

WELCOME TO BETHEL!

9:30 am

Morning Service

5:30 pm

Evening Vespers

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.

Need a Bible? We'd love to offer you one of your own, please visit our Welcome Center right outside the sanctuary; one of our hospitality volunteers will be able to provide you with one.

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

For more info on Bethel, stop by our Welcome Center!

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sept 17, 2023

9:30 am

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

THE SERVICE OF APPROACH TO GOD

*Call to Worship Psalm 138:1-2

*Opening Hymn PH 138A
With All My Heart My Thanks I Bring

*Invocation

*Confession of Faith Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Confession and Assurance

Reading of the Law Deuteronomy 5:1-22

Prayer of Confession *pg. 190*

Declaration of Pardon 1 John 1:8-9

*Hymn of Thanksgiving 457

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament Lesson	2 Samuel 7:1-17
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pg. 330

New Testament Lesson	Revelation 21:5-8
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pg. 1327

Leader: *This is the Word of the Lord.*

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Sermon	“Your Faithfulness of Old”
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(Revelation 21:5-8)

Dr. Daniel Schrock

THE SERVICE OF RESPONSE TO GOD

*Hymn of Response	See Insert
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When Trials Come

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.

Offering and Offertory

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

*Doxology and Prayer of Dedication	732
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*Closing Hymn	705
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I Know Whom I Have Believed

*Benediction

*Postlude

BETHEL TODAY

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2023

9:30 am Morning Worship

Daniel Schrock is preaching. Elder Miner is assisting in worship. Lilian Chou is the pianist.

11:15 am Adult Sunday School

Knowing God: An Introduction to the Nature of Theology

This class meets in the sanctuary

We will explore what theology is, how it is done, how it is that we know God, and the nature of God's Word. This class will be led by Daniel Schrock.

The Dawn of Redemption: A Survey of the Pentateuch

This class meets in the youth room downstairs.

Adults are welcome to join the youth in this class that will be looking at the first five books of the Old Testament, commonly called the Pentateuch. The Pentateuch recounts the story of God's people from paradise in Eden to the edge of the Promised Land. This sweeping story of redemption is foundational to understanding the far-reaching consequences of sin and the salvation that is ours in Jesus Christ. This class will provide a book-by-book survey of Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, and Deuteronomy with an emphasis on how these books continue to speak to God's people today and how we see Jesus written across their pages. This class will be led by Ben Thocher & Matt Schuman.

5:30 pm Evening Worship

Brandon Wilkin's sermon is from Psalm 1:1-6, "The Way to True Happiness."

If you would like to stay up-to-date with happenings at Bethel, you can sign up for our weekly email through our website, bethelopc.org, or by going to: bit.ly/bethelpress

THIS WEEK AT BETHEL

Sept 18	7:00 pm	Trustee Meeting
Sept 18	7:00 pm	Christian Education Meeting
Sept 19	7:15 pm	Women's Bible Study (Zoom)
Sept 20	9:30 am	Women's Bible Study (In-Person)
Sept 20	6:30 pm	Evangelism Prayer & Support
Sept 21	7:00 am	Men's Bible Study

COMING IN BETHEL

Preaching Schedule for Sept 24:

Morning Worship: Dr. Daniel Schrock

Evening Worship: Rev. Joshua Smith

Sept 24	1:00 pm	College Lunch
Sept 24	4:30 pm	Hymn Sing
Sept 25	7:00 pm	Diaconate Meeting
Sept 26	7:00 pm	Outreach Committee
Sept 26	7:15 pm	Women's Bible Study (Zoom)
Sept 27	9:30 am	Women's Bible Study (In-Person)
Sept 27	10:30 am	COD Book Table
Sept 28	7:00 am	Men's Bible Study
Sept 30	10:00 am	Baby Shower for Allison York

Music Schedule for Sept 24:

Morning Accompanist: Kathy De Jong

Evening Accompanist: Katrina Meadows

Mark your calendars for upcoming events:

Oct 7 9:00 am Women's Presbyterial at Bethel

Nov 18 4:00 pm Game Night at Bethel

Repair concerns? If you notice something that requires the attention of the physical plant committee, scan the QR code to the right and submit your concern through the form.



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Hymn Sing. Please join us on Sunday, September 24 at 4:30 pm in the sanctuary for a hymn sing. Do you have familiar favorites or perhaps want to learn a new song? Singing together before the evening service will provide a wonderful opportunity to prepare for the preaching of the Word. Any questions can be directed to the music committee (Katrina Meadows, Jason Martzke, or Kathy De Jong). Water bottles will be provided.

Baby Shower for Allison York. The ladies of Bethel are cordially invited to attend a baby shower honoring Allison York on Saturday September 30th, at 10 am at Bethel Church. Allison is registered online at BabyList.com (<https://www.babylist.com/list/baby-reg-allison-york>). To contribute to a group gift, please contact Michele Martzke, mmartzke@gmail.com or 630-659-8078, on or before Sunday September 17.

Men's Breakfast. Fall 2023 bi-monthly Men's Breakfast is launching on Sept 30th at 7:30 am. The book we will be using this season is authored by Jonathan Landry Cruse entitled *The Christian's True Identity: What It Means to Be in Christ*. Treats and coffee are served at 7:15 am with book discussion from 7:30-8:30 am.

