



**Bethany United Methodist Church**

*The Church with Open Hearts, Minds, and Doors*

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September 17, 2023

11:00 a.m.

**16th Sunday after Pentecost  
Faith Promise Dedication Sunday**

**WELCOME, EVERYONE!** Thank you for worshiping with us today!

**CELL PHONES:** Please remember to silence your phones before the service.  
**HEARING DEVICES AVAILABLE:** Please see an usher if you need a hearing device.

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

**VOLUNTEERS SERVING TODAY**

Acolyte(s):	Emily Ward (11:00)
Media:	Jeremy Nardozi, Susannah Hogge, Cathy Raines, Kim Song, Chip Neikirk Aidan Dumbrocyo
Altar Guild this month:	Ann Byrd, Betty Durette, Sylvia Ransone
Liturgist:	Pastor Paul Song (11:00)
Trustee Contact this week:	Donna Andersen
Ushers:	Milton Hudgins, Rick Wilson, Kirk Bell (11:00)
Greeters:	Nancy Cooper, Dave Ayers (11:00)

— *As the music begins, please quiet your hearts in preparation for worship.* —

**Intrada** *When in Our Music God Is Glorified* UMH No. 68

**Welcome, Announcements, and Introduction** Pastor Paul Song

**\*Call to Worship** Pastor Paul Song

Leader: Why are we here?

**Congregation:** We are here because of Jesus Christ our Lord, whose life was full—as God intends our lives to be— who was rich, though poor; who did great deeds, yet lived a humble, common life; who forgave those who rejected him and prayed for those who hated him; who sought truth and defied convention; who found joy in people and shared their sorrow; who lived life and did not let life overwhelm him, not even the part of life we call death.

Leader: We have come to share life with Jesus, not to be overcome by it; but to rejoice in its fullness and follow Jesus' way.

**All: Amen! And Amen!**

**\*Hymn** *Jesus Is All the World to Me* UMH No. 469

**\*Affirmation of Faith** *The Apostles' Creed (Traditional Version)* UMH No. 881

**Opening Prayer** Pastor Paul Song

**O Heavenly God, in this world where we live, there are many voices; help us to keep our ears turned to your voice. Though we are yours, we are also part of this world. Demands are always present that divide our loyalties and call our attention to lesser things.**

**Give us peace, serenity, and dignity, which – in turn—offer opportunities of service; not only to those with whom we walk daily, but with that one who travels alone amidst turmoil and anxieties. Grant that our lives, as they touch others, will glorify you. Hear our prayer and give us those things that will glorify Christ in whose name, we pray. Amen.**

**Anthem** *For the Joy of Music* Natalie Sleeth

STEWARDSHIP	9/10
General Fund	7980.00
Capital Improvement	120.00
Pastor's Discretionary Fund	646.00
Endowment Fund	500.00
Cemetery Fund (Fecondo)	50.00
ATTENDANCE	9/10
In-person Worship (8:30-35; 11:00-74)	109
Online Worship (Facebook/YouTube) <i>(YouTube is from two weeks prior to today's service)</i>	60
<b>Total in Worship</b>	<b>169</b>

COUNTING TEAMS	
<b>9/17</b>	<b>Team 1:</b> Mary Kaylor, Ann Byrd, Pat Hasty
<b>9/24</b>	<b>Team 3:</b> Al Burner, Judy Burner, Donna Andersen
<b>10/1</b>	<b>Team 2:</b> Betty Neikirk, Chip Neikirk, Cheryl Roane
<b>10/8</b>	<b>Team 4:</b> Bernard Robins, Debbie Robins, Doris Luther

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Dr. Rudy Shackelford, Organist	home 804.642.5938, cell 804.413.0211	By appt.

**Concerns and Prayer of Intercession, Petition “Lord, hear our prayer.”** Pastor Paul Song  
**The Lord’s Prayer** UMH No. 895  
**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**Meditation** “Goldberg” Variations, BWV 988 Johann Sebastian Bach  
Variation 19; Variation 20 (1685-1750)

**Offering and Offertory Prayer** Pastor Paul Song  
**Offertory** “Goldberg” Variations, BWV 988 Johann Sebastian Bach  
Variation 21 – Canon at the Seventh

**\*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**  
**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.**

**Scripture Reading** Matthew 6:21 Pastor Paul Song  
Psalm 89:11-12

The Word of God for the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon** “It’s All His Anyway” Rev. Tommy Herndon

**Dedication of Faith Promise Pledge** (insert and on screen) Pastor Paul Song

**\*Hymn** *Victory in Jesus* UMH No. 370

**\*Benediction** Pastor Paul Song

**\*Closing Chorus** *Shalom to You* UMH No. 666  
Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends. May God’s full mercies bless you, my friends.  
In all your living and through your loving, Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.

