



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29<sup>TH</sup> 2024 • 11:00 AM

Prelude . . . . . *Jesus is Lord of All* . . . . . JoAnn Pendley

Welcome & Announcements . . . . . Wade Cash

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

Invocation . . . . . Wade Cash

Call to Worship . . . . . Wade Cash

Leader: Wonder of wonders, Christ is Born!

**People: The Son of God has come to dwell with us!**

Leader: The word is now made flesh.

**People: The Divine is with us and among us!**

Leader: The World is blessed.

**Everyone: All life is Holy, we worship this morning in awe, in joy and in love.  
Alleluia! Amen!**

†Opening Hymn #31. . . . . *Go Tell It on the Mountain* . . . . . JoAnn Pendley

†Call to Confession . . . . . Wade Cash

†Prayer of Confession . . . . . Wade Cash

**God of love, we stand on the threshold of a new year. All that we have done this year  
– we have done, and what we have not done – remains undone. Lord, we simply let it go, and  
we have placed it in your hands. Lord God, bless the seeds of love we have sewn, forgive all in  
which we have failed your love, and set us free to begin anew. Father, as you give us a gift of  
a new year, we receive it with humble joy, and we covenant to spend it according to your will.  
Guide us, use us, that by your Holy Spirit, Christ may be born in Us.**

Moment of Silent Confession . . . . . Wade Cash

Assurance of Forgiveness . . . . . Wade Cash

**HEARING GOD’S WORD** -----

Anthem . . . . . *Love has Come* . . . . . Bethel Choir

Prayer of Illumination . . . . . Pastor Derek

Time with Young People {Luke 2:21} . . . . . *Eight Days Later, after Christmas?* . . . . . Pastor Derek

Scripture Reading {Luke 2:22-40}. . . . . Pastor Derek

Sermon . . . . . *Now What?*. . . . . Pastor Derek

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD -----

†Hymn of Reflection #142 . . . . . *All Hail the Power of Jesus Name* . . . . . JoAnn Pendley

†Affirmation of Faith – The Apostles Creed . . . . . Wade Cash

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 Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Joys & Concerns . . . . . Wade Cash

Prayers of the People . . . . . Pastor Derek

Amen #601 . . . . . Wade Cash

RECEPTION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS -----

Offertory . . . . . *Souvenir* . . . . . JoAnn Pendley

Doxology #606

†Closing Hymn #40 . . . . . *Joy to The World.* . . . . . JoAnn Pendley

†Charge & Benediction. . . . . Pastor Derek

Postlude . . . . . *A New Year Dawns* . . . . . JoAnn Pendley

2025 STEWARDSHIP DRIVE

Dear Friends,

It is the season of “giving”! It is also the season when we make a pledge to serve our Lord in His ministry at Bethel by using our talents and pledging our finances. Bethel is home to the most passionate followers of Christ. As we seek to begin our 279th Year of ministry together, we must jointly commit to the physical and spiritual health of our beloved church as we focus on her mission and her vision. Through the prayerful giving of our time, talent, and finances, together Bethel will continue to serve Christ in our community, both diligently and faithfully.

Always remember, as Christ’s disciples, our giving is not a debt we owe; it is a seed we sow in His glorious name. We have heard Derek say before, we can give anonymously as followers of Christ without loving, but that is not the example of Jesus’ life, ministry, and ultimately His death. It also is not what He instructs or expects. Derek finished by saying, if we are to follow Christ example and His instructions “to love as we have been loved”, then we must love unconditionally through our giving. Giving is one of the greatest accolades of our Savior Jesus Christ. It is also one of our greatest duties.

Please prayerfully consider how you can contribute to Bethel in the coming year. Should you have questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to our committee or specific individuals that make up our committee. (Brian Lee, Wade Cash, Dave Schooley, Charlie Johnson)

In Christ, Stewardship Committee

# *lift up in prayer*

## **Bethel Leadership and Our Bethel Church Family**

Bill Brubeck | Dale Burke | John Davis | Yvonne Eisenberg  
Jamie Humphries | Jed Katt | David Killingsworth | Jane Law  
Amanda Morgan | Jackie Morgan | Judy Norris | JoAnn Pendley  
Butch & Renee Rohrbaugh | Sean Shoe | Lucy Sproul  
Mickey & Darlene Strickler | Zack & Kylee Strickler  
Cathy Ward | Ivy, Harvey & Henry Wheeler

# *sympathy & condolences*

## **FAMILY and FRIENDS of:**

Alice Woodell | James Rankin

## **PRAYER REQUESTS OR CHANGES**

If you have any changes, additions or updates  
to the Prayer List please contact:  
Tammy Barbour @ 540-471-0450 or Penny Lee @ 540-416-8996



Loves pure light awaits...  
Open the door.

22nd

DECEMBER

ATTENDANCE

90

## **STAFF ON CALL**

Derek Almarode  
540-280-4940

## **WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT**

Estimated Weekly Budget  
\$3,127.00

Offering for December 22  
\$25,160.00







# UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

INCLUDING OUR  
COMMUNITY FAMILY OF FAITH

## Friday Evening, January 10 - Youth Tubing Trip @ Massanutten

- Please let Cindy know asap if you are coming via text message @ 540-490-2121. This is for youth and young at heart - if you want to go, you are welcome!!

## Sunday, January 18 - Installation Service & Celebration

- Special guests and refreshments after!

## Saturday, March 15 - WRE Cake Walk

- Mint Spring Ruritan Building - 6pm

## Sunday, April 27 - WRE Spring Praise Night

- Raphine Christian Church - 6pm

## Monday, February 17 - WRE Council Meeting - 7pm

- Mint Spring Ruritan Building - 6pm



Youth Bible Study  
Held at Pines

Every other Sunday: 2:00 - 4:00

Bible study with  
**the Waymakers**

6:30 Thursdays at Bethel - Join Us!



## ELDERS

**Cindy Almarode**

YOUTH CHAIR  
MODERATOR, WOMEN OF THE CHURCH

**Derek Almarode, Pastor**  
MODERATOR

**Tammy Barbour**  
WORSHIP CHAIR

**Wade Cash**  
PROPERTY & MAINTENANCE CHAIR  
CHAIRMEN 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 Rahnavard-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

**Marsha Sensabaugh**  
DISBURSING TREASURER

**Donna Bush**  
CUSTODIAN

## YOUTH COMMITTEE

*Meets the last Sunday of each month.*

## SECURITY COMMITTEE

*Meets the 3rd Sunday of each month.*