

Bethel Presbyterian Church
Corner of George & Brookland St., NS
Sunday, October 25th, 2020
Wednesday, October 28th, 2020
21st Sunday after Pentecost



Mission Statement

To share the gospel of Jesus Christ with our community in our worship and our living.

Vision Statement

Our vision is to be a local community of believers where:
Jesus Christ is the head.

The Bible has the ultimate authority as the true, infallible and complete word of God.

Salvation through a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and belief in His finished work on the cross is preached.

The Gospel of Christ is spread in our community, our nation, and around the world in both word and action.

Believers encourage each other and hold others in higher regard than themselves so that each may use the gifts God has given him/her to the glory of God.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Pre-Service Music

Announcements

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

Call to Worship

Prayer of Adoration and Approach & Confession

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

Music

Moment of reflection

O.T. Lesson

Deuteronomy 34: 1-12

Then Moses climbed Mount Nebo from the plains of Moab to the top of Pisgah, across from Jericho. There the LORD showed him the whole land— from Gilead to Dan, **2** all of Naphtali, the territory of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Mediterranean Sea, **3** the Negev and the whole region from the Valley of Jericho, the City of Palms, as far as Zoar. **4** Then the LORD said to him, “This is the land I promised on oath to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob when I said, ‘I will give it to your descendants.’ I have let you see it with your eyes, but you will not cross over into it.” **5** And Moses the servant of the LORD died there in Moab, as the LORD had said. **6** He buried him in Moab, in the valley opposite Beth Peor, but to this day no one knows where his grave is. **7** Moses was a hundred and twenty years old when he died, yet his eyes were not weak nor his strength gone. **8** The Israelites grieved for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days, until the time of weeping and mourning was over. **9** Now Joshua son

of Nun was filled with the spirit of wisdom because Moses had laid his hands on him. So the Israelites listened to him and did what the LORD had commanded Moses. **10** Since then, no prophet has risen in Israel like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face, **11** who did all those signs and wonders the LORD sent him to do in Egypt—to Pharaoh and to all his officials and to his whole land. **12** For no one has ever shown the mighty power or performed the awesome deeds that Moses did in the sight of all Israel.

Responsive Psalm # 90: 1-6, 13-17

¹ Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations.

² **Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the whole world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.**

³ You turn people back to dust, saying, “Return to dust, you mortals.”

⁴ **A thousand years in your sight are like a day that has just gone by, or like a watch in the night.**

⁵ Yet you sweep people away in the sleep of death — they are like the new grass of the morning:

⁶ **In the morning it springs up new, but by evening it is dry and withered.**

¹³ Relent, LORD! How long will it be? Have compassion on your servants.

¹⁴ **Satisfy us in the morning with your unfailing love, that we may sing for joy and be glad all our days.**

¹⁵ Make us glad for as many days as you have afflicted us, for as many years as we have seen trouble.

¹⁶ May your deeds be shown to your servants, your splendor to their children. ¹⁷ May the favor of the Lord our God rest on us; establish the work of our hands for us — yes, establish the work of our hands.

N. T. Epistle

1 Thessalonians 2: 1-8

You know, brothers and sisters, that our visit to you was not without results. ² We had previously suffered and been treated outrageously in Philippi, as you know, but with the help of our God we dared to tell you his gospel in the face of strong opposition. ³ For the appeal we make does not spring from error or impure motives, nor are we trying to trick you. ⁴ On the contrary, we speak as those approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel. We are not trying to please people but God, who tests our hearts. ⁵ You know we never used flattery, nor did we put on a mask to cover up greed—God is our witness. ⁶ We were not looking for praise from people, not from you or anyone else, even though as apostles of Christ we could have asserted our authority. ⁷ Instead, we were like young children among you. Just as a nursing mother cares for her children, ⁸ so we cared for you. Because we loved you so much, we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well.

N.T. Gospel

Matthew 22: 34-46

³⁴ Hearing that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, the Pharisees got together. ³⁵ One of them, an expert in the law,

tested him with this question: ³⁶ “Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?” ³⁷ Jesus replied: “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ ³⁸ This is the first and greatest commandment. ³⁹ And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ ⁴⁰ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.” ⁴¹ While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them, ⁴² “What do you think about the Messiah? Whose son is he?” “The son of David,” they replied. ⁴³ He said to them, “How is it then that David, speaking by the Spirit, calls him ‘Lord’? For he says, ⁴⁴ “‘The Lord said to my Lord: “Sit at my right hand until I put your enemies under your feet.”’” ⁴⁵ If then David calls him ‘Lord,’ how can he be his son?” ⁴⁶ No one could say a word in reply, and from that day on no one dared to ask him any more questions.

Music Moment of reflection
Sermon **Faith, hope and love**

OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Solo: **Do you know my Jesus? David Butler**
Rev V. B. (Vep) Ellis, William F. (Bill) Lakey © 1957. Renewed
1985 Lillenas Publishing Company (Admin. by Music
Services, Inc.)

Offertory Prayer, Prayer of Thanksgiving, and Intercession

WE GO OUT IN SERVICE

Benediction & Postlude

Announcements

We welcome everyone to this service of worship.

Our readers on Sunday morning are Carol Ferguson & Chris McCall

To the benevolent fund

- In memory of Margaret Reid from Kevin and Joan Richardson.

This week

Tuesday, October 27th

The Session will meet in the sanctuary at 7:30pm

Wednesday, October 28th

Worship Service in sanctuary at 7:00pm

John Geddie AMS

John Geddie AMS Executive have agreed to support the Christmas "Adopt-a-Family" Program as usual this year, due to the great need in our local area. Donations may be given to our treasurer Nancy MacDonald. Also, if you have not paid your yearly registration fee of \$5.00, please do so. Thank you.

Readings for next Sunday

O.T. Lesson Joshua 3: 7-17

Psalm # 107: 1-7, 33-37

N. T. Epistle 1 Thessalonians 2: 9

N.T. Gospel Matthew 23: 1-12

Prayer Partnership

Sunday, October 25 We pray for the PWS&D-supported Ekwendeni Hospital AIDS Program, which continues to care for the needs of people who are suffering because of COVID-19.

Monday, October 26 We pray for the wisdom to learn and grow in God's love of all people, so that we may not exclude anyone from our circle of care.

Tuesday, October 27 We pray for the Assembly Council as they meet online today to help discern strategic directions for the church.

Wednesday, October 28 Where there is anger or violence in homes, we pray that peace, love and healing take hold instead.

Thursday, October 29 We pray for the members of stewardship and mission committees in congregations as they work to inspire others and generate enthusiasm.

Friday, October 30 We give thanks for the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls' Calls for Justice and pray that the Calls for Justice will be answered.

Saturday, October 31 We give thanks for Presbyterian World Service & Development programs that equip farmers with tools to increase harvests and combat food insecurity.

Mission Moment – October 25, 2020

Increasing Nutrition in Malawi

Due to fear of contracting COVID-19, people in Malawi who are already vulnerable because of the effects of HIV and AIDS have increased concerns about accessing medication and community support. Presbyterian World Service & Development-supported Ekwendeni Hospital AIDS Program (EHAP) has been supporting those whose lives are impacted by HIV and AIDS for decades. Acknowledging these increased concerns, EHAP continues to provide community health support through physically distanced workshops to help families learn how to cook nutritiously with limited ingredients.

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