

WELCOME TO BETHEL!

We at Bethel extend a warm welcome to those worshipping with us today! Please join us for coffee, tea, and conversation in the Tea & Coffee Lounge after the service.

We welcome children to stay for the entire service and worship alongside us. If you are concerned that your child may get restless, we offer nursery childcare as well as rooms for nursing mothers during morning and evening worship. Our nursery is located just off of the Tea & Coffee Lounge.

WELCOME, VISITORS!

We're so glad you joined us for worship today. For a free gift, come to the Welcome Center. We would love to get to know you better!

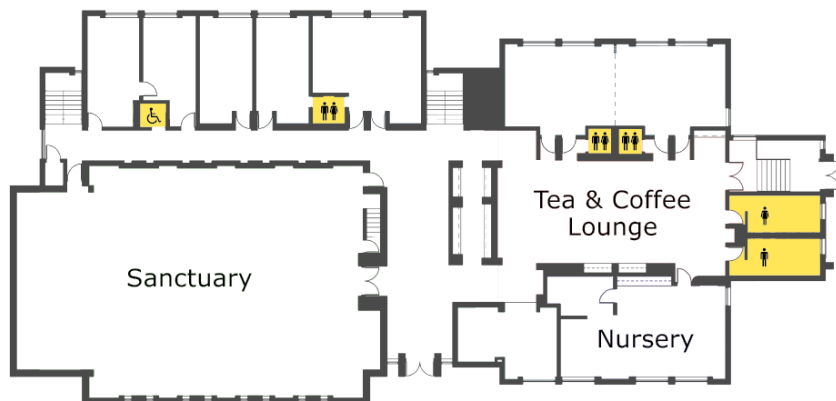


Please scan the QR code and let us know how we can best serve you.

If you need a Bible of your own, please visit our Welcome Center outside the sanctuary; hospitality volunteers will be able to provide you with one.

For **Wheaton students**, we offer rides to and from the college every Sunday on the Bethel bus. Pick up is at 9:10 am from Saga-O and return rides leave at 11:15 am and 12:05 pm.

Personal PA receivers are available during the service for those that are hard of hearing; please ask an usher if you could benefit from one.



THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Jan 22, 2023

9:30 am

The Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

THE SERVICE OF APPROACH TO GOD

*The Call to Worship Philippians 4:4

*The Opening Hymn 604
Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

*The Invocation

*The Confession of Faith Nicene Creed

The Confession of Assurance

The Law of God Romans 13:8-14

The Prayer of Confession

The Declaration of Pardon Psalm 103:10-12

*The Hymn of Thanksgiving PH 103E
O Come, My Soul, Bless Thou the Lord

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD OF GOD

The Scripture

The Old Testament Lesson

Zechariah 6:1-8

pg. 1011

The New Testament Lesson

Revelation 6:1-17

pg. 1314

Leader:

This is the Word of the Lord.

People:

Thanks be to God.

The Sermon

“O Lord, Haste the Day”

(Revelation 6:1-17)

Dr. Daniel Schrock

THE SERVICE OF RESPONSE TO GOD

*The Hymn of Response

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It Is Well with My Soul

The Intercessory Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

The Offering and Offertory

Please pass the Friendship Pad, located at the center aisle.

*The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

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*The Closing Hymn

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The Sands of Time Are Sinking

*The Benediction

*The Postlude

BETHEL TODAY

SUNDAY, JAN 22, 2023

9:30 am **Morning Worship**

Daniel Schrock is preaching. Diane Chou is the pianist. Offertory music is provided by Emily Mittlstaedt.

11:15 am **Adult Sunday School**

This joint class will meet in the sanctuary.

5:30 pm **Evening Worship**

Elliott Pinegar's sermon is from Genesis 44:1-45:15, "One Final Exam."

THIS WEEK AT BETHEL

Jan 22	12:00 pm	College Fellowship Luncheon
Jan 23	7:00 pm	Diaconate Meeting
Jan 24	7:00 pm	Women's Bible Study (Zoom)
Jan 25	9:30 am	Women's Bible Study (in-person)
Jan 25	7:30 pm	Finance Meeting
Jan 26	7:00 am	Men's Bible Study

COMING IN BETHEL

Preaching Schedule for Jan 29:

Morning worship: Dr. Daniel Schrock

Evening Worship: Dr. Cornelis Venema

Jan 31	7:00 pm	Women's Bible Study (Zoom)
Feb 1	9:30 am	Women's Bible Study (in-person)
Feb 1	7:00 pm	Physical Plant Meeting
Feb 2	7:00 am	Men's Bible Study
Feb 3	7:00 pm	Annual Congregational Meeting

Music Schedule for Jan 29:

Morning Accompanist: Sally Li

Offertory Music: Jason Martzke

Evening Accompanist: Kathy De Jong

Mark your calendars for upcoming events:

Feb 25	4:00 pm	Board Game Night
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For a look at more of what's happening in the life of Bethel, please visit our website: bethelopc.org and click the calendar button at the top, or go to bethelopc.org/calendar.

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College Fellowship Luncheon. Join us this morning after Sunday school for our college fellowship luncheon, downstairs in the Fellowship Hall.

