



## **BETHEL CHURCH**

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

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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

May 11, 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

*Songs My Mother Taught Me*  
by Antonin Dvorak

Christine Capozzoli

Call to Worship

Laurie Falkner

Leader: O God, your name is majestic in all the earth, your glory is chanted above the heavens.

**People: You have crowned your people with glory and honor; we give you all praise in response to your grace.**

Leader: Let us worship God!

+ Hymn #150

*Come Christians Join to Sing*

## Prayer of Confession

***Almighty God, Your Son Jesus Christ has taught us that what we do for the least of your children we do also for him. Yet we fail to serve him due to pride, enmity, and personal prejudice. Lord give us the will to serve others despite personal differences, just as Jesus was the servant of all, loving all people without prejudice. This we pray In Jesus Name. Amen.***

*(Silent prayer of confession)*

## ***The Lord's Prayer***

Assurance of Pardon

Pastor Todd Smith

+ Gloria Patri

+ *The Apostles' Creed*



CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION  
FOR THE  
M.P. MÖLLER PIPE ORGAN  
at  
GROVE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Sunday, May 18, 2025  
3 p.m.

**COME AND SPEND AN HOUR  
WITH OUR HISTORIC PIPE ORGAN  
AS WE CELEBRATE  
THIS MILESTONE BIRTHDAY!**

Local organists will provide a  
**FESTIVE CONCERT**  
to showcase the instrument.

A fellowship reception will follow.

The concert is free and open to the public.

Grove Presbyterian Church, 50 E. Bel Air Avenue, Aberdeen, MD 21001  
410-272-0896, [grovechurch@gmail.com](mailto:grovechurch@gmail.com), [grovepc.org](http://grovepc.org)

## 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 Batchelor

**Deacons -- Meet 1st Monday each  
month**

2025	2026	2027
Donna Jones	Pat Chlebda	Rebecca Smith
Terri Schwarz	Rebecca Comatz	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	Tim Sherwood	Jan Berlage
Sam Fielder	Brian Calary	Bruce Batchelor
Bob Horn	Bruce Mattheiss	Greg Burgess
Steve Kauffman	Craig Messenger	R. Donald Scott

Open and Close Trustee for  
This week is Sam Fielder  
Ushers this week  
Bob Horn and Dave Hinkley

**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 also with you.**

Children's Lesson

Chrissie Galliher

Prayer for Illumination

Laurie Falkner

First Lesson

John 21:1-19

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Second Lesson

Acts 9:1-20

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Pastor Todd Smith

Hymn #403

*What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

Prayers of the People

Ruth Walker

Offertory

*Blessed Assurance*

Bethel Men's Chorus

+ Doxology 592

+ Hymn (Insert)

*I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*

+ Benediction

Pastor Todd Smith

Postlude

Kirsten Fitzsimmons

# Announcements

## This Week at Bethel:

Last Week's attendance 82/(24)

May 12th - BWG Bible Study, Foyer @ 10-11 am

May 12th - AARP Board Meeting @ 1:00 pm

May 12th - Safety & Security Meeting @ 7:00 pm

May 13th - Worship & Music Meeting @ 4:30 pm

May 13th - Choir Practice, Sanctuary @ 6:30 pm

May 13th - Bridge Game, Fellowship Hall @ 6:30 pm

May 14th - AARP Trip @ 8:00 am

May 14th - Finance Meeting @ 7:00 pm

May 15th - Training Session @ 6:00 pm

May 15th - Session Meeting @ 7:00 pm

May 15th/16th - Set up for Bingo

May 17th - Bingo @ 6:00 pm

May 18th - Breakfast Bunch @ 9:00 am

May 18th - Sunday School @ 9:15 am

May 18th - Worship Service, Sanctuary @ 10:30 am

May 18th - Cemetery Tour @ 12:00 pm

May 18th - Grove Presbyterian Centennial Celebration @ 3:00 pm



## Card Shower - May

Mary Ellen Reeves - May 26<sup>th</sup>

Sophie Tudor-Smith (Todd's daughter) - graduating high school

Bonnie Ruth Ann Behner - Baptism - May 25<sup>th</sup>

## Upcoming Events

- Movie Night - June 7th @ Sight & Sound
- Flea Market - June 14th
- Cemetery Tour - June 22nd

# Bethel Joys & Concerns

**Happy Birthday:** Marta Kastner, Terri Schwarz, Lynne DiBastiani

**Happy Anniversary:** Scott & Jennifer Henderson, Travis & Chrissie Galliher, John & Rita Cairnes

## 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

Penny Goode

Susan Wyatt

Heidi Nash

Betty Jane Foard

Mary Martha Rutledge

Marylin Bradford

Carolyn Mattheiss

Christine Zurenko, friend of Dan & Mary

Beth Scott

Brandon, friend of Terri Schwarz

Tom Raab

Kathy Mullins Jones, friend of Kristin Comer

Andy Brooks

Myla Mann

Shirley Grove, friend of Scotts

John Sullivan

Darlene Shuttlesworth, sister of Nancy

Cowman

Linda Berberich- sister of Sam Brooks

Bob Jacobs, friend of Nancy Alexander

Jane Wilson Branham, friend of Nancy

Alexander

Jordan Riddick and family

Rosanna Ringer, niece of Nancy Berigtold

Susan Merk, friend of Dave Kirchner

Dan Kelleher, Brother-in-law of Jack & Betty

Rogers



Organ flowers in memory of:

Betty Saneman and Jayne Lyons, from Chuck, Kelley, Bailey, Reilly & Brandon Saneman



Piano flowers in memory of:

Dot Sexton, with love from Michael & Nancy Alexander and Jack & Betty Rogers