Books can be purchased for \$10.50. The sign-up sheet is in the Narthex. Please speak to Paul Burke or Jim Veenstra with questions.


Evangelism Prayer & Support. Every third Wednesday evening of the month the outreach committee will be facilitating a time of prayer and support for evangelism. We will meet downstairs in the multipurpose room from 6:30-7:20 pm. The first portion of the meeting will be dedicated to prayer for individuals to whom our members are witnessing followed by a forum for discussion of questions faced in evangelism.

Women's Presbyterial of the Midwest. This year, the Women's Presbyterial of the Midwest will be meeting at Bethel OPC in Wheaton, Illinois, on Saturday, October 7th. Plan to join your sisters in Christ for an exciting day of fellowship and prayer around the Word of God. A free continental breakfast will be served at 9:00 am. The meeting will be from 9:30-2:00 pm. A free lunch will be served also. Erika Allen, Director of Bible Editorial for Crossway, will be the keynote speaker in the morning with three breakout sessions following in the afternoon. The topic will be humility.

For the women to have a nice and enjoyable time as they fellowship in the Lord, we are looking for a few good men to step up and serve your "Special neighbor!" Please see the sign-up sheet on how you can exercise your gifts for the betterment of others.

Please contact Carmen McKenna, cmckenn5@yahoo.com or 630-916-0816, if you have any questions about Women's Presbyterial.

*** 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.*



From the Clerk of Session. The following summary lists the changes in the membership records of Bethel since April of this year. Those in bold print had moved out of the Chicago area:

New members

Communicant members: John Horn, Tyler and Vera Timmer

Baptized members: Clara Schuman, Magdalen Kleitsch

Members removed from the rolls:

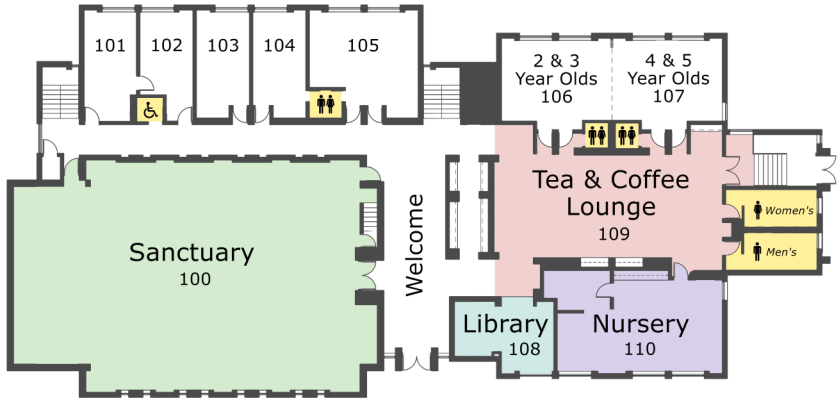
Communicant Members: **Zoe (Meadows) Sahr**, Jim and Terrie Mittlestaedt, **Kirsten (Ward) Ross**, **Lee Ohm**, **Daniel and Summer Bennett**, **Ross Brunner**, **Andrew and Claire Graber**, Pete and Faith Hybert, Colin Hybert, Jack Carr, **Seth and Bridget Thompson**, Dale and Jeanne DeWit, **Andrew Cizek**, Christie Mittlestaedt, **Michael and Kate Puglia**.

Baptized Members: **Jeffrey Sudlow**, **Maria Canfield**

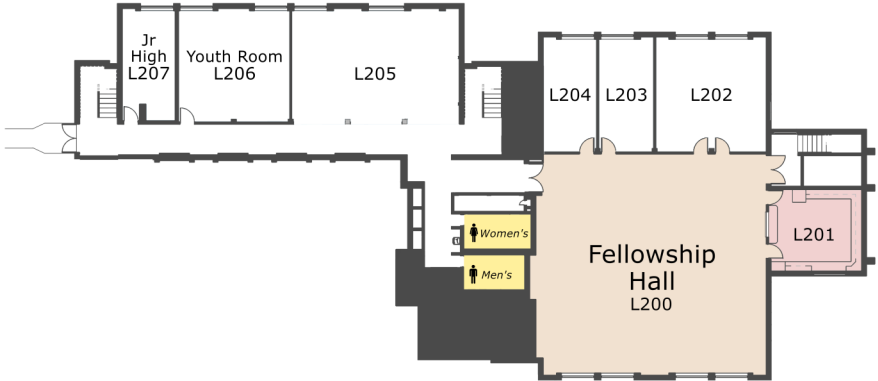
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BETHEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

UPSTAIRS



DOWNSTAIRS



DOWNSTAIRS

<u>NAME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
Children's Classrooms	
Grades 1 - 2	L204
Grades 3 - 5	L203
Fellowship Hall	L200
Jr. High	L207
Kitchen	L201
Multipurpose Room	L202
Overflow Room	L205
Youth Room	L206

UPSTAIRS

<u>NAME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
Admin Office	103
Pastoral Offices	101 & 102
Children's Classrooms	
2 & 3 Years	106
4 & 5 Year	107
Conference Room	104
Library	108
Nursery	110
Sanctuary	100
Tea and Coffee Lounge	109