending us His son Jesus on that beautiful Christmas Night!

This Christmas Season, Cindy, Ashlyn, Cayden and I wish each of you great tidings of peace, joy and good will. May this Christmas be one for which you remember for years to come as you share in love of family and friendship.

Please know Bethel's doors are open this Advent season and beyond for you and your loved ones to experience the attributes of Christ Jesus! "Come one, Come All!"

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Derek

31st  
DECEMBER

ATTENDANCE  
47

The flowers today  
are given by

BRIAN & PENNY LEE

in honor of  
DEREK & CINDY  
ALMARODE

for their unwavering  
support & commitment to  
Bethel's ministry & her people.

ELDER ON CALL

Derek Almarode  
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WEEKLY  
FINANCIAL  
REPORT

Estimated Weekly Budget  
\$3,127.00

Offering for December 31  
\$3,670.51





# UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

INCLUDING OUR  
COMMUNITY FAMILY OF FAITH

## TODAY - After Worship

- Bethel Presbyterian Women meeting.  
Officers are encouraged to attend & all women are welcome.
- Joint Session Meeting with Deacons

## Coming in February - NEW YOUTH BIBLE STUDY

Kingdom Connection will start meeting every other week in February at Pines Chapel Start date TBD.

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

*Bring a friend and come on -  
THE FELLOWSHIP IS AMAZING!*



*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.*

## 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 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