



THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT › MARCH 3<sup>RD</sup> 2024 › 11:00 AM

Prelude . . . . . *By Waters Still*. . . . . by Chester Nordman

Westminster Chimes

Welcome & Announcements . . . . . Penny Lee

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

Invocation . . . . . Penny Lee

Call to Worship . . . . . Penny Lee

Leader: God of abundance, fruitfulness, and generosity,  
we come to you as a family of faith this morning.

People: **God of love beyond measure,  
we come seeking your wisdom and goodness.**

Leader: God of extravagance, celebration, and goodness  
with love abounding beyond our human understanding.

All: **We gather today, bringing the best that we can offer,  
to give thanks for the good things you give us  
through your blessings and generosity.**

**Thank you, God, for loving us first and always. Amen!**

† Opening Hymn #324, Vs 1 & 3 . . . *Open My Eyes So That I May See*. . . . . JoAnn Pendley

† Call to Confession . . . . . Penny Lee

† Prayer of Confession . . . . . Penny Lee

Father, Lord and Spirit, hear our prayers.

Forgive us when we follow those paths that do not lead us to a life in you.

Forgive us when we forget that you offer us life, abundant and eternal.

Help us to acknowledge this life that began at creation  
and the one that will see us through to eternity in your Kingdom.

Father if we are on the wrong path, redirect us, and let your love  
and grace flow over us like water from a roaring waterfall.

Help us to capture those blessings within our inner spirit  
so that we may serve you as you have served us. In Christ holy name - Amen.

† Moment of Silent Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness . . . . . Penny Lee

**HEARING GOD’S WORD** -----

Anthem . . . . . *Silence! Frenzied, Unclean Spirit* . . . . . Bethel Choir

Time with Young People {Ephesians 3:19}. . . *Surrounded by Love?* . . . . . Derek Almarode

Prayer of Illumination . . . . . Derek Almarode

Scripture Reading {Ephesians 3} . . . . . Derek Almarode

Sermon . . . . . *Immeasurability* . . . . . Derek Almarode

**WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD** -----

† Hymn of Reflection #288 (Vs 1&3) *I Sing The Mighty Power of God*. . . . . JoAnn Pendley

† Statement of Faith {The Apostle’s Creed} . . . . . Penny Lee

\*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 . . . . . Penny Lee

Prayers of the People followed by Amen #601 . . . . . Derek Almarode

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

Offertory . . . . . *Chapel in the Mountains* . . . . . Arranged by Rob Ray Peery

† Doxology #606 . . . . . JoAnn Pendley

† Prayer of Dedication. . . . . Derek Almarode

**SENDING** -----

† Closing Hymn #316 (Vs 1,2 & 4) *Breath On Me Breath of God* . . . . . JoAnn Pendley

† Charge & Benediction . . . . . Derek Almarode

Postlude . . . . . *Festive Voluntary* . . . . . by Robert Lau

*There will be a short congregational meeting after church to approve the nominating committee.*



# Bethel Easter Lilies & Easter Donations to BERF

Purchase an Easter lily at \$15 each and/or make an Easter donation to the Bethel Emergency Relief Fund (BERF) of \$15.00 or more.

Lilies purchased and donations made to BERF will be acknowledged in the bulletin on Easter Sunday, March 31, 2024.

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.

LILY - 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 Lily(s) AND making a donation to BERF.

DEADLINE TO RETURN FORMS WITH PAYMENT: Sunday, March 3, 2024.

Contact Mo Kyle @ 540-292-8578 with any questions.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER OF LILIES(S) \_\_\_\_\_ x \$15 = TOTAL COST \$ \_\_\_\_\_

AMOUNT OF DONATION TO BERF \_\_\_\_\_

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# 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 life-time 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.



## Riverheads WRE Spring Fundraisers

The Annual Cakewalk will be held at the Mint Spring Ruritan building on Saturday, March 16 at 6 PM. There will also be food available.

