

## 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 *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today!* arr. Kerrick

## WE PRAISE GOD

Call to Worship *He Lives!* ACKLEY

Opening Scripture: Isaiah 25:6-9

Opening Prayer  
Leader: Christ is risen!

**People: Christ is risen indeed!**

Leader: Let us pray.

**All: Almighty God, through your only Son you overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life. Grant that we who celebrate our Lord's resurrection, by the renewing of your Spirit, arise from the death of sin to the life of righteousness; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia! Amen.**

\*UMH #302 *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!* EASTER HYMN  
Verses 1-4

\*Easter Expression of Faith: UMH #888

Pastor:

This is the good news  
which we have received,  
in which we stand,  
and by which we are saved:

**People:**

**Christ died for our sins,  
was buried, was raised on the third day,  
and appeared first to the women,  
then to Peter and the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses.**

**We believe Jesus is the Christ,  
the Anointed One of God,  
the firstborn of all creation, the firstborn from the dead,  
in whom all things hold together,  
in whom the fullness of God was pleased to dwell by the power of the Spirit.  
Christ is the head of the body, the church,  
and by the blood of the cross reconciles all things to God. 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

## 2024 Easter Lily Dedications

In memory of **Gerald McDonald and Peggy Poppiti**  
by Carrie McDonald

In memory of **Joshua Ness Funderburk**  
by Kathryn Emery and her children

In memory of **Todd Armstrong, Roy Armstrong, Nola and Robert Parks**  
by Carolyn & Nola Armstrong

In memory of **Audry & Jim Grant and Bill Grant**  
by Sue & Peggy Grant

In memory of **Wayne and Beatrice Hammack**  
by Megan B. Stout

In memory of **James M. (Mac) Marshall**  
by Marcella E. Marshall

In honor of **Diana and Beatrice Stout**  
by Megan B. Stout

In honor of **Marshall Stewart Funderburk, Virginia West Funderburk  
and Elizabeth T. Funderburk**  
by Kathryn Emery

In honor of **Bill Webb and the Bethel Choir**  
by Dave Barnes

In honor of **Sheryl Jones**  
by Velma H. Neeley

To the **Glory of God**  
by Sally & Frank Hafner

To the **Glory of God**  
by Charles & Ae Byrn

\*The hydrangeas were given in honor of the **Bethel Church Staff** and the **Bethel Preschool Staff** by the Belman Family.

## Serving the Congregation Today

Acolyte(s): Micaela McDonald  
Altar Stewards: Kimberly Wilson, Karen Stewart, Dave Barnes  
Children's Moment: Marian Scullion  
Greeters: Tom Elliott and Charles Byrn  
Livestream: Travis Belman and Karen Furr  
Offering Counters: Frank Hafner and Kathryn Emery

## 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)  
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, Jo Dowdey, Tom Elliott, Chris Huggins (friend of Carolyn Armstrong), Verta Ingbreetsen, Margie Jackson, Bonnie Lutz, Margaret Marshall, Rosa Nichols, Brenda Shealy, Verlon (Stoney) Stone and Dan Toma

**Out-of-Town:** Irene Boyd, 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

### Attendance and Offering

March 24, 2024  
Church School 34  
Worship in-person 54; online 41  
Offering \$2,787.50

### 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

Marian Scullion

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 *Crown Him with Many Crowns* arr. R.J. Powell

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 *I Know That My Redeemer Liveth* G.F. Händel

\*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 John 20:1-18 and 2 Corinthians 5:13-21

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

Anthem *Because He Lives* Bill & Gloria Gaither  
Ae Byrn, soloist

Sermon *A New Creation* Rev. Julie Belman

### WE ARE SENT FORTH TO SERVE GOD IN THE WORLD

\*UMH #303 *The Day of Resurrection* LANCASHIRE

\*Benediction

\*Postlude *He Lives* Alfred Ackley

### 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, March 31

9:45 No Sunday School today

10:00 Children, Youth, and Adult

Brunch/Decorate Cross  
(Front Lawn)

11:00 Traditional Worship Service (S)

3:00 No Prayer Bible Study (NJ)

### Monday, April 1

*The Preschool and Church Office will be closed this week for Spring Break.*

4:00 Bible Study of Gospels (CR)

### Tuesday, April 2

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

### Wednesday, April 3

5:30 Weight Watchers Meeting (PAB)

### Thursday, April 4

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

10:30 United Women of Faith Executive Board Meeting (CR)

### Saturday, April 6

8:30 Weight Watchers Meeting (PAB)

10:00 Memorial Service for Adelyn Price (S) followed by Reception (PAB)

11:00 Choir Rehearsal (CR)

CR - Conference Room  
EB - Education Building  
PAB - Pool Activities Building  
S - Sanctuary  
NJ - New Journeys Room  
BPL - Back Parking Lot

## Ways to Connect

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



**Sunday, March 31, 2024**

**Easter 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.*