

The Reign of Christ Sunday
A Celebration of the Church Year

*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: Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for God has looked favorably on God’s people and redeemed them.
All: **Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for God has called us God’s own beloved and called each of us by name.**
One: Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for God has blessed God’s creation and called us to worship.
All: **Blessed be the Lord God of Israel!**

*Morning Prayer

*Hymn *Come Christians, Join to Sing* PH-150

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, we confess that we have neglected to declare Jesus the king and model for our lives. We have been quick to call on others to follow the ways of Christ yet slow to do the same. We have been bold in demanding generosity, mercy, and forgiveness yet quiet when it comes to offering inclusion. Forgive us, O God. Restore in us, yet again, the commitment to be more Christ like in word, in deed, and in Spirit..
(Pause for a few moments of silent reflection and personal confession.)
...Through Jesus Christ 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

Introduction to the Church Year

Advent Scripture Reading – Isaiah 40:1-5
Reflection – “The Voice”

*Gathering Song*Crown Him with Many Crowns* PH-151

Christmas Scripture Reading – Luke 2:1-7
Reflection – “Classical Words and the Word”

*Christmas Hymn *Away in the Manger* PH-25

Epiphany Scripture Reading-Matthew 2:1-2, 9-12
Reflection – “Grounds for Hope”

Lent Scripture Reading – Isaiah 53:4-6
Reflection – “Turning and Returning”

Holy Week Scripture Reading – John 19:16-18
Reflection – “Love is Written All Over This!”

Were You There Instrumental

Easter Scripture Reading – Mark 16:1-8
Reflection – “Open Ended!”

*Hymn *Lift High the Cross* PH-371

Pentecost Scripture Reading – Acts 2:1-4
Reflection – “The Wind Blows Where it Wills”

Ordinary Time, Season After Pentecost
Scripture Reading – Mark 4:30-32
Reflection – “Grow in Christ”

Christ the King Sunday, Conclusion of the Church Year
Scripture Reading – John 18:33-37
Reflection – “Not of This World”

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

Response: The Lord is our righteousness.

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 *I Love to Tell the Story* Screen

*Charge and Benediction

*Congregational Response *Song of Hope* PH-432

Postlude

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today's worship leaders: Rev. Lori Kleppe; Gregg Kleppe, Lay Worship Leader; Linda Johansen, 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 23

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

Fellowship following

Next Sunday, November 30

10:00 a.m. – Morning Worship/with Noisy bucket offering
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.

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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