



Bethany United Methodist Church

The Church with Open Hearts, Minds, and Doors

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November 19, 2023

11:00 a.m.

**25th Sunday after Pentecost
Thanksgiving 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:	Nina Whitmore, Sharon Cheek, Mary Linda Brooks
Liturgist:	Betty Neikirk (11:00)
Trustee Contact this week:	M. E. Thomas
Ushers:	Milton Hudgins, Rick Wilson, Kirk Bell (11:00)
Greeters:	Jim & Betty Durette, David Ayers (11:00)

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

Intrada	<i>Rejoice, the Lord Is King</i>	UMH No. 715
	“Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore; Mortals, give thanks and sing, and triumph evermore!”	

Welcome, Announcements, and Introduction	Pastor Paul Song
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*Call to Worship	Betty Neikirk
Leader: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations upon the earth.	
Congregation: Let all the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.	
Leader: The earth has brought forth its increase; my God, our own God, bless us.	
All: Let all the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.	

*Hymn	<i>Now Thank We All Our God</i>	UMH No. 102
*Affirmation of Faith	The Apostles’ Creed (Traditional Version)	UMH No. 881

Opening Prayer	Betty Neikirk
Most gracious God, you crown the year with your goodness. We praise you that you have ever fulfilled your promise that, while earth remain, seedtime and harvest shall not cease. We bless you for the order and constancy of nature, for the beauty of earth and sky and sea, and for the providence that year by year supplies our need. We thank you for your blessing on the work of those who plowed the soil and sowed the seed, and have now gathered in the fruits of the earth. And with our thanksgiving for these blessings, accept our praise, O God, for the eternal riches of your grace in Christ our Lord; to whom, with you, O Father, and the Holy Spirit, be all glory and honor and worship, for ever and ever. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.	

Anthem	<i>Thanksgiving</i>	John Ness Beck arr. by Craig Courtney
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Time with Children	Brad Thomas
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STEWARDSHIP	11/12
General Fund (\$100 Cecil, \$50 Morecock)	5583.87
Pastor’s Discretionary Fund	55.00
Endowment Fund (\$30 Morecock)	30.00
Poinsettias	30.00
ATTENDANCE	11/12
In-person Worship (8:30-32; 11:00-69)	101
Online Worship (Facebook/YouTube) <i>(YouTube is from two weeks prior to today’s service)</i>	56
Total in Worship	157

COUNTING TEAMS	
11/19	Team 2: Betty Neikirk, Chip Neikirk, Cheryl Roane
11/26	Team 5: Jackie Hampton, Don Thomas, Donna Lane
12/3	Team 6: Dawn Cluts, Betty Durette, Clair Hillard
12/10	Team 1: Mary Kaylor, Ann Byrd, Pat Hasty

BUMC STAFF DIRECTORY

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Sandra Fox, Director of Music	call/text 757.329.6128 email: rfox6@cox.net	Works from home, by appt.
Dr. Rudy Shackelford, Organist	home 804.642.5938, cell 804.413.0211	By appt.
Brad Thomas, Director of Children & Youth Ministries	Office 804.642.2110, call/text 304.483.3403 Email: youth@bethanyumc-gp.org	Office Hours TBD / 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 *Voluntary on the 100th Psalm Tune* Henry Purcell
Based upon UMH No. 95 (1659-1695)

Offering and Offertory Prayer Pastor Paul Song
Offertory *Triumphal March on “Now Thank We All Our God,”* Sigfrid Karg-Elert
from Sixty-Six Chorale Improvisations (1877-1933)
Based upon UMH No. 102

***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 Betty Neikirk
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 Deuteronomy 8:7-18 Betty Neikirk
Psalter Psalm 65 (read responsively) UMH No. 789
New Testament Reading 2 Corinthians 9:6-15
***Gospel Reading** Luke 17: 11-19
The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon “Ways to Thankful Living” Pastor Paul Song

***Hymn** *We Gather Together* UMH No. 131

***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 *Praise and Thanksgiving Be to God* UMH No. 604

Bethany UMC Prayer List		BETHANY FAMILY	11.19.23
CANCER/CHEMO: Darlene Bauschatz, Krista Chase, Carol Johnson, Sue Leed, Fred Niethamer, Linwood Rowe, Gwen Wesson, Larry Whitfield			
GRIEVING: Families of Charlotte Cecil, Sandra Hollins, Sue Morecock			
HEALTH ISSUES: Chuck Ashe, Cliff Beach, David Cecil, Billy Davis, Debra Farrow, Estelle Harris, David Hoover, Milton Hudgins, Kathy Jacobs, Bonnie Lewis, Joy Long, Dennis Mitchell, Patsy Morales, Alice Northam, Richard Parkes, Peggy Peterman (NC), Rosemarie Tong, Judy Vaughan			
HOSPITALIZED/REHAB: Bessie Conner, Estelle Harris			
HOMEBOUND: Linda Booth, Ruth Wallace, Lavalie Wilson			
PARKINSON’S: Mike Andersen, David Chapin, Kathleen Greene, Yvonne White			
RECOVERING FROM SURGERY: Dylan Chapin, Krista Chase, Billy Davis, Jon Kent, Jane Niethamer			
UPCOMING SURGERY: Paul Kendall (11/28)			
BETHANY FRIENDS			
CANCER/CHEMO: Clint Alexander, Peyton Arthur, Fran Bonnaville, 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, Kent Stevens, Jeff Suntken, Jill Ward, Bob Wharen, Susan Williams			
GRIEVING: Families of Jerry Hall, Rev. Hugh T. Harris, Ellis Hogge			
HEALTH/OTHER ISSUES: Connie Bowler, Kathryn Bjers, Dewayne Haywood, Laura Hodges, Adie Kurth, Sylvia Motley, Dottie Myers (PA), Ken Pierkowski, Phillip Presson, Dixie Sharp, Tim Sullivan, Mildred Townsend, Sandie Wharen, Sabrina Wikle, Randy Wilson			
HOSPICE: Selma			
HOSPITAL/REHAB: James Page (GA)			
PARKINSON’S: Janet Burch (KY)			
RECOVERING FROM SURGERY: Luke Burner, Terry Corbin, Jaunita Goins, Pat Hall, Silvia Howerton, Natalie Long, Howard Moore			
UPCOMING SURGERY: Eric Bunch			
OTHER PRAYERS: Afghanistan earthquake victims, Israel and Ukraine			
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>)			
Gloucester House, 7657 Meredith Dr., Gloucester 23061		Lorraine Brown, Rm 107 Kathleen Greene, Rm 106 Jean Heywood, Rm 110 Bessie Conner, Rm 102	
Heron Cove, 7409 Heron Cove Way, Gloucester 23061 (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	
Sanders Assisted Living, 7407 Walker Ave., Gloucester 23061		Carolyn Scott, Rm 206A	
Sunrise Senior Living, 2015 Cranbeck Rd., Richmond 23235		Pauline Harris, Apt. 130	
Riverside Rehab, 672 Gloucester Rd., Saluda, VA, 23149		Jennie Lipscomb	