

BETHEL CHURCH

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Office Hours

Monday 10:30–2:30 pm; Tuesday 8:00–1:00 pm Wednesday 12:30–3:30 pm; Thursday 8:00–2:30 pm Office is CLOSED on Fridays

Staff

Pastor/Moderator: The Rev. Todd D. Smith Music Director/Organist: Kirsten Fitzsimmons

Children's Youth & Family Program Coordinator: Chrissie Galliher

Office Manager: Kelly McLaughlin Church Treasurer: Lynda McRee

Welcome to Bethel Presbyterian Church

March 23, 2025

Sunday School 9:15 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 a.m.



Our worship begins with the entering of the Light of Christ.

Please silence all electronics and be prayerfully attentive to the quiet presence of God.

+ indicates standing; congregational readings/responses are shown in bold print.

Gathering and Welcome

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Voluntary Kirsten Fitzsimmons

Call to Worship Laurie Falkner

Leader: This is the day that God has made; let us rejoice.

People: O give thanks to God, his steadfast love endures forever!

Leader: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

People: Open to us the gates of righteousness.

Hymn #81 Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

Receive New Members

Prayer of Confession

Go'd of our hearts, we come to You admitting that we are lost. In our lives of chaos, we have lost our peace. In our selfishness, we have lost our ability to care for others. In our self-reliance, we have lost our total dependence on You. We ask for Your forgiveness and mercy for our wandering hearts. Remind us that it is by Your grace we are found. In the name of Jesus we pray, Amen

(Silent prayer of confession)

The Lord's Prayer

Assurance of Pardon

Pastor Todd Smith

Gloria Patri

+The Apostles' Creed





Saturday ~ April 5th
5:00-7:30 p.m.

Mark your calendars for this fun filled evening
hosted by the Bethel Men's Association.

They will be preparing delicious Italian cuisine
accompanied by the entertainment of
Karaoke Music with Susie Horn.

Adults - \$15 per person Children 12 & Under - \$10

Take-out will be available.

Church Leadership

Elders (Session) -- Meet 3rd Thursday each month

2025	2026	2027
Margie Fielder	Pete Capozzoli	Marsha Brooks
Carmie Messenger	Bob Dennison	Dave Hinkley
Gary Lowe	Charles Henry	Krista Bachelor

Deacons -- Meet 1st Monday each month

2025	2026	2027
Donna Jones	Pat Chlebda	Rebecca Smith
Terri Schwarz	Rebecca Comaty	Lynda McRee
MaryLee Swift	Jen Seiler	Jane Burgess
Pam Sherwood	Gail Lowe	Laurie Falkner

Trustees -- Meet 1st Tuesday each

	month	
2025	2026	2027
Dave Kirchner Sam Fielder Bob Horn Steve Kauffman	Tim Sherwood	Jan Berlage
	Brian Calary	Bruce Bachelor
	Bruce Mattheiss	Greg Burgess
	Craig Messenger	R. Donald Scott
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Open and Close Trustee for This week is Craig Messenger Ushers this week Dave Hinkley and Steve Kauffman

The 2025 Per Capita fee per congregation member is \$42.00

Please be sure to submit your portion by the end of the year.

Please write per capita in memo of check. Thank you!

+ Passing the Peace	The peace of Christ be with you. And als	o with you.
Children's Lesson		Chrissie Galliher
Prayer for Illumination		Steve Kauffman
First Lesson	lsaiah 55:1–9	
	This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to G o	od.
Second Lesson	Luke 15:1-9	
	This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to C	God.
Sermon		Pastor Todd Smith
Hymn #276	Great Is Thy Thankfulness	
Prayers of the People		Jan Berlage
Offertory		Chancel Choir
+ Doxology 592		
+ Hymn #398	There's A Sweet, Sweet Spirit	
+ Benediction		Pastor Todd Smith
Postlude		Kirsten Fitzsimmons

Announcements

This Week at Bethel:

Last Week's attendance 50/(56)

March 24th - BWG Bible Study, Foyer @ 10-11 am

March 24th - AARP Meeting, Fellowship Hall @ 1:00 pm

March 25th - Choir Practice, Sanctuary @ 6:30 pm

March 25th - Bridge Game, Fellowship Hall @ 6:30 pm

March 27th - Session Meeting, Church Office @ 7:00 pm

March 28th - AARP Trip @ 9-6 pm

Pastor Todd's office hours: March 24 & 27, 10-2pm; March 26, 12-3pm

Cemetery Clean up

Please remove any Christmas decorations from gravesites by March 31

Card Shower - March

Mary Martha Rutledge – 90th birthday March 12th Lillian Skidmore – March 5th Carolyn Mattheiss – March 13th



Upcoming Events

- Spaghetti Dinner April 5th
- First Cemetery Tour of 2025 April 13th
- Palm Sunday April 13th
- Maundy Thursday April 17th
- Good Friday -April 18th @ Bethel
- Easter Sunday April 20th
- Bingo May 17th

Bethel Joys & Concerns:

Happy Birthday: Chrissie Galliher, Barbara Mitchell, Allen Henderson, Patricia Troyer

Please keep the following in your prayers this week:

Charlynn Loiacono, Friend of Prevettes

Lynda McRee

Gina Penland, Friend of Don Scott

Kay Geisler, friend of Gail Lowe

Jakob Shreck Janice May

Pam Grue, Friend of Donna Jones

Penny Goode Susan Wyatt

Heidi Nash

Betty Jane Foard

Mary Martha Rutledge

Marylin Bradford Carolyn Mattheiss

Christine Zurenko, Friend of Dan & Mary

Beth Scott

Tom Raab

Kathy Mullins Jones, Friend of Kristin Comer

Jack Rogers Andy Brooks Myla Mann

Nancy Berigtold

Shirley Grove, Friend of Scotts

John Sullivan

Darlene Shuttlesworth, Sister of Nancy

Cowman

Linda Berberich- Sam Brooks Sister

Bob Jacobs, friend of Nancy Alexander

Jane Wilson Branham, friend of Nancy

Alexander

Jordan Riddick and family



Please continue to use the prayer cards in the back of the pews for prayer requests. You may also email the office.