

Transfiguration of the Lord

*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: Though finite human minds cannot fathom
God's fullness,
ALL: God gives us glimpses of God's glory every
day in the night sky's depths and in the simplest
flower,
ONE: in shared meals, shared stories, and shared
struggles.
ALL: In the face of every person made in God's
image, God's beauty glows like sunlight behind
clouds.
ONE: We share God's sacred longing to be known,
to be truly seen and loved for all we are.
ALL: But to be fully known, we must risk
vulnerability.
ONE: When we dare to share ourselves with one
another, when we work to understand a friend or
stranger,
ALL: we come closer to catch a glimpse of God's
presence. Let us worship God together.

*Morning Prayer

*Hymn *Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise* PH-263

Thanksgiving for Baptism
Call to Confession
Prayer of Confession
Magnificent God, we cannot stand before the glory of
your presence. You shine with divine light, and we are
overwhelmed by your goodness. Lift us in your mercy,
release us from our fear, and fill us with your Spirit,
that we might reflect your light and share your love,
for the sake of Jesus, our Savior.
(Pause for a few moments of silent reflection and personal
confession.)
...through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Children of God, hear the good news: We are forgiven,
again and again, by this glorious God. **What a wonder!**
Alleluia!

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 Exodus 24:12-18
Reading ends: A new teaching, with authority!
Thanks be to God!

Responsive Psalm Psalm 2

ONE: Why are the nations in an uproar? Why do the
peoples mutter empty threats?

ALL: **Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt,
and the princes plot together, against
the LORD and against the LORD's anointed?**

ONE: "Let us break their yoke," they say; "let us cast
off their bonds from us."

ALL: **God whose throne is in heaven is laughing;
the LORD holds them in derision.**

ONE: Then in wrath God speaks to them, and in rage
fills them with terror.

ALL: **"As for me, I have anointed my king upon Zion,
my holy mountain."**

ONE: Let me announce the decree of the LORD, who
said to me, "You are my son; this day have I
begotten you.

ALL: **Ask of me, and I will give you the nations
for your inheritance and the ends of the earth
for your possession.**

ONE: You shall crush them with an iron rod and
shatter them like a piece of pottery."

ALL: **And now, you kings, be wise; be warned, you
rulers of the earth.**

ONE: Submit to the LORD with fear, and with
trembling bow in worship;

ALL: **lest the LORD be angry, and you perish in a
sudden blaze of wrath. Happy are all who take
refuge in God!**

Reading ends: A new teaching, with authority!
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Lesson Matthew 17:1-9
Reading ends: A new teaching, with authority!
Thanks be to God.

Sermon

We Respond to God's Word

*Hymn *How Great Thou Art* PH-467

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Response: hear our prayer.

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 either before or following worship. Please hold our ministries in your prayers as a piece of music is shared during this time.

*Congregational Response *Doxology*

*Prayer of Thanksgiving/Dedication

*Affirmation of Faith

In Jesus of Nazareth, true humanity was realized once for all. Jesus, a Palestinian Jew, lived among his own people and shared their needs, temptations, joys, and sorrows. He expressed the love of God in word and deed and became a brother to all kinds of sinful men and women. But his complete obedience led him into conflict with his people. His life and teaching judged their goodness, religious aspirations, and national hopes. Many rejected him and demanded his death. In giving himself freely for them, he took upon himself the judgment under which everyone stands convicted. God raised him from the dead, vindicating him as Messiah and Lord. The victim of sin became victor, and won the victory over sin and death for all.

We Leave to Serve God

***Hymn** *Lead On, O King Eternal* PH-447
***Charge and Blessing**
***Congregational Response** *Song of Hope* PH-432
Postlude

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today's worship leaders: Rev. Lori Kleppe, Stephen Bartenhagen, Lay 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

Beverages are available in the kitchen. You are invited to help yourself.

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, Rose Marie Knight (Julie Larson's mom), Darwin Schrage, Mike Schroyer, and the family of Cindy Barness.

Stoney Brook - Kate Ewing, Kathy Meyer
Good Samaritan Center - Peggi Pape
Eastern Star Decorah – Doyle Gorden
Maple Crest – Tex Heyer
Copper Creek – Sandy Schnor

THIS WEEK AT BETHEL

Today, February 15

10:00 a.m. – Morning Worship

Fellowship following

Session Meets

Wednesday, February 18

7:00 p.m. Ash Wed. Service at UMC

Thursday, February 19

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

Next Sunday, February 22

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

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.

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.**

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