

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

(*) The asterisk is to indicate that those who are able are invited to stand.
As the prelude begins, please take your seat and center yourself for worship.
**There are large print hymnals available for those who need one. Please ask an usher to bring you one.

Chiming of the Trinity

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *Surely the Presence of the Lord* Lanny Wolfe

WE PRAISE GOD

Call to Worship *Open Our Eyes, Lord* Bob Cull

Opening Prayer

*UMH #467 *Trust and Obey* Towner

*Expression of Faith *The Apostles' Creed*

**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 Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
the third day he rose 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 Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be. World without end. Amen. Amen.

Bethel Minister and Church Staff

J.B. Barnett, Custodian
Rev. Julie Belman, Senior Minister
Carol Burger, Preschool Director
Sheryl L. Jones, Administrative Assistant
Bill Webb, Organist / Choir Director



Tree Dedication

After the worship service today, we will dedicate the new Japanese Maple tree, which was given by Carolyn Armstrong and family in loving memory of Todd Armstrong.

After the dedication, come join the Armstrong family in the Pool Activities Building for light refreshments.

Church Council Meeting

A Church Council meeting will be held on Monday, September 18th at 6 p.m. in the Pool Activities Building. Rev. Walter Strawther and Rev. Chris Lynch will be our guest speakers. Everyone is welcome to attend.

United Methodist Men's Fundraiser

Tickets are available now for our Fall fundraiser. Most of the men in church will have tickets, or see me. We are selling Boston Butts for \$40 each and they must be paid for in advance. The last day to buy a ticket will be Oct. 20th and the pick up date is Oct. 27th. from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. We will be in the Scout Hut in the back parking lot. You may donate meat to Epworth Children's Home, our chosen charity for this event. Thanks for your continued support.

Dave Barnes, President, UMM, davebarnes75@gmail.com, 803-240-8192

United Methodist Men's Breakfast on September 9th

Our breakfast was a success thanks to Travis Belman, Bill Lucas and Tom Elliott. We had twenty one people there for good food and fellowship. After eating we enjoyed a presentation by Bill Webb about his trip to Poland. He showed a lot of pictures of the architecture, paintings and statues that he saw. Bill also talked about some of the history of Poland. Thank you for sharing your trip with us. Dave Barnes, President, UMM

Serving the Congregation Today

Acolytes: Micaela McDonald
Altar Stewards: Kimberly Wilson, Karen Stewart, Dave Barnes
Children's Moment: Debbie Carter
Greeters: Tom Elliott and Charles Byrn
Livestream: Travis Belman and Karen Furr
Offering Counters: Frank Hafner and Bill Lucas

Special Prayers for Bethel Friends and Family

(in alphabetical order)

In Hospitals, Assisted Living, Rehab:

Carolyn Bowers (Watercrest Columbia)
Nancy Burkhalter (Atria)
Sara Derrick (Atria)
Connie Fowke (NHC)
Eden Ellise Harper (Baptist)
Bill and Sylvia Hulbert (Laurel Crest)
Mary Kirby (TerraBella Windsor Lake)
Frances May (Generations of Irmo)
Mary Ott (Pruitt Ridgeway)
Sarah Parker (Still Hopes)
Carmen Pool (Rice Estates)
Adelyn Price (Still Hopes)

At home: Eugene Appleman, Jo Dowdey, Bonnie Lutz, Margaret Marshall, Rosa Nichols, Brenda Shealy, Verlon Stone, Donna Swygert (Velma Neeley's daughter) and Dan Toma

Out-of-Town: Irene Boyd, Josh Funderburk (Kathryn Emery's son), Wayne Hairfield (Debbie Carter's relative), Anne Hynds, Jake Lass (Debbie Carter's relative), Pat and Bethany Naser, Morgan Varn (Debbie Carter's relative), Jackson Bell (Suzette Wilson's grandnephew at MUSC awaiting heart transplant) and Roberta Yount, and Morrie and Bessie Cruse (grandparents of preschool student)

The families of: Sandra Wayson, Margaret Alley McGregor, Sarah Walker, Ron Jordan, Joyce Appleman, Sibyl Staples and Mac Marshall

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me..." Matthew 19:14

We welcome all persons in worship and rejoice in the sounds of God's little blessings in our sanctuary! A room is available in the back of the sanctuary for crying babies, nursing or pumping mothers at any time.

Children's Moment Debbie Carter

As children return to their seats, please sing the chorus of *Jesus Loves Me*.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Anthem Betty Jean Robinson
He Is Jehovah
(see insert)

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Offertory John Rice
Walk with Me
This hymn (TFWS #2242) will soon be sung in worship.

*Doxology ***Praise God from Whom all blessings flow;***
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Luke 13:10-17
The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God!

Sermon Rev. Julie Belman
Rule of Life

WE ARE SENT FORTH TO SERVE GOD IN THE WORLD

*TFWS #2130 John Bell
The Summons

*Benediction

*Postlude Wm. Jude
Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult

Church Office Hours

Monday-Thursday—9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Phone number—803-787-3058

Publication Submission Deadlines

The deadline for the **Bulletin** is 3:00 pm on the preceding Tuesday.
The deadline for the **Messenger** is 9:00 am on the 3rd Monday of month.
Please contact the church office as soon as possible to get your upcoming events on the calendar. Rooms are scheduled on a first-come basis.

Upcoming Events at Bethel

Sunday, September 17

09:45 Children, Youth, and Adult Sunday School (EB)

11:00 Traditional Worship Service (S / livestream on YouTube)

02:00 Bible Study - *Experiencing God* (PAB)

Monday, September 18

10:00 Staff Meeting (CR)

06:00 Church Council Meeting (PAB)

07:00 Boy Scouts Board of Review (PAB)

Tuesday, September 19

10:00 Rise and Shine with Lisa Smarr (PAB)

06:00 Finance Committee Meeting (NJ)

07:00 Forest Acres Neighborhood Association Meeting (PAB)

Wednesday, September 20

09:30 Preschool Chapel (S)

Thursday, September 21

10:00 Rise and Shine with Lisa Smarr (PAB)

Saturday, September 23

10:30 Choir Rehearsal (CR)

CR - Conference Room
EB - Education Building
NJ - New Journeys Room
PAB - Pool Activities Building
S - Sanctuary

Ways to Connect

Website: www.bethelmethodistcolumbia.com
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KNOWING, LOVING, SERVING
...so the world will experience Christ's love!



Sunday, September 17, 2023
16th Sunday After Pentecost
The Color is Green.

Welcome!

We are so glad you decided to join us for worship. Our hope is that you will experience the love of Jesus Christ while you are among us and join us in sharing God's Good News with the world. If you do not have a church home, we invite you to become part of the Bethel Church family.