



**Bethany United Methodist Church**  
*The Church with Open Hearts, Minds, and Doors*  
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**BETHANY**  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

February 27, 2022  
10:00 a.m.

## TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

**WELCOME, GUESTS!** We're glad you are worshiping with us today!  
**CELL PHONES:** Please remember to silence your cell phone before the service begins. Thank you.  
*\*Please stand as you are able. And it's okay to sit.*

**Intrada**

*O Wondrous Sight! O Vision Fair*

UMH No. 258

**Welcome and Announcements, Sharing Joys, Concerns, and Updates**

Pastor Paul Song

**\*Call to Worship**

Dee Dee Wike

Leader: The Lord is Sovereign; let the people tremble in awe.

**Congregation: God is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.**

Leader: The Lord is great in Zion, and is high above all peoples.

**Congregation: Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God, and worship Yahweh upon the holy mountain.**

**\*Hymn**

*Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies*

UMH No. 173

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

The Apostles' Creed (Ecumenical Version)

UMH No. 882

**Opening Prayer**

Dee Dee Wike

**God of glory and mercy, before his death in shame your Son went to the mountain top, and you revealed his life in glory. Where prophets witnessed to him, you proclaimed him your Son, but he returned to die among us. Help us face evil with courage, knowing that all things, even death, are subject to your transforming power. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Anthem**

*Kum ba Yah (Come by Here)*

Music by Terry Kirkland  
Based on traditional African melody

**Children's Church**

Kris Kent

*(Children 4 yrs. old through 3rd grade are dismissed as congregation sings "Jesus Loves Me.")*

**Concerns and Prayer of Intercession, petition "Lord, hear our prayer."**

Pastor Paul Song

### VOLUNTEERS SERVING TODAY

Acolyte:  
Media: Jeremy Nardozi, Beth Cook, Susannah Hogge, Cathy Raines, Kirk Bell  
Altar Guild this month: Kathy Jacobs, Sandra Harvey, Nancy Kendall  
Liturgist: Dee Dee Wike  
Trustee Contact this week: Tom Barnard  
Ushers: Milton Hudgins, Jon Kent  
Greeters: Nancy Cooper, David Ayers  
Counting Team: Doris Luther, Debbie Robins, Susan Rollins

STEWARDSHIP	2/20
General Fund Total	2,930.00
Youth	20.00
Spring Fest	60.00
ATTENDANCE	
In-person Worship	84
Online Worship (FB Live + YouTube previous wk)	26
<b>Total in Worship</b>	<b>110</b>

UPCOMING COUNTING TEAMS	
<b>3/6</b>	<b>Team 5:</b> Jackie Hampton, Don Thomas, Donna Lane
<b>3/13</b>	<b>Team 6:</b> Charlotte Cecil, Betty Durette, Clair Hillard
<b>3/20</b>	<b>Team 1:</b> Mary Kaylor, Ann Byrd, Pat Hasty
<b>3/27</b>	<b>Team 2:</b> Bernard Robins, Fred Niethamer, Sandra Harvey

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Meditation	Passacaglia in C Minor Celebrating Transfiguration Sunday	Johann Sebastian Bach (21 March 1685-1750)
“And after six days Jesus taketh Peter, James, and John his brother, and bringeth them up into a high mountain apart, and was transfigured before them: and his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light.” – <i>Matthew</i> 17: 1-2		
Offering and Offertory Prayer		
Offertory Music	Hymn: “Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word”	UMH No. 596
	Prelude on “Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word”	Johann Sebastian Bach
*Doxology	UMH No. 95	
Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.		
Prayer of Illumination	Dee Dee Wike	
Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of the Holy Spirit, that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.		
Old Testament Reading	Isaiah 53:10-12	Dee Dee Wike
*Gospel Reading	Luke 9:28-36	
The Word of God for the people of God. <b>Thanks be to God.</b>		
Sermon	“Transfigured Jesus and Church Today”	Pastor Paul Song
*Hymn	God Be with You till We Meet Again	UMH No. 673
*Benediction	Pastor Paul Song	
Exodus	Lord of the Dance	UMH No. 261

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given today by Charlotte Cecil in memory of Carl’s mom and in honor of our daughter’s birthday.