**Exodus** *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above* UMH No. 126

<b>Bethany UMC Prayer List</b>		<b>BETHANY FAMILY</b>	<b>9.17.23</b>
<b>CANCER/CHEMO:</b> Darlene Bauschatz, Krista Chase, Carol Johnson, Linwood Rowe, Gwen Wesson, Bob Wharen			
<b>GRIEVING:</b> Families of Joan Fecondo, Alice McGee			
<b>HEALTH ISSUES:</b> Chuck Ashe, Cliff Beach, Charlotte Cecil, David Cecil, Billy Davis, Estelle Harris, Sandra Hollins, David Hoover, Kathy Jacobs, Jon Kent, Bonnie Lewis, Joy Long, Dennis Mitchell, Patsy Morales, Sue Morecock, Alice Northam Richard Parkes, Peggy Peterman (NC), Rosemarie Tong, Judy Vaughan, Sandie Wharen			
<b>HOMEBOUND:</b> Linda Booth, Ruth Wallace			
<b>HOSPITALIZED:</b> Charlotte Cecil (Riverside Regional)			
<b>PARKINSON’S:</b> Mike Andersen, David Chapin, Kathleen Greene, Yvonne White			
<b>RECOVERING FROM SURGERY:</b> Billy Davis, Jane Niethamer, Steve Wike			
<b>UPCOMING SURGERY:</b> Dylan Chapin (10/12)			
<b>BETHANY FRIENDS</b>			
<b>CANCER/CHEMO:</b> Clint Alexander, Fran Bonnville, Kendell Walthall Caton, Jack Cawthorn, Kyle Cooper, Barbara Crim, Wanda Dowell, Dallas “Butch” Folk (ME), Carol Gibbs, Traci Greene, Zachary Hoover, Erin Kate (Dooley) McGuire, Sissi Mise, John Sheppard, Chauntea Shield, Mason Staley, Jill Ward, Larry Whitfield, Susan Williams			
<b>GRIEVING:</b> Families of Karl Miller, Susan Townsend, Joyce Ann Williams			
<b>HEALTH/OTHER ISSUES:</b> Connie Bowler, Sandy Brinker (PA), Esther Dawson, Dewayne Haywood, Laura Hodges, Ellis Hogge, Adie Kurth, Don Kurth, Donna Messersmith, Sylvia Motley, Dottie Myers (PA), Kelley Parkes, Phillip Presson, Tim Sullivan, Mildred Townsend, Sabrina Wikle			
<b>HOSPICE:</b> Selma			
<b>HOSPITAL/REHAB:</b> Jan Flansberg, Linda Krause Knapp (PA)			
<b>PARKINSON’S:</b> Janet Burch (KY)			
<b>RECOVERING FROM SURGERY:</b> Terry Corbin, Charlene Diggs, Pat Hall, Silvia Howerton, Marcia Mickle, Howard Moore, Brandon Thomas			
<b>UPCOMING SURGERY:</b> Jaunita Goins (postponed unexpectedly, keep praying), Natalie Long (9/18)			
<b>OTHER PRAYERS:</b> Ukraine, Randy Wilson			
<b>BUMC’S ACTIVE MILITARY AND THEIR FAMILIES (<i>italics—Bethany friends</i>)</b>			
<i>Michael Brown, Peter Demetriades, Meagan Demetriades, Kevin Jacobs, Cory Long (Okinawa), Will Neikirk, Bowdy Schrader, Jim Minor, all members of the military.</i>			
<b>ASSISTED LIVING (<i>italics-Bethany friends</i>)</b>			
<b>Gloucester House, 7657 Meredith Dr., Gloucester 23061</b>		Lorraine Brown, Rm 107 Kathleen Greene, Rm 106 Jean Heywood, Rm 110 Bessie Conner, Rm 102	
<b>Heron Cove, 7409 Heron Cove Way, Gloucester 23061</b> (Sid & Marion Dixon’s mailing address: PO Box 36, Gloucester Point, VA 23062)		Sid Dixon, Bldg 2, Rm 35 Marion Dixon, Bldg 2, Rm 33 Judy Hudgins, Bldg 2, Rm 29 Bonnie Lewis, Rm 13	
<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>The Hamilton Assisted Living, 113 Battle Rd., Yorktown, VA 23692</b>		Sue Morecock, Rm 214	