New Member Reception. The session is pleased to announce that it will publicly receive the following into communicant membership next Sunday morning, January 29th: Andrew Pressley by confession of faith and baptism. Davis Schneider by confession of faith. Donnie Meyer by confession of faith. Shawn McMorris by reaffirmation of faith.

First Aid & CPR Training! Bethel will be hosting a first aid & CPR/AED training for anyone who is currently teaching Sunday school, serving within the children's ministry, or a nursery volunteer at Bethel. This training will be on Feb 18th at 9am in the Tea & Coffee Lounge of Bethel. If you plan to attend, please contact Chad Czerwinski, chad.czer@gmail.com, or Katherine Czerwinski, Katherine.czerwinski@bethelopc.org.

Book Collection. The outreach committee is collecting soft covered books including theology books, novels, and soft covered Bibles for Wayside Cross Ministries to be given to local inmates. Booklets without staples are acceptable and we ask that the material not be too theologically advanced. Donations can be left on the table in the Narthex marked "Wayside Cross Ministries." For questions, please ask Ben Leonard or Anne Slager.

Annual Congregational Meeting. The session calls for Bethel's Annual Congregational Meeting to be held on Friday, February 3 at 7 pm to hear the reports of each committee, the trustees, the treasurer, the deacons, the clerk of session and the pastor, to discuss any matters pertaining to the life of the church, to elect elders, deacons and a trustee and to consider a revision in our call to Pastor Schrock

Tracts Available. The outreach committee has provided a tract display at the Welcome Desk; please feel free to take them as needed to aid you in sharing the Gospel with others in the community.

New Hearing Assistance. If you would like to check out the new hearing assistance technology we have available in the sanctuary, please see Dan Bootsma immediately after the morning worship on Jan 22 or 29 for a demonstration.

Officer Election. The following have been certified by the session to stand for election at the congregational meeting on Friday, Feb 3: To the office of elder - Paul Burke. To the office of deacon - Jason Martzke, Matt Schuman, Zach Meadows, Tony Engeltjes, and Russ Meyer. To the position of trustee - Greg Bailey, Doug Slager, and Tom Van Drunen. (one position unfilled)

*** If you have an announcement for the bulletin, please send it to Katherine Czerwinski, Katherine.czerwinski@bethelopc.org by Tuesday for it to be included the following Sunday.*

Evangelism Conference. Mark your calendars for Saturday, February 18th for an Evangelism Conference led by Dr. Eric Watkins. Dr. Watkins will be leading two sessions, "*God's Heart for the Lost: Cultivating a Culture of Evangelism*" and "*Reformed and Evangelistic: The Glory of God and Evangelism.*" Following these presentations and time of Q&A, Bethel will be providing a dinner for those in attendance downstairs in the Fellowship Hall. If you have interest in attending for the dinner portion, please RSVP through the Bethel website or to Katherine Czerwinski. Details and schedule to follow.

Men's Retreat. Registration is open for the 2023 Men's Retreat at Green Lake Conference Center in Green Lake, WI. Our speaker this year is Rev. Bob Holda, who will be speaking on the topic of what it means "to do everything in the name of the Jesus Christ." . The retreat will begin Friday, February 24th and conclude on Saturday, February 25th. Registration and more information is available at <https://www.pwmpoc.org/mr23/>.

Valentine's Care Packages. The Care Committee is putting together Valentine's Care Packages for our college students who attend college both locally and out of state. The Care Committee will be purchasing items for the care packages. For anyone who is interested in participating in this ministry the Care Committee will be collecting monetary donations. Checks should be made payable to Bethel with "*College Care Package Fund*" listed in the memo line of the check, online donations may be given by selecting "*College Care Package Fund*" on the Bethel website and cash donations should be placed in a labeled envelope in the offering plate. There are labeled envelopes provided in a basket on the small table in the narthex for cash donations. The Care Committee will be collecting donations until Sunday, February 5th. Please see Eliza Schrock with questions. Thank you for considering this opportunity to care for our college students in this way!

Game Night. Join us for Game Night on Saturday, February 25th, at 4pm in the fellowship hall. Bring yourself, the family, friends, and neighbors. Bring a snack and your favorite game to share with the group as well. Also, drum roll please... It's back! We will be featuring "Who wants to be a Theologian (Jeopardy style)." This game will start at 4:30 pm. Should you have any questions or need more information, please reach out to Mike McKenna.

A Note from the Bethel Treasurer. Bethel contributions to the operating fund for 2022 totaled \$596,230 vs the 2022 budget of \$615,000, which is \$18,770 less than the budget. Total expenses for 2022 were \$567,977 vs the budget of \$631,321, which is \$63,344 less than the budget. Final actual contributions to the operating fund were \$28,253 higher than actual expenses. Please note these figures are unaudited and could change slightly. Any contributor to Bethel who wishes to receive a 2022 giving statement for tax purposes can contact Mike LoRusso at michael.lorusso@bethelopc.org.

NOTES

Central Idea: Christ is sovereign over the darkness of this world and he calls us to persevere to the day of his justice.

1. The Days of Horsemen

2. The Days of Longing

3. The Day of Days

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I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets; and I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church; I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.