



HOMECOMING › SUNDAY, AUGUST 25TH 2024 › 11:00 AM

Welcome & Announcements Mark Wade

Invocation Mark Wade

†Opening Hymn. *How Great Is Our God* Stacy Stevens

How great is our God, sing with me
 How great is our God, and all will see
 How great, how great, is our God

Name above all names
 Worthy of all praise
 My heart will sing
 How great is our God

†Call to Confession Mark Wade

†Prayer of Confession Mark Wade

**Loving Father, you have given us commandments to guide us in our living.
 Yet, we choose to be obedient to other things that distract us, such as worshipping
 the whims of the moment. Forgive us our power without compassion, our strength
 without gentleness. Forgive our human weaknesses and help us to admit them.
 Help us live out your commandments of love and service in the days and months to come.
 In Your Holy name we pray.**

Moment of Silent Confession & Assurance of Forgiveness Mark Wade

Homecoming Anthem. *Church (Take Me Back)*. Stacy Stevens

Time with Young People {Nehemiah 8:12} *The Word of God Is Home*. Derek Almarode

Prayer of Illumination Derek Almarode

Scripture Reading {Nehemiah 8:1-12} Derek Almarode

Sermon *Always Welcome*. Derek Almarode

†Hymn of Reflection. *Come As You Are* Stacy Stevens

†Statement of Faith

With immense gratitude and respect to God Almighty,
empowered by the gift of the Holy Spirit,
and as believers in Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior,
we strive to serve Him in our daily walk in life.

We work diligently, to live holy and joyful lives,
as we watch for tomorrow, which we know will bring
God's new heaven and new earth.

Today, as faithful followers of God's ministry,
we rejoice in knowing that nothing in this life, including our death,
can separate us from the Love of God, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Father, may our time spent together this morning,
be found pleasing to you, and may you receive all the Glory
in all that we do as Your disciples. For by your love,
and the sacrifice of your son Jesus Christ, our Savior, we are forgiven.

- Joys & Concerns, Offering Mark Wade, Derek Almarode
- Prayer of Dedication/Prayers of the People. Derek Almarode
- Meditation (*Will the Circle Be Unbroken*). Pre-recorded
- †Closing Hymn *The Church in the Wildwood* Stacy Stevens
- †Charge & Benediction. Derek Almarode

BETHEL PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN COUNCIL/CIRCLE

Ladies Luncheon

HONORING YVONNE GOODSON WITH THE LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

SEPTEMBER 22, 2024 AT 12:30 – RIGHT AFTER WORSHIP – IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

CATERED BY MIDDLEBROOK MERCANTILE | BRING A FRIEND(S)

ANY QUESTIONS CALL OR TEXT STEPHANIE RIVERS (540)-849-9839 OR BETH MILLER (540)-255-1940

SIGN UP DEADLINE IS SEPTEMBER 15



A very special thank you to everyone that helped with the service last week!

The Church In The Wildwood

W. S. P.

DR. W. M. S. PITTS

1. There's a church in the val - ley by the wild - wood, No love - li - er
 2. Oh, come to the church in the wild - wood, To the trees where the
 3. How sweet on a clear Sab - bath morn - ing, To list to the
 4. From the church in the val - ley by the wild - wood, When day fades a -

spot in the dale; No place is so dear to my child - hood As the
 wild flow - ers bloom; Where the part - ing hymn will be chant - ed, We will
 clear ring - ing bell; Its tones so sweet - ly are call - ing, Oh,
 way in - to night, I would fain from this spot of my child - hood Wing my

D.S.—No spot is so dear to my child - hood As the

FINE CHORUS

lit - tle brown church in the vale. Come to the
 weep by the side of the tomb.
 come to the church in the vale. Oh, come, come, come, come, come, come,
 way to the man - sions of light.

lit - tle brown church in the vale.

church in the wild - wood, Oh, come to the church in the vale;
 come, come, come, come, come, come, come, come, come, come, come, come;

D.S.



lift up in prayer

Bethel Leadership and Our Bethel Church Family

Cathy Bartley | Eddie Bartley | Bill Brubeck | Sally Brubeck | Diane Davis
Yvonne Eisenberg | Alma & Paul Harper | Hunter Harris
Grayson Howell | Rhonda & Charlie Johnson | Jed Katt
Reid Allen Kyger | Jane Law | Ethan Mulcahy
Mary Ann Perry Preston | John Ross | Eddie Sensabaugh | Dale Smith

sympathy & condolences

FAMILY and FRIENDS of:

Faye Ambler | Jesse Taylor

mark your calendar!

EAST CENTRAL PRESBYTERY MEETING

HOSTED BY BETHEL

OCTOBER 18 & 19

Bethel welcomes our friends of East Central Presbytery and Rev. Dr. Eric Laverentz coming to teach on elder leadership, which affects the whole of a congregation!

Rev. Dr. Eric Laverentz is the Lead Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Edmond, part of the Oklahoma City metro area. He has been in the pulpit since the age of 13. He has an DMinn from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary (TS), an MA (Christian Ethics) from Vanderbilt, and a Master of Theology (Christian Ethics) and MDiv from Princeton TS. His BA is in Political Science from Truman State. Before coming to Edmond, he served churches in Tennessee, Ohio and Kansas.

Besides leading 1st PC of Edmond, Dr. Laverentz is the Director of the Elder Leadership Institute (ELI) of ECO. He is the author of two books, *Is Caesar Our Savior?* and *Driven: The Four Temptations of Every Leader*. He currently serves as a member of the board of the Oklahoma Christian School and was previously a member of the Kansas Human Rights Commission.

Eric is an avid reader, runner, hiker, and Kansas City sports fan. He is married to Jen and they have four school-age children: Calvin, Hank, Otto and Penelope.

**18th
AUGUST**

ATTENDANCE

105

Welcome
TO THE
Chapel
in the
Woods

ELDER ON CALL

Derek Almarode
540-280-4940

**WEEKLY
FINANCIAL
REPORT**

Estimated Weekly Budget
\$3,127.00

Offering for August 4
\$3,910.00

Welcome to Bethel, our doors are always open!





UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

INCLUDING OUR
COMMUNITY FAMILY OF FAITH

Sunday, August 25 - Homecoming

- Stacy Stevens will be providing music

Friday & Saturday, October 18 & 19

- BETHEL IS HOSTING!!
- East Central Presbytery Meeting

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

- Flyers with details available in the Vestibule & Memorial Hall



LEMONADE AT THE PAVILION
the last Sunday of the month

Bible study with
the Waymakers
6:30 Thursdays at Bethel - Join Us!

ELDERS

Cindy Almarode
YOUTH CHAIR
MODERATOR, WOMEN OF THE CHURCH

Derek Almarode
LAY PASTOR
MODERATOR

Tammy Barbour
WORSHIP CHAIR

Wade Cash
PROPERTY & MAINTENANCE CHAIR
CHAIRMAN OF THE DEACONS

Brian Lee
STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE CHAIR
SECURITY

Penny Lee
OUTREACH, EVANGELISM
& COMMUNICATIONS CHAIR

Betty Schooley
WITNESS & MISSION CHAIR

Dave Schooley
PERSONNEL
CLERK OF SESSION

Tim Turner
CHRISTIAN ED CHAIR

Mark Wade
CONGREGATIONAL CARE CHAIR

DEACONS

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 CHOIR AND CHOIR

Kay Thompson
RECEIVING TREASURER

Donna Bush
CUSTODIANS

YOUTH COMMITTEE

Meets the last Sunday of each month.

SECURITY COMMITTEE

Meets the 3rd Sunday of each month.