



SUNDAY, MAY 5TH 2024 · 11:00 AM

Prelude *Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus* arranged by Tim Doran

Westminster Chimes

Welcome & Announcements Brian Lee

WE APPROACH GOD -----

Invocation Brian Lee

Call to Worship Brian Lee

Please join me for Call to Worship

Leader: Children of a forgiving God, welcome!

People: We give thanks for His grace.

Leader: We serve a God who will never forsake us.

People: We give thanks for His mercy.

Leader: To all who are gathered here, come to the well of the living water.

Everyone: Come all who are thirsty, and you will thirst no more. Amen!

† Opening Hymn #293. *This is My Fathers World* JoAnn Pendley

† Call to Confession Brian Lee

† Prayer of Confession Brian Lee

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, & too deep to undo.

Forgive us and set us free from a past that we cannot change.

Open to us a future in which we can be changed.

Grant us grace to grow more and more into Your likeness.

Through Jesus Christ, the light of the world.

† Moment of Silent Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness Brian Lee

A BRIEF PLANNING MEETING FOR THE OCTOBER 18 & 19 PRESBYTERY MEETING THAT BETHEL IS HOSTING WILL BE HELD AFTER CHURCH, SUNDAY, MAY 19. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE ON THE PLANNING COMMITTEE WHICH INCLUDES THE WOMEN OF THE CHURCH, PLEASE MAKE PLANS TO STAY.

† Please stand - in body or spirit Brian Lee, Worship Leader Elder Derek Almarode, Lay Pastor

HEARING GOD'S WORD -----

Anthem *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me* Bethel Choir
Time with Young People {Matthew 4: 8-11}. *Tug of War* Derek Almarode
Prayer of Illumination Derek Almarode
Scripture Reading {Matthew 4:1-11} Derek Almarode
Sermon *Tempted? Sure You Are!* Derek Almarode

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

†Hymn of Reflection #276 *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* JoAnn Pendley
†Statement of Faith, The Apostle's Creed #14 or on the bookmark in the hymnal
(The holy catholic church: that is the true Christian church of all times and all places, the church universal)
Joys & Concerns Brian Lee
Presentation to Graduates Derek Almarode
Prayers of the People followed by Amen #586 Derek Almarode

INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS -----

RECEPTION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS -----

Offertory *When I Survey*. arranged by Tim Doran
†Doxology #592 JoAnn Pendley
†Prayer of Dedication Derek Almarode

SENDING -----

†Closing Hymn #101, Vs 1,2,3. *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*. JoAnn Pendley
†Charge & Benediction. Derek Almarode
Postlude *My Faith Has Found a Resting Place* arranged by Tim Doran



We would like to express our appreciation for all the food, cards, phone calls, visits and memorial donations at the loss of Joe. It was greatly appreciated.

Thanks again, Shirley and family

THANK YOU

THE TOWER WILL NOW BE A QUARTERLY PUBLICATION.

lift up in prayer

Bethel Leadership and Our Bethel Church Family

Faye Ambler | Cathy Bartley | Eddie Bartley | Bill Brubeck | Sally Brubeck
Diane Davis | Gayland Davis | Joyce Davis | Yvonne Goodson | Hunter Harris
Rodney Harris | Shirley Heizer | Jed Katt | Reid Allen Kyger | Jane Law
Kenny Olson | Pat Quick | John Sproul | Bill Wagner

sympathy & condolences

FAMILY and FRIENDS of:

Dawn Dofflemeyer Carter | Kenzie Connor | Lori Tuennermann

Life Reminded

Spring has certainly sprung here in the Shenandoah Valley. While working on the farm, you can hear all the different species of birds greeting the day as the sun rises. All the trees are now leafing out and the array of colors in the wildflowers are also popping. All of this has been complimented by the red, green, pink, and white of the trees eagerly bursting in growth.

Spring is such a glorious time. It is a time of rebirth, new beginnings, and fresh starts. It is a time of growth, a time of beauty, and most of all a time of life. Spring awakens our spirit, warms our heart, enlightens our minds, energizes our body, and uplifts our soul. Spring makes us aware of just how precious each day is and just how priceless each moment of our lives can be. It shows us once again that life is for living and for loving not just for existing.

I pray that this beautiful spring weather this year adds a spring to your own step. I pray that the new life bursting forth in nature awakens you to the endless life in your own soul because of God's glory in His creation. I pray that all the new growth and new beginnings around you help you to choose new growth in love and new beginnings in your own life. As you are surrounded in this beauty may you be reminded of the loving hand of God that created everything you see, touch, hear, and smell.

As I close, I just want to remind you that there is no better place to spend a spring day than right here in the House of God we lovingly call Bethel. Remember our Doors are always open and all of Gods children are welcome. See you soon my friends.

Blessings, Derek Almarode, Lay Pastor

A MESSAGE FROM THE PULPIT

28th
APRIL

ATTENDANCE
52

The flowers today
are given by
Beth & D.W. Miller
in memory of
Love Ones.

ELDER ON CALL

Derek Almarode
540-280-4940

WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Estimated Weekly Budget
\$3,127.00

Offering for April 28
\$2,320.00





UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

INCLUDING OUR
COMMUNITY FAMILY OF FAITH

Youth Bible Study - Kingdom Builders - May 8th @ 6:00

- Will Meet every other week at Pines Chapel
- Light supper provided.

Sunday, May 19 - Committee Meeting for Oct 18 & 19

Sunday, May 26 - 1st Sunday for Outside Worship

- Dedication of the new flag pole
- Celebration Meal

Sunday, August 18

- Tentative Date for Baptism and Worship at the River

Friday & Saturday, October 18 & 19 - Bethel

- East Central Presbytery Meeting

November 1 & 2 - Sight & Sound Bus Trip to See Daniel - Pines

- Flyers with details available in the Vestibule & Memorial Hall



Bible study with
the Waymakers

6:30 Thursdays at Bethel - Join Us!



ELDERS

Dave Schooley
CLERK OF SESSION

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
NOMINATING CHAIR

Brian Lee
YOUTH CHAIR
S&F CHAIR

Tim Turner
COMMUNICATIONS CHAIR

Betty Schooley

Mark Wade

DEACONS

Charlie Johnson

Mitch Lathrop

Harleigh Rahnvard-Tehrani

Katie McElveen

Beth Miller

D.W. Miller

John Ross

TRUSTEE COMMITTEE

Guy D. Brooks

Ginny Gano

Charlie Johnson

Mo Kyle

Dale Thompson

Billy Wade

Treasurer, Dale C. Smith

CHURCH STAFF

JoAnn Pendley
PIANIST, ORGANIST
BELL CHAIR 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.