The DEADLINE to place your order for Easter Flowers is **ASH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2.**

*We apologize for “springing” an early deadline on you, but we have been informed by our supplier that the growers are requiring preorders this year. See order form in today’s bulletin.  
Thank you for your understanding and assistance!*

Bethany UMC Prayer List		BETHANY FAMILY	2.27.22
<b>CANCER/CHEMO:</b> Krista Chase, Carol Johnson, Linwood Rowe, Bob Wharen <b>GRIEVING:</b> Families of Irene Brown, Woody Brown, Katherine Jordan, Nancy Smith <b>HEALTH ISSUES:</b> Cliff Beach, Charlotte Cecil, Dylan Chapin & family, Bessie Conner, Billy Davis, Jim Durette, Jimmy Greene, Sandra Hollins, Bonnie Lewis, Marshall Lewis, Sue Morecock, Peggy Peterman (NC), Debbie Robins, Rosemarie Tong, Sandie Wharen <b>HOMEBOUND:</b> Linda Booth, Sid Dixon, Alice McGee, Jack Wallace <b>HOSPICE:</b> Matt Shackelford <b>PARKINSON’S:</b> Mike Andersen, Chuck Ashe, Doris Courtney, Kathleen Greene, Fred Townsend, Yvonne White <b>RECOVERING FROM SURGERY:</b> Sandra Byrd, Shelton Glaze, Sandra Harvey, Joy Long, Alice Northam, Dickie Poland, Jim Stevens <b>RECUPERATING AT HOME:</b> Isabella Wheat, Judy Vaughan			
BETHANY FRIENDS			
<b>CANCER/CHEMO:</b> Kyle Cooper, Wanda Dowell, Roger Ferguson, Traci Greene, Carissa (Cari) Harrington, Zachary Hoover, John Rhodes, Angie Williams (NY), Susan Williams, Sabrina Wikle <b>GRIEVING:</b> Families of Sandy Austin, Michelle Brown, Gwendolyn Ward Callis, Doris Cecil, Barry McDade, Terri Ervi, Martin Kulik, Doug Mattox (MO), Amy Pierro <b>HEALTH/OTHER ISSUES:</b> Cindy Albertson, Soren Andrews, Charles & Mary Black, Connie Bowler, Phil Boykin, Les Breen, Cathie Brown, Esther Dawson, Dewayne Haywood, Lynne Freeman, Peggy Kearney, Debbie Potter (FL), Mathew Reviere, Tim Sullivan, Mildred Townsend, Tene West, Betty Wilson <b>HOSPICE:</b> William Ervi <b>PARKINSON’S:</b> Janet Burch (KY) <b>RECOVERING FROM SURGERY:</b> Dorothy Brown, Boone Kohen, Sue McCloy (WV), Dottie Myers (PA), Gary Riggins, Jeff Suntken, Sandy Taylor, Larry Wilkinson <b>RECUPERATING AT HOME:</b> Chuckie Baughman <b>PRAYERS:</b> Randy Wilson, Kwame & Juliet Annorbah-Sarpei, Alli Razzaghi, Kasie Hall			
BUMC’S ACTIVE MILITARY AND THEIR FAMILIES ( <i>italics—Bethany friends</i> )			
<i>Michael Brown, Peter Demetriades, Meagan Demetriades, Kevin Jacobs, Cory Long (Okinawa), Will Neikirk, Bowdy Schrader, Jim Minor, all members of the military.</i>			
ASSISTED LIVING ( <i>italics-Bethany friends</i> )			
<b>Gloucester House, 7657 Meredith Dr., Gloucester 23061</b>		Lorraine Brown, Rm 107 Doris Courtney, Rm 105 Jean Heywood, Rm 110 Bessie Conner, Rm 113	
<b>Sanders Assisted Living, 7407 Walker Ave., Gloucester 23061</b>		Carolyn Scott, Rm 206A	
<b>Sunrise Senior Living, 2015 Cranbeck Rd., Richmond 23235</b>		Pauline Harris, Apt. 130	
<b>Riverside Rehab, 672 Gloucester Rd., Saluda, VA, 23149</b>		Jennie Lipscomb	
<b>Heron Cove, 7409 Heron Cove Way, Gloucester 23061</b>		<i>Ellis Hall</i> , Rm 20	

Note on Transfiguration in Music

Today is Transfiguration Sunday, the church festival commemorating the supernatural and glorified change in the appearance of Christ on the mountain, as described in the Gospel of Matthew, chapter 17, verses 1-9. The feast of Transfiguration always occurs on the last Sunday before Lent.

