

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 *I Cry Out to You, O Lord* Martin Luther

WE PRAISE GOD

Call to Worship *O Splendor of God's Glory Bright* 4th century
Please turn to UMH #679 and follow along as the choir sings verse 1.
We will sing all verses for our opening hymn today!

Lenten Cross Moment Ken Wood

Congregational Prayer

Through the ages, O God, you have called to us to follow. You led us to freedom, to hope and peace. Enter our hearts again today and lead us to your healing love that we might serve you joyfully in this world that you have loaned to us. AMEN.

*UMH #679 *O Splendor of God's Glory Bright* Wm. Knapp

*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.**

Bethel Minister and Church Staff

Rev. Julie Belman, Senior Minister

J.B. Barnett, Custodian
Carol Burger, Preschool Director
Sheryl L. Jones, Administrative Assistant
Jacquetta Thomas, Custodian
Bill Webb, Organist / Choir Director

Altar Flowers

Velma Neeley provided the altar flowers today in honor of Bill Webb and the Bethel Choir.

Thank You for the Prayers

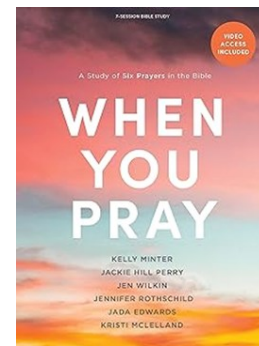
Velma Neeley appreciates the prayers for her family members who have been on or are on the prayer list.

Fellowship Supper

Today at 5:30 p.m., we'll have a Fellowship Supper in the Pool Activities Building (PAB). Pork loin provided! Please bring something to go with it! Looking forward to seeing you tonight!

United Methodist Men - Boston Butts Fundraiser

The UMM are taking requests for Boston Butts through March 22nd (just in time for Easter!). Pick up for the orders will be on Friday, March 29th from 4:00-7:00 p.m. in the back parking lot.



Prayer Bible Study

Join us on Sunday afternoons 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.

Serving the Congregation Today

Acolyte(s): Zander Narang
Altar Stewards: Kimberly Wilson, Karen Stewart, Dave Barnes
Children's Moment: Vicki Krueger
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)
DP Fautley, Velma Neeley's great grandson (MUSC)
Bill and Sylvia Hulbert (Laurel Crest)
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), Verta Ingbretsen, Margie Jackson, Bill Lucas, Gail Lucas, Bonnie Lutz, Margaret Marshall, 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.

*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.

Children's Moment Vicki Krueger
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 *Let Us Love One Another* A.B. Sherman

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 *Herzliebster Jesu* Johann Crüger

*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 Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

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

Sermon *A New Family* Rev. Julie Belman

WE ARE SENT FORTH TO SERVE GOD IN THE WORLD

*UMH #605 *Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters* Beach Spring

*Benediction

*Postlude *Let Us Plead for Faith Alone* Savannah

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 25

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

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

03:00 Prayer Bible Study (NJ)

05:30 Fellowship Supper (PAB)

Monday, February 26

04:00 Bible Study of the Gospels
(CR)

Tuesday, February 27

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

Wednesday, February 28

09:30 Preschool Chapel

05:30 Weight Watchers Meeting
(PAB)

Thursday, February 29

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

06:00 Vision / Long Range Planning
Meeting (PAB)

Saturday, March 2

08:30 Weight Watchers Meeting
(PAB)

02:00 Choir Rehearsal (CR)

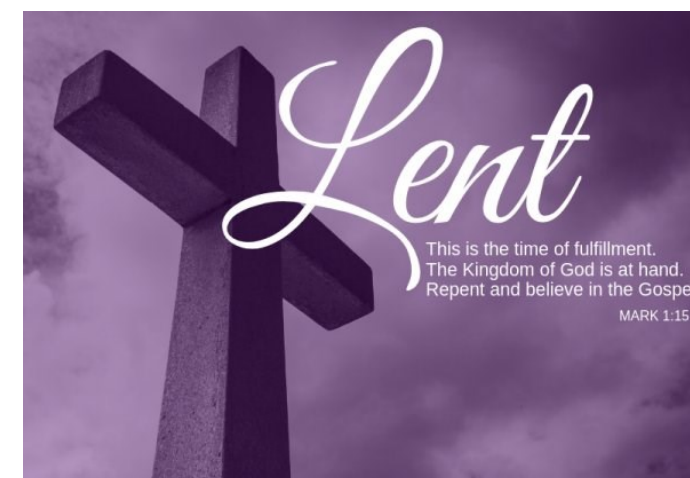
CR - Conference Room
EB - Education Building
PAB - Pool Activities Building
S - Sanctuary
NJ - New Journeys Room

Ways to Connect

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



Sunday, February 25, 2024
2nd Sunday in Lent
The Color is Purple.

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.*