

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 *Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory* Thomas Troeger

WE PRAISE GOD

Call to Worship *We Are God's People* J. Brahms

Opening Prayer

*UMH #173 *Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies* Charles Wesley

*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

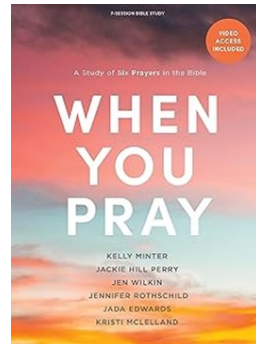
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be. World without end. Amen. Amen.

Bethel Minister and Church Staff

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

Souper Bowl of Caring

The Youth will be in the narthex after the 11:00 a.m. worship service collecting donations for the Rehoboth UMC Food Pantry. You may also bring items for the collection baskets placed in the narthex, office hallway, and education building today.



New Prayer Bible Study Starts Today

It's not too late! Join us today for this exciting new bible study from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m. in the New Journeys Room (2nd floor of the Education Building.) We will be studying *When you Pray, a study of 6 prayers in the bible*. This book costs \$25. Debbie Carter would be happy to order one for you or you may order one yourself.

Good News Club

The Good News Club will begin at Satchel Ford Elementary School on Wednesday, February 14th and will continue every Wednesday through March 20th. Please pray for all the volunteers and students who are participating.

Volunteers for Worship

We would like to invite you to participate in the Sunday worship services. If you would be interested in offering prayers, reading scripture, offering a children's moment or serving as an usher, please let Pastor Julie know.

Cemetery Clean Up

Beginning the month of February, I will be cleaning the Christmas items off of the graves and discarding them. If you would like to get your item, please do so. Thank you, Diane Porter.

Serving the Congregation Today

Acolyte(s): Micaela McDonald
Altar Stewards: Kimberly Wilson, Karen Stewart, Dave Barnes
Children's Moment: Rev. Julie Belman
Greeters: Tom Elliott and Charles Byrn
Livestream: Travis Belman and Karen Furr
Offering Counters: Kimberly Wilson and Debbie Carter

Special Prayers for Bethel Friends and Family

(in alphabetical order)

In Hospitals, Assisted Living, Rehab:

Dave Barnes (VA Hospital)
Carolyn Bowers (Watercrest Columbia)
Nancy Burkhalter (Atria)
Sara Derrick (Atria)
Bill and Sylvia Hulbert (Laurel Crest)
Margie Jackson (Encompass)
Mary Kirby (TerraBella Windsor Lake)
Frances May (Generations of Irmo)
Sarah Parker (Still Hopes)
Carmen Pool (Rice Estates)
Donna Swygert, Velma Neeley's daughter (Lakeside Place Senior Living)

At home: Eugene Appleman, Debbie Carter, Jo Dowdey, Tom Elliott, Chris Huggins (friend of Carolyn Armstrong), Bonnie Lutz, Margaret Marshall, Dennis Morganelli (Velma Neeley's son-in-law), Rosa Nichols, Brenda Shealy, Verlon (Stoney) Stone and Dan Toma

Out-of-Town: Irene Boyd, Josh Funderburk (Kathryn Emery's son), Iva Dell Griffin, 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), Roberta Yount, and Morrie and Bessie Cruse (grandparents of preschool student)

The families of: Joyce Appleman, Sibyl Staples, Mac Marshall, Mary Ott, Jean Tolbert, Adelyn Price and Connie Fowke

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 Rev. Julie Belman
 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 *The Lord's My Shepherd* arr. Rodby/Roff

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.

Mission Moment Bonnie Speas

Offertory *This Touch of Love* Robert Powell

*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 2 Kings 2:1-12 and Mark 9:2-9

The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God!

Sermon *The Last Laugh* Rev. Julie Belman

WE ARE SENT FORTH TO SERVE GOD IN THE WORLD

*TFWS #2103 *We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding* HYFRYDOL

*Benediction

*Postlude *Trumpet Voluntary* Gordon Young

Church Office Hours

Monday-Thursday - 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

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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, February 11
 09:45 Children, Youth, and Adult Sunday School (EB)
 11:00 Traditional Worship Service (S / livestream on YouTube)
 03:00 Prayer Bible Study (NJ)

Monday, February 12
 04:00 Bible Study of the Gospels (CR)

Tuesday, February 13
 10:00 Rise and Shine with Lisa Smarr (PAB)

06:00 Trout Unlimited Meeting (PAB)

06:00 Finance Committee Meeting (CR)

06:00 Sylvia Hulsey Circle Meeting (NJ)

Wednesday, February 14
 09:30 Preschool Chapel (S)
 12:00 Ash Wednesday Worship Service (S / livestream on YouTube)

Thursday, February 15
 10:00 Rise and Shine with Lisa Smarr (PAB)
 06:00 Vision / Long Range Planning Meeting (PAB)

Saturday, February 17
 10:30 Choir Rehearsal (CR)

03:30 Parent Meeting for Students at Crayton Middle School (PAB)

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

Ways to Connect

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



Sunday, February 11, 2024
Transfiguration Sunday
The Color is White.

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.