But did you know that the phenomenon of transfiguration also plays an important rôle in music? From the early medieval period up to the 21st century, composers have structured their works as series of variations on a motif or phrase stated at the beginning. Each variation is a transfiguration of that initial musical idea, related to it yet evolving from it in new and often surprising ways.

One of the greatest examples of transfiguration in music is the *Passacaglia in C Minor* for organ by Johann Sebastian Bach, which will be our Meditation this morning. This monumental work opens with a statement of its 8-measure theme in the bass, played on the pedals, as it will continue to be repeated throughout most of the 20 variations that follow. Bach borrowed this melody from a 1688 setting of the Catholic Mass by French composer André Raison, specifically from verse 2 of the *Kyrie eleison*:

“All powerful Father, Lord, Creator of all:  
have mercy upon us.  
Christ, Lord, splendor and wisdom of the Father:  
have mercy upon us.  
Sacred spirit of both, united in love:  
have mercy upon us.

Bach drew the strongest possible inspiration from the apparently barren soil of self-imposed restrictions and limitations. What in the hands of a smaller mind might have developed into a sterile mathematical *tour de force* was transformed by him into an immortal creation. The technical mastery is as nothing compared to the power and magnificence of Bach’s inspiration, embracing both joy and suffering in what the philosopher Spinoza called “the intellectual love and God”!

--Rudy Shackelford

THIS WEEK AT BETHANY		
TODAY	6:00-8:00 p.m.	Confirmation Class (WBFH)
Tuesday, March 1	3:00 p.m.	DEADLINE FOR 3/6 Bulletin submissions
	6:00 p.m.	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper (WBFH)
	7:00 p.m.	JOY Circle (WBFH)
Wednesday, March 2	10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.	AARP Tax Aide (Lacey Martin—by appt. only)
	3:00 p.m.	DEADLINE FOR 3/13 Bulletin submissions
	7:00 p.m.	Ash Wednesday Service (Sanctuary)
	8:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, March 3	9:00 a.m. til noon	Bazaar Workshop (Lacey Martin)
	5:00 p.m.	Media Committee
	6:30 p.m.	S/PPRC (WBFH)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Confirmation Class ’22, beginning today, meets each Sunday evening, 6-8 p.m., until April 10, in the Fellowship Hall. Please pray for our confirmands, ten youth, for their journey of faith. “Faith Formation” is the theme of confirmation class.

“Shrove Tuesday,” the day immediately preceding Ash Wednesday for the preparation of Lent, is March 1 (Tuesday). Shrove is derived from shrive, referring to the confession of sins as a preparation for Lent, forty days of period before Easter, not counting Sunday. We invite all to our Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper at 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. (If you have an electric griddle we may borrow for the dinner, please contact the church office.)

THE JOY CIRCLE will meet Tuesday, March 1 at 7 p.m. in the WBFH (following the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper). Our own Donna Lane will present a cooking demonstration. All ladies of the church are invited to attend.

Ash Wednesday Service is on March 2 (Wed), 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

RADA KNIVES -- JOY Circle is selling Rada knives. The only items not available are the black-handled “gifts.” Order deadline is March 31. If you are interested in ordering or need a catalog please contact Charlotte Cecil, 804-815-1805.

**BAZAAR WORKSHOPS:** Work has begun on items for the 2022 Bazaar! It is not too late to join in the fun! We will be crafting every Thursday morning from 9:00 - 12:00 until the end of October.  
**We are in need of Christmas greenery! Also needed are grapevine wreaths in any size!** You can leave them in the room next to the Nursery. We also need people who can sew to stitch up some items such as pillows. Let us know if you can help in that way. Remember, this is a church-wide effort to raise money for missions, so join us if you can!