The Spring Praise Night will be held at Raphine Christian church on Sunday, April 28 at 6 PM. A free will offering will be collected. A time of fellowship with cookies and punch will follow.

# lift up in prayer

## Bethel Leadership and Our Bethel Church Family

Faye Ambler | Cathy Bartley | Eddie Bartley | Bill Brubeck | Sally Brubeck  
Joyce Davis | Yvonne Goodson | Hunter Harris | Shirley Heizer  
Jed Katt | Reid Allen Kyger | Jane Law | Kenny Olson | Pat Quick  
John Sproul | Pam Sullivan | Billy Wade

# Sympathy & Condolences

## FAMILY and FRIENDS of:

Joe Heizer

Friends,

## A MESSAGE FROM THE PULPIT

It is hard to believe, but here we are in March, how did we get here so fast? It seems like yesterday that we just celebrated Christmas. Maybe it is because I am older, but I can't remember time moving so fast. Recalling my younger years forces me to remember things and events of the past. "Remembering", is something we as Christians do in the seasons of Lent, Holy Week and Easter.

As we look back on our busy lives, how often are we called upon to remember important details that have molded our lives and made us who we are today? "Remembering" is a vital part of our daily walk in this life. If we remember where we have been, we can always make a well informed decision on where we need to go. If we remember what we have done wrong, we can make sure we never repeat that mistake again. Our ability to recall the past is important so that we can chart our course for the future.

The word "Remember" is not only a vital part of our daily walk in this life, it is a vital part of our faith story and in the seasons of Lent, Holy Week and Easter it is a time for us to remember. On Ash Wednesday, we all joined in worship and heard the words, "Remember you are dust and to dust you shall return." A reminder for each of us that we are human, and as humans, our life is limited in time and we are broken. As we remember these facts, we acknowledge our need and dependence on God our Father who created us and loves us beyond our human understanding.

During Holy Week we will experience the powerful Old Testament story of Moses, the Pharaoh, and Passover. An event where God delivers His people from bondage and commands them to "remember". We hear the story of Jesus gathering with his disciples around the table, at which time He tells them that once again, with immense love, God is in the process of delivering His people from their own demise and sin. Together we witness the darkness, the betrayal and despair of Good Friday but by God's grace we "remember" we are a people with great hope! Finally, on Easter we celebrate Christ's resurrection where we "remember" our Lord and Savior who delivers us from our selfish selves and redeems us, so we are truly eternal in God's almighty power and love.

Friends, I invite everyone to join us as we gather for worship on Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday. Again, "remember" our doors at Bethel are always open to all of God's children. Please come and spend this beautiful season with us in the "House of God". We look forward to seeing you as we listen to these stories once again. Come let us gather to hear the good news of the saving power of Christ Jesus!!

"Remember", He loved you first, and by His grace you are redeemed. Now that is worth celebrating, so come join us!!

Blessings, Derek Almarode, Lay Pastor

25<sup>th</sup>

FEBRUARY

ATTENDANCE

50

The flowers today  
are given to the  
Glory of God  
& in honor of the  
Bethel Church Family  
by  
Sarah Frances Ralston

ELDER ON CALL

Derek Almarode

540-280-4940

WEEKLY  
FINANCIAL  
REPORT

Estimated Weekly Budget

\$3,127.00

Offering for February 25

\$2,670.00





# UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

INCLUDING OUR  
COMMUNITY FAMILY OF FAITH

## 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

## Youth Bible Study, Kingdom Builders @ 6:00

- Will Meet at Pines Chapel

## Sunday, April 28 @ 6:00pm

- WRE Praise Night at Raphine Christian Church

## April - Date TBD (tentatively April 28-30)

- Youth trip to Ark Encounter
- Anyone interested please see the Almarodes or the Lees

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



## IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR

In case of inclement weather, cancellations will be emailed and posted on WHSV & FaceBook.

## 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 Rahnavard-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