

23rd Sunday After Pentecost

*Indicates that all who are able are invited to stand.
Bold type invites the people to respond.
PH by hymns denotes the large hymnal &
STF is the blue soft sided hymnal

We Gather to Worship God

Prelude

Lighting the Candles and Ringing of the Bell

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship:

One: Sing praises to the Lord, for God has done gloriously; let us sing God’s praises throughout all the earth.
All: **Shout aloud and sing for joy.**
One: From the highest peaks, to the deepest caverns,
All: **Shout aloud and sing for joy.**
One: From the tiniest creatures, to the greatest herds,
All: **Shout aloud and sing for joy.**
One: In the midst of our joys and our sorrows,
All: **Shout aloud and sing for joy, as we come to worship the God of all creation!**

*Morning Prayer

*Hymn *We Gather Together* PH-559

Welcome of New Member

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of peace we confess we are a people of fear. We have let anxiety rule our days and worry our nights. We have been distracted. We confess we have ignored your command to not be afraid. Forgive us, O God. Calm our hearts, settle our stomachs, and renew in us the ability to find our comfort in you...
(Pause for a few moments of silent reflection and personal confession.)
...in Christ’s name we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Words of Peace

*Please turn to one another with a wave and a smile as you share God’s peace.
*Congregational Response *Glory Be to the Father* PH-579

We Listen For God’s Word

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Lesson Isaiah 65:17-25

Reading ends: This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Responsive Psalm and Psalm Prayer Psalm 98

One: Sing a new song to the Lord, who has done marvelous things, whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.
All: **O Lord, you have made known your victory, you have revealed your righteousness in the sight of the nations.**
One: You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
All: **Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; lift up your voice, rejoice and sing.**
One: Sing to the Lord with the harp, with the harp and the voice of song.
All: **With the trumpets and the sound of the horn shout with joy before the king, the Lord.**
One: Let the sea roar, and all that fills it, the world and those who dwell therein.
All: **Let the rivers clap their hands, and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord, who comes to judge the earth. The Lord will judge the world with righteousness and the people with equity.**
One: Lord God, we sing to you a new song, for your victory is ever new. In the resurrection of Christ you have given us a glimpse of your future, and in your victory over death you have shown us how we shall overcome the last enemy. As the seas roar and the hills sing together, we too will praise you for your great triumph, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

New Testament Lesson 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Reading ends: This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Lesson Luke 21:5-19
Reading ends: This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon

We Respond to God’s Word

*Hymn *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms* Screen

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

(A brief silence may be kept after each intercession.)

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed by 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Offering

Thank you for your gifts of financial support of Bethel's ministries which may be placed in the offering plate near the main entrance to the sanctuary. Please hold our ministries in your prayers as music is shared during this time.

*Congregational Response *Doxology*

*Prayer of Thanksgiving/Dedication

*Affirmation of Faith

We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God’s purpose.

We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen. We Leave to Serve God

*Hymn *God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand* PH-262

*Charge and Benediction

*Congregational Response *Song of Hope* PH-432

Postlude

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today's worship leaders: Rev. Lori Kleppe; Julie Aanes, Lay Worship Leader; Farrah Fritz, Musician

Pastor Kleppe would welcome visiting you in your home or at a coffee shop in town. Her contact information is 563-380-8187 or lori.kleppe@gmail.com

"Sanctuary Sips", a hospitality table, has been placed in the narthex. Please help yourself to a beverage which may be brought into the sanctuary.

THIS WEEK AT BETHEL

Today, November 16

10:00 a.m. – Morning Worship w/New Member Welcome Fellowship following

Thursday, November 20

10:00 a.m. Bible Study at Stoney Brook

Next Sunday, November 23

10:00 a.m. – Morning Worship/Give Digital Thanks and Pledge Sunday Fellowship following

Welcome to Worship at Bethel Presbyterian Church!

-The order of service is found in your bulletin and projected on the screen.

-An * shows the time when the congregation stands. If it is more comfortable to remain seated, please do so.

-Restrooms are found on each level of the church. An usher will help you find your way. Fully accessible restrooms are located in the basement.

-A nursery room is available but we welcome hearing the sound of small children.

-Communion is offered on most first Sundays of the month. All are welcome to receive the elements of the meal. An usher will invite you forward or servers may come to you in the pew.

-We are so glad you are worshiping with us this morning. If your schedule allows, please join us for a time of fellowship following the service.

You are invited to come and share your time and talents by joining the West Union Community Chorus in its 84th performance of Handel's Messiah. Rehearsals are at UMC Nov. 9, 23, 30, Dec. 7, and 13. Performance will be Sunday, Dec. 14 at 7:00 p.m. at UMC. Our ladies have been asked to provide refreshments.

United Women in Faith invite you to a Christmas Brunch Dec. 3rd. Time: 10:00 a.m. Place: fellowship hall at West Union UMC.

Bethel Presbyterian Church invites you to join us for...

~ Christmas Eve in a Barn ~



December 24, 2025 @ 5:30pm

Rustic Chic Events Center

Join us for hearing the story of Jesus's birth, animals, singing carols, special music, and sharing the Light of Christ together.

Members and friends of Bethel who seek healing and wholeness in their lives are kept in prayer during worship. Today we are remembering – Cathy Bemiss, Teri Brockway, Don Durscher, Sarah Updegraff Murray, Kirk Bruso, baby McCoy, and Rose Marie Knight (Julie Larson's mom).

Stoney Brook - Kate Ewing, Kathy Meyer

Good Samaritan Center - Peggi Pape

Eastern Star Decorah – Doyle Gorden

Ossian Care Center – Cindy Barness

Maple Crest – Tex Heyer

Copper Creek – Sandy Schnor

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A People and a Place where God is made Known



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Bethel Presbyterian Church,
where everyone is welcome.**

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