



SUNDAY, JANUARY 5TH 2025 · 11:00 AM

Prelude *How Great Thou Art* JoAnn Pendley
Welcome & Announcements Betty Schooley

WE APPROACH GOD -----

Invocation Betty Schooley
Call to Worship Betty Schooley

Leader: Friends, welcome to Bethel, the House of the Lord.
People: **The place where all of God's children are welcomed with love and grace.**
Leader: A place of friendship anchored in hope and perseverance.
People: **God has invited us all to be a part of this beloved community.**
Leader: In gratitude for God's grace and mercy let us go to God in Worship.
Everyone: **We are grateful for this opportunity, let us go forth to serve God as He has served us. Amen!**

†Opening Hymn #101 *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* JoAnn Pendley
†Call to Confession Betty Schooley
†Prayer of Confession Betty Schooley

Dearest God, we know that the blank slate of a New Year seems so promising, in just a few short days we couldn't have messed things up too bad, not yet – right? But likely Father, we have! Father, this proves that the blank slate of the New Year is an illusion without You. As we begin this New Year together, forgive us for our wrong doings and short comings from the last. Today as we worship you, let us begin on the right foot and invite you along with us on this new journey – so that we may be bearing your light into the worldly shadows. Father, we seek your presence so that even in the darkest of hours there will always be light in our lives in this year to come. Be with us Father as we navigate the wonderful times and the challenging moments this year will bring. Help us to always bask in Your love and remind us always that Hope resides in You alone! In Jesus glorious name we pray.

Moment of Silent Confession Betty Schooley
Assurance of Forgiveness Betty Schooley

HEARING GOD’S WORD -----

Anthem	<i>Sunshine in My Soul</i>	Bethel Choir
Prayer of Illumination		Pastor Derek
Time with Young People {Isaiah 43:19}	<i>New You</i>	Pastor Derek
Scripture Reading {Isaiah 43:18-19}		Pastor Derek
Sermon	<i>S.T.A.R.T.</i>	Pastor Derek

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD -----

†Hymn of Reflection #276	<i>Great is Thy Faithfulness</i>	JoAnn Pendley
†Affirmation of Faith – The Apostles Creed		Betty Schooley
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		Betty Schooley
Prayers of the People		Pastor Derek
Amen #601		Betty Schooley

RECEPTION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS -----

Offertory	<i>A Poem</i>	JoAnn Pendley
Doxology #606		
†Closing Hymn #525	<i>Here I Am Lord</i>	JoAnn Pendley
†Charge & Benediction.		Pastor Derek
Postlude	<i>At Dawning</i>	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 | Amy Cliborne | John Davis | Yvonne Eisenberg
Molly Flowers | Jamie Humphries | Jed Katt | David Killingsworth
Jane Law | Amanda Morgan | Jackie Morgan | Judy Norris | JoAnn Pendley
Butch & Renee Rohrbaugh | Sean Shoe | Lucy Sproul | Dale Thompson
Cathy Ward | Ivy, Harvey & Henry Wheeler

sympathy & condolences

FAMILY and FRIENDS of:

Alice Woodell

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

2025 PASTORAL CHALLENGE

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*loves pure light awaits...
open the door.*



29th

DECEMBER

ATTENDANCE

72

STAFF ON CALL

Derek Almarode
540-280-4940

WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Estimated Weekly Budget
\$3,127.00

Offering for December 29
\$3,648.00





UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

INCLUDING OUR
COMMUNITY FAMILY OF FAITH

Friday Evening, January 10

Youth Tubing Trip @ Massanutten

- 6:30 - 8:00pm

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!

YOUTH COMMITTEE

Meets the last Sunday of each month.

SECURITY COMMITTEE

Meets the 3rd Sunday of each month.

ELDERS

Cindy Almarode

YOUTH CHAIR
MODERATOR, WOMEN OF THE CHURCH

Derek Almarode, 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

Marsha Sensabaugh

DISBURSING TREASURER

Donna Bush

CUSTODIAN