

Invitation to Observance of Lent

Thanksgiving Prayer over the Ashes

Imposition of the ashes

Prayer and Lord's Prayer

+ Hymn #84

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

+ Benediction

Offering plates are located at the back of the sanctuary for your gracious giving.

Welcome to Bethel Presbyterian Church

February 18, 2026

Worship Service 6:00 p.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 and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ is with you.

And also with you.

Call to Worship

Rev. Dr. George Gray Toole

Leader: Blow the Trumpet in Zion; sanctify a fast.

People: Gather the people! This is a day of repentance.

Leader: A Time to return to God in true repentance.

People: We rend our hearts, not our garments.

Leader: Let us seek God's amazing forgiveness.

People: For the Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

+ Hymn #261

God of Compassion

Responsive Psalm

Psalm 130

Rev. Dr. George Gray Toole

Out of the depths I cry to you, Lord; Lord, hear my voice.

Let your ears be attentive to my cry for mercy.

If You, Lord, kept a record of sins, Lord, who could stand?

But with You there is forgiveness, so that we can, with reverence, serve You.

I wait for the Lord, my whole being waits, and in His word, I put my hope.

I wait for the Lord, more than watchman wait for the morning, more than watchmen wait for the morning.

Put your hope in the Lord, for with the Lord is unfailing love and in him is full redemption.

He himself will redeem them from their sins.

Call to Repentance

Rev. George Gray Toole

God receives the broken heart,

He welcomes the troubled conscience,

He answers the conflicted Spirit,

He heals the sin-sick soul,

Let us turn to God with our whole hearts in prayer.

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Dr. George Gray Toole

Eternal and most merciful God, we are children of dust and unworthy of the goodness You shower upon us. We have not loved as You have loved us, nor have we lived as we ought, and our years are soon gone. We are quick to blame and slow to accept responsibility. God have mercy upon us. Reveal to us our true selves. Give us the grace to lay before You every past regret or present failure. For we have no other hope, save in You, our Savior and Lord.

(Silent)

Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world.

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Grant us Your peace.

Words of Assurance

God frees us from our failings by the power of the cross.

May God forgive us, Christ renew us, and the Spirit enable us to grow in love.

First Lesson

Isaiah 58:6-14

Second Lesson

Romans 5:12-21

+ Hymn #280

Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound

Meditation