

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 *Trumpet Voluntary* Paul Fey

WE PRAISE GOD

Call to Worship *Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies* Charles Wesley

Opening Prayer

*UMH #400 *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* NETTLETON

**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
Jacquetta Thomas, Custodian
Bill Webb, Organist / Choir Director



Given in honor
of all Mothers
by Charles and Ae Byrn

Update on Recent Events

From Bethel's Yard sale on May 3-4, we raised \$6,126.12.

From the Hot Dog / Bake Sale held during the Yard Sale, a total of \$851 was raised for the Todd Lutz Scholarship Fund.

From the organ concert on May 2nd, we received \$435 in donations for the Choir Fund.

Many thanks to everyone who volunteered and participated in these great events. Special thanks to event organizers, Karen Furr, Louise Davis and Bill Webb.



There are many ways you can serve at Bethel.

- Leading Sunday School classes for all ages
- Leading a Bible study
- Learning how to run the live stream equipment during our Worship Services, Special Events and/or Funerals
- Serving as Ushers, Greeters, Acolytes
- Being a nursery worker during Sunday School, Worship Services or special events
- Offering an Opening Prayer, being a Reader of Scripture, or leading a Children's Moment
- Being a member of Bethel's prayer team
- Helping out in the church office, i.e. answering the phone, folding bulletins, preparing mail-outs, etc.

There are many ways to serve, these are only a few. I know you will be blessed as well as be a blessing! If you are willing to help, please contact Pastor Julie or Sheryl in the church office.

Serving the Congregation Today

Acolyte(s): 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: Dianna Elliott and Janis Lawther

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 Hulbert (Presbyterian Community, Room 8)
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, Bill Lucas, 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

May 5, 2024
Church School - 36
Worship in-person 48; online 31
Offering \$5,732

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 the 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 *Fairest Lord Jesus* ST. ELIZABETH

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 Epworth Children's Home

Offertory *Fairest Lord Jesus* ST. ELIZABETH

*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 Acts 16:6-15

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

Sermon Sailboat Church Rev. Julie Belman

WE ARE SENT FORTH TO SERVE GOD IN THE WORLD

*UMH #163 *Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know* H.A. César Malan

*Benediction

*Postlude *Send the Light* Charles H. Gabriel

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, May 12

9:45 Children, Youth, and Adult
Sunday School (EB)
11:00 Traditional Worship Service /
Epworth Mother's Day Offering
(S / livestream)

Monday, May 13

6:00 Board of Trustees Mtg. (CR)

Tuesday, May 14

6:00 Trout Unlimited Mtg. (PAB)
6:00 Sylvia Hulseley Circle Mtg. (NJ)

Wednesday, May 15

9:30 Preschool Chapel (S)
5:30 Weight Watchers Mtg. (S)

Thursday, May 16

Last Day of Preschool Spring Session
9:30 Preschool Spring Performance
(S)

Saturday, May 18

8:30 Weight Watchers Mtg. (PAB)
10:30 Choir Rehearsal (CR)

Sunday, May 19

9:45 Children, Youth, and Adult
Sunday School (EB)
11:00 Traditional Worship Service /
Advocate Awareness Day
(S / livestream)
2:00 Girl Scouts Mtg. (CR)

Monday, May 20

6:00 Church Council Mtg. (PAB)

Tuesday, May 21

7:00 Forest Acres Neighborhood
Association Mtg. (PAB)

Wednesday, May 22

5:30 Weight Watchers Mtg. (S)

Saturday, May 25

8:30 Weight Watchers Mtg. (PAB)
10:30 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, May 12, 2024
Seventh Sunday of Easter
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.*