

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 *Worthy of Worship* Mark Blankenship

WE PRAISE GOD

Call to Worship *We Utter Our Cry* arr. Sydney H. Nicholson
This will be our closing hymn today! UMH #439

Opening Prayer

*UMH #513 *Soldiers of Christ, Arise* DIADEMATA
Text by Charles Wesley, 1749

*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

Altar Flowers

Carolyn Armstrong provided the altar flowers today in honor of Margie Jackson's birthday.

Happy October Birthdays!

01 Karen Furr	11 Sibyl Staples	24 Donald Clark
02 Nancy Burkhalter	11 Beth Welch	26 Ginny Burger
04 Jack Bonnaville	12 Mary Kirby	26 Abbie Lucas
04 Laura Hungiville	15 Joe Weir	28 Lem Harper Jr.
08 Brenda Harper	18 James Bowman	28 Brenda Jones
08 Elizabeth Keels	18 Kimberly Hoover	29 Ken Wood
08 Joshua Furr	21 Brenda McCarthy	
10 Carolyn Bowers	23 Martie Walker	

Happy October Anniversaries!

20 Furman and Nell Porter 20 Chuck and Sue Ward

Preschool Fundraiser - Baked Potato and Chili Supper

Please see the insert for details. If you're interested in attending this supper, please call Preschool Director Carol Burger by Friday, September 29th.



Bethel's Charge Conference

Thursday, November 2nd at 7:30 p.m.
in the Sanctuary

Serving the Congregation Today

Acolyte(s): Wyatt Wood
Altar Stewards: Kimberly Wilson, Karen Stewart, Dave Barnes
Children's Moment: Janel Bell
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 Ellice Harper (Baptist)
Bill and Sylvia Hulbert (Laurel Crest)
Mary Kirby (TerraBella Windsor Lake)
Frances May (Generations of Irmo)
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, Mac Marshall and Mary Ott

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 Janel Bell

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 *I Am His, and He Is Mine* arr. Tom Fettke
See anthem text on 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 *Be Thou My Vision* Ancient Irish Melody

*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 18:1-8
The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God!

Sermon *A Feisty Faith* Rev. Julie Belman

WE ARE SENT FORTH TO SERVE GOD IN THE WORLD

*UMH # 439 *We Utter Our Cry* arr. S.H. Nicholson

*Benediction

*Postlude *For the Healing of the Nations* CWM RHONDDA

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 24

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

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

02:00 *Experiencing God* bible study
(PAB)

Monday, September 25

06:30 Boy Scouts Court of Honor
(S) and (PAB)

Tuesday, September 26

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

06:00 Staff Parish Relations
Committee (CR)

Wednesday, September 27

09:30 Preschool Chapel (S)

Thursday, September 28

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

Saturday, September 30

10:30 Choir Rehearsal (CR)

Sunday, October 1

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

11:00 Traditional Worship Service /
World Communion Day with
Rev. Walter Strawther
(S / livestream on YouTube)

02:00 *Experiencing God* bible study
(PAB)

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

Ways to Connect

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KNOWING, LOVING, SERVING
...so the world will experience Christ's love!



Sunday, September 24, 2023
17th 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.*