

*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: In the sea of life's daily stress and strife, in the struggle to keep our heads above the waves, Jesus calls us from the shore: "Follow me, and be fishers of people!"
 ALL: God gathers us into new boats built with room for friend and stranger.
 ONE: "Follow me, and use your gifts with purpose. Follow me, and build abundant life."
 ALL: We will be weavers of community, architects of justice, gardeners of peace.

*Morning Prayer
 *Hymn *Just As I Am Without One Plea* PH-370
Call to Confession
Prayer of Confession
 Christ, our Messiah, you call us to fish for people, but we are hesitant to leave our boats.
 We are afraid to let go of the things we hoard, believing they make us secure. We are afraid to put our trust in you, afraid to follow, afraid we will fail. Forgive us.
 Transform our fear into faithfulness, and enable us to walk with you, that we may be part of your work in the world.
 (Pause for a few moments of silent reflection and personal confession.)
 ...through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness
 Just as Jesus called the disciples, so Christ calls us. Forgiven of our sin and freed to serve, let us answer Christ's call. Christ calls us, forgives us, heals us, and teaches us. Thanks be to God!

Gospel Lesson Matthew 4:12-23
 Reading ends: A new teaching, with authority!
 Thanks be to God.

Postlude

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today's worship leaders: Gregg Kleppe; 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.

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, Rose Marie Knight (Julie Larson's mom), Darwin Schrage, Mike Schroyer and Stephen Bartenhagen.

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

THIS WEEK AT BETHEL

Today, January 25

10:00 a.m. – Morning Worship w/Noisy Bucket
Fellowship following

Saturday, January 31

9:00 a.m. Session Retreat

Next Sunday, February 1

10:00 a.m. – Morning Worship w/the Lord's Supper
Annual Meeting and potluck

We need volunteers for Lay Leaders. Please sign up on the list in the fellowship hall.

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.

Join us as we partner with WU United Methodist Church during **The Season of Lent**. Besides our special worship services, we will share in a weekly Wednesday night Lenten Study. A light meal will be served beginning at 6pm. We look forward to this time of fellowship with our Methodist friends. (Note the host site for each event)

Ash Wednesday worship service – February 18th @ WU UMC - 7:00 pm

Maundy Thursday worship service - April 2nd @ Bethel - 7:00 pm

Good Friday worship service - April 3rd @ WU UMC- 7:00 pm

Wednesday Lenten Study

Meal at 6:00 pm (provided by host church)

Study at 6:30 pm (or as close as possible)

Conclude by 7:30 pm

February 25 @ Bethel

March 4 @ WU UMC

March 11 @ Bethel

March 18 @ WU UMC

March 25 @ Bethel

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**Welcome to worship at
Bethel Presbyterian Church,
where everyone is welcome.**

**3rd Sunday after Epiphany
January 25, 2026**