



**Bethany United Methodist Church**

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

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November 26, 2023

11:00 a.m.

**Reign of Christ/Christ the King 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):	Aidan Dumbrocyo (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:	Steve Wike (11:00)
Trustee Contact this week:	Rob Raines
Ushers:	Milton Hudgins, Rick Wilson, Kirk Bell (11:00)
Greeters:	Rick & Gerri Wilson, David Ayers (11:00)

STEWARDSHIP	11/19
General Fund	3217.77
Pastor's Discretionary Fund	5.00
Poinsettias	30.00
Upper Room	7.40
ATTENDANCE	11/19
In-person Worship (8:30-31; 11:00-85)	116
Online Worship (Facebook/YouTube) <i>(YouTube is from two weeks prior to today's service)</i>	81
<b>Total in Worship</b>	<b>197</b>

COUNTING TEAMS	
<b>11/26</b>	<b>Team 5:</b> Jackie Hampton, Don Thomas, Donna Lane
<b>12/3</b>	<b>Team 6:</b> Dawn Cluts, Betty Durette, Clair Hillard
<b>12/10</b>	<b>Team 1:</b> Mary Kaylor, Ann Byrd, Pat Hasty
<b>12/17</b>	<b>Team 3:</b> Al Burner, Judy Burner, Donna Andersen

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

**Prelude**

*The Prayer*

**Welcome, Announcements, and Introduction**

Pastor Paul Song

**\*Call to Worship**

Steve Wike

Leader: "I am the Alpha and Omega," says the Lord God, "who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty."

**Congregation: Blessing and honor and glory and might be unto the Lamb!**

Leader: Worthy is Christ, who has ransomed us by his blood from every tribe and tongue and nation, and made his people a kingdom, and priests to our God.

**All: Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come. Amen.**

**\*Hymn**

*All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

UMH No. 155

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

The Apostles' Creed (Traditional Version)

UMH No. 881

**Opening Prayer**

Steve Wike

**Almighty God, who gave your Son Jesus Christ a realm when all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; make us loyal followers of our living Lord, that we may always hear his word, follow his teachings, and live in his Spirit; and hasten the day when every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that he is Lord: to your eternal glory. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

**Anthem**

*The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy*  
Bongos by Kirk Bell

West Indian Carol  
(arr. John Barnard)

**Time with Children**

Brad Thomas

**BUMC STAFF DIRECTORY**

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Sandra Fox, Director of Music	call/text 757.329.6128 email: <a href="mailto:rfox6@cox.net">rfox6@cox.net</a>	Works from home, by appt.
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**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.**

**Stewardship Moment** Steve Wike

**Offering and Offertory Prayer** Pastor Paul Song  
**Offertory** *In Christ Alone* Stuart Townend and Keith Getty

**\*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** Steve 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** Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 Steve Wike  
**New Testament Reading** Ephesians 1:15-23  
**\*Gospel Reading** Matthew 25:31-46  
The Word of God for the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon** “Open the Eyes of my Heart, Lord” Pastor Paul Song

**\*Hymn** *How Great Thou Art* UMH No. 77  
In Memory of and Honor to my family Al and Eoline Smith, Pat Smith Carey, Stephen Smith, and Marilyn Dean

**\*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.

**Postlude** *Come, Let Us with Our Lord Arise* Words: Charles Wesley  
Music: Sussex Carol traditional English melody  
Harmony by Ralph Vaughan Williams

<b>Bethany UMC Prayer List</b>	<b>BETHANY FAMILY</b>	<b>11.26.23</b>
<b>CANCER/CHEMO:</b> Darlene Bauschatz, Lonnie Byrd, Krista Chase, Carol Johnson, Sue Leed, Fred Niethamer, Linwood Rowe, Gwen Wesson, Larry Whitfield		
<b>GRIEVING:</b> Families of Charlotte Cecil, Sandra Hollins, Sue Morecock		
<b>HEALTH ISSUES:</b> Chuck Ashe, Cliff Beach, David Cecil, Billy Davis, Jim Durette, 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		
<b>HOSPITALIZED/REHAB:</b> Bessie Conner (Sanders Rm. 1214), Estelle Harris		
<b>HOMEBOUND:</b> Linda Booth, Ruth Wallace, Lavalie Wilson		
<b>PARKINSON’S:</b> Mike Andersen, David Chapin, Kathleen Greene, Yvonne White		
<b>RECOVERING FROM SURGERY:</b> Dylan Chapin, Krista Chase, Billy Davis, Jon Kent, Jane Niethamer, Cathy Raines		
<b>UPCOMING SURGERY: Lonnie Byrd (11/27), Paul Kendall (11/28)</b>		
<b>BETHANY FRIENDS</b>		
<b>CANCER/CHEMO:</b> 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		
<b>GRIEVING:</b> Families of Jerry Hall, Rev. Hugh T. Harris, Ellis Hogge		
<b>HEALTH/OTHER ISSUES:</b> Connie Bowler, Kathryn Bjers, Dewayne Haywood, Laura Hodges, Adie Kurth, Sylvia Motley, Ken Pierkowski, Phillip Presson, Dixie Sharp, Tim Sullivan, Mildred Townsend, Sandie Wharen, Sabrina Wikle, Randy Wilson		
<b>HOSPICE:</b> Selma		
<b>HOSPITAL/REHAB:</b> James Page (GA)		
<b>PARKINSON’S:</b> Janet Burch (KY)		
<b>RECOVERING FROM SURGERY:</b> Luke Burner, Terry Corbin, Jaunita Goins, Pat Hall, Silvia Howerton, Natalie Long, Howard Moore		
<b>UPCOMING SURGERY:</b> Eric Bunch		
<b>OTHER PRAYERS:</b> Afghanistan earthquake victims, Israel and Ukraine		
<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	