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Most Sunday School classes continue to meet at 11:00 after the Worship service (Lacey Martin, Faith, Friendship and TBD). Children meet at 9:00 while their parents meet in the Young Adults Class. Pastor Paul is also offering a discussion class for those participating in the year-long Bible reading plan. Please consider joining one of these groups - you will be glad you did!

**BULLETIN DEADLINES –** The church office will be working ahead this week to produce bulletins for 3/6 & 3/11, in addition to the Ash Wednesday bulletin. Please note the following deadlines:

March 6 bulletin submissions are due by 3pm on Tuesday, March 1.  
**March 13 bulletin submissions are due by 3pm on Wednesday, March 2 (early deadline).**  
*There will be no announcements in the Ash Wednesday bulletin.*

**OFFICE VOLUNTEERS FOR WEEK OF MARCH 7-11 –** Thanks to these who have already signed up to serve during Dee Dee’s vacation – Kirk Bell, Charlotte Cecil, Mary Kaylor, Pauline Reimold, and Dawne Sawyer. **Volunteers are still needed for the following shifts:**

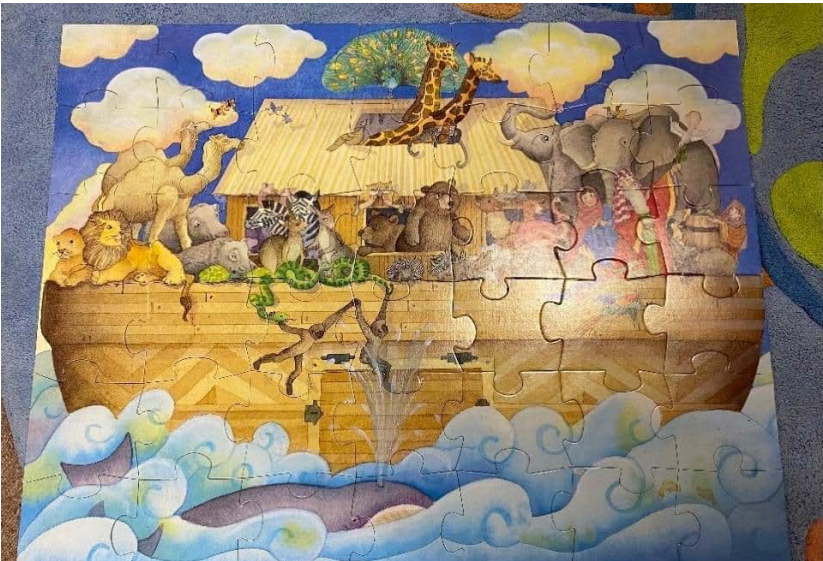
Wednesday, 3/9 – 12pm-3pm  
Thursday, 3/11 – 9am-12pm & 12pm-3pm

If you are available to answer phones, greet guests, and do light office work (no computer work required) during one of the shifts above please contact the church office. Thank you for your help!

**SAVE THE DATE! – 135TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION.** Plans are underway for our Homecoming on Sunday, September 18. Our speaker will be Rev. Debbie Marion. If you'd like to serve on this Committee please let Judy Burner know. Mark your calendars now to join in the Celebration! Our next meeting will be Tuesday, March 15 at 10:00 a.m. in the WBFH.

**CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS --** What a blessed and busy weekend for the Children and Youth Ministry at Bethany UMC! We hosted 6 children for "Kid's Night In/Parent's Night Out" on Saturday evening. Many thanks to Shannon Minor and to Alix Shackelford and Josiah Minor, our two Youth Helpers! -- Sunday was filled with Sunday School, Worship Service and Children's Church. We finished with our Confirmation Class Orientation on Sunday evening with 5 of the 10 perspective confirmands and 8 adults along with Pastor Paul. A delicious dinner spread was offered by Ms. Judy and Ms. Donna.

When things get busy I simply get wrapped up and forget to take pictures! I'll do better next time...promise! Till then...this is a puzzle that was put together during our Kids Night! (Yes, that's the only picture that was taken!) Here's to more fun, faith and fellowship! ~Ms. Kris



**“Feel the Noise”!**  
A Music Camp for all students from 6<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grade  
July 18-22 from 9:00am-1:00pm  
Experience musical instruments of all kinds,  
And make a Joyful Noise!  
Hands on, Hearts up!  
Stay “tuned” for more information!