Welcome to Bethel Orthodox Presbyterian Church

To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest;
to all who mourn and long for comfort;
to all who struggle and desire victory; to all who sin and need a Savior;
to all who are strangers and want fellowship;
to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness;
and to all who will come,
this church opens wide her doors
and offers welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

We are Bethel Orthodox Presbyterian Church...........what does that mean?

BETHEL: Bethel means “house of God.” A house of God is an earthly, physical place (such as a church) that is seen as the dwelling place of God.

ORTHODOX: Everyone knows that an orthodontist is concerned about straight teeth. The "ortho" in orthodontist comes from the Greek word for "straight." The "dox" in orthodox comes from the Greek word for "thinking." So, in an Orthodox Presbyterian church you will find straight teaching following the long-accepted pattern given in the Bible. We are a church that believes what the Bible says, and we try to put it into practice.

PRESBYTERIAN: From the time of Abraham in the Old Testament, God's church has been led by wise elders, men gifted by God and called to govern his church. The word presbyterian comes from the New Testament Greek word presbyteros, meaning "elder." The Orthodox Presbyterian Church has followed this biblical pattern for church government. Local church elders, along with the pastor, form a "session" to care for the spiritual welfare of our members. Matters of common concern for churches in a given region, such as establishing new congregations and ordaining ministers, are regulated by a body of ministers and elders called a "presbytery." Annually, representatives of our sixteen presbyteries form a "general assembly" to give the whole Church direction and advice.

CHURCH: The word “church” comes from the Greek word ekklesia which is defined as “an assembly” or “called-out ones.” The root meaning of “church” is not that of a building, but of people…..a body of believers.
Morning Worship Service          Sunday – October 18, 2020

Praise and Adoration

Prelude

*Call to Worship
Psalm 33: 1-3

*God’s Greeting

*Opening Prayer/Lord’s Prayer

*Hymn of Adoration

Thy Mercy My God Is the Theme of My Song

Reception of Communicant and Non-communicant Members Marleen Flood and children:
Elkan, Ezekiel, Benedict, Eliana, William, Elizabeth. (10:30 a.m.)

Renewal

Call to Obedience
Deuteronomy 5: 6-21

Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon
Psalm 32: 1-5

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. Selah

I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,” and you forgave the iniquity of my sin. Selah

*Hymn of Renewal #486

God Be Merciful to Me (vs. 1-4)

Confession of Faith
Belgic Confession Article 20

We believe that God—who is perfectly merciful and also very just—sent the Son to assume the nature in which the disobedience had been committed, in order to bear in it the punishment of sin by his most bitter passion and death. So God made known his justice toward his Son, who was charged with our sin, and he poured out his goodness and mercy on us, who are guilty and worthy of damnation, giving to us his Son to die, by a most perfect love, and raising him to life for our justification, in order that by him we might have immortality and eternal life.

Commitment

Scripture: Jonah 3: 1-10

Message: God: Perfectly merciful and just

*Hymn of Response

His Mercy Is More
Congregational Prayer

*Hymn of Commitment #521  
My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

*Benediction

*Gloria Patri #735  
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.  
Amen, Amen.

*Please Stand if able

Sermon Outline
Dave Veldhorst
Scripture: Jonah 3: 1-10
Message: God: Perfectly merciful and just

I. The God who restores (vs. 1-3)
II. The city that repents (vs. 4-9)

III. The God who repents (vs 10)

1. As you look through the first 3 chapters of Jonah, how has the mercy of God to sinners been clearly evident? Why does the confession say our apprehension of God's mercy is so key to our repentance?

2. From human perspective, Ninevah would be viewed as one of the most wicked and vile cities in the world at that time. Yet, God sees even their minimal form of repentance and shows mercy and expects Jonah to have a merciful heart to them as well. Who are some people or groups in your life that for you are hard to be merciful to? How does your experience of mercy received prompt mercy to be extended?

3. In the parable of the unmerciful servant, Jesus makes it clear that our unwillingness to extend forgiveness is directly tied to the debt of sin we see God having to remove in our life. How is growing in offering forgiveness tied to your growing in repentance?
Evening Worship  
Praise and Adoration

Prelude

*Call to Worship
Psalm 42: 1-8

*God’s Greeting

*Opening Hymn (Tune of the Doxology) (vs. 1 & 3)  
All People That on Earth Do Dwell

All people that on earth do dwell, sing to the LORD with cheerful voice.  
Serve him with joy, his praises tell, come now before him and rejoice!

O enter then his gates with joy, with in his courts his praise proclaim!  
Let thankful songs your tongues employ. O bless and magnify his name!

*Prayer

*Hymn of Adoration #TPH8C  
Lord, Our Lord, Thy Glorious Name

Renewal

Call to Obedience  
Ecclesiastes 7: 1-14

Confession of Sin  
Zephaniah 3: 16-18  
On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: “Fear not, O Zion; let not your hands grow weak.  
The LORD your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness;  
he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing. I will gather those of you who  
mourn for the festival, so that you will no longer suffer reproach.

*Hymn of Renewal # 534  
O for a Closer Walk with God

Congregational Prayer

Creeds and Confessions  
Apostles’ Creed

Commitment

Scripture: John 16: 1-33  
Nathan Strom

Message: The Comfort of The Holy Spirit

*Hymn of Response #332  
Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove

*Benediction
*Closing Hymn #TPH 100B (vs 4 & Doxology) All People That on Earth Do Dwell

Because the LORD our God is good, his mercy is forever sure.
His faithfulness at all times stood and shall from age to age endure.
Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

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Scripture: John 16: 1-33
Message: The Comfort of The Holy Spirit

I. Communion with Christ through the Spirit

II. The Grief and Sorrow of the Christian Life
1. The word commune means “to share your intimate thoughts or feelings with someone.” When you “commune” with someone, they bring their thoughts and feelings to bear upon yours. The Spirit is spoken of as the “seal” of the gospel (Eph 1:13). A seal impresses a king’s image upon something. Putting it together, communing with the Holy Spirit is the way the mind of King Jesus is brought to bear on our intimate thoughts or feelings. What are the ways that the Holy Spirit does this? Have you ever experienced your emotions being changed through those means?

2. What are different ways that we experience grief and sorrow in life? What are the lesser (invisible) sorrows that we experience in our Christian lives (e.g. disappointment, embarrassment, etc)? How does communing with Christ in the Spirit change the way we experience those sorrows?

3. What specific comforts are available to Christians in the midst of sorrow or grief that aren’t available to non-Christians? How does this change our mindset about those who do not yet follow Christ? Does paying attention to these special comforts help in the midst of suffering?

**8:00 a.m. Worship Nursery**
This Week (10/18) – Michelle LeMahieu, Jan Veldhorst, Wendy Urban
Next Week: (10/25) – Joy Smies, Mary Wieskamp, Diane Ratajczak

**Sunday School Nursery:**
This Week (10/18) – Kathryn Gulke, Dawn DeMaster
Next Week (10/25) – Diane Ratajczak, Holly Kiel
### Weekly Calendar

**Today (10/18)**

8:00 a.m.  Morning Worship – Dave Veldhorst
9:15 a.m.  Sunday School for 3-year-old thru Adults

**Classes in Church Building**

- 3K – Church West #2 – Jill Davies & Greg LeMahieu
- 4K – Church West #3 – Jackie Daane & Amber Kaat
- 5K – Church West #4 – Sarah Alsum & Kelley Bemis

Adults

- Women’s Group – East Sunday School rooms (by mailboxes)
- “A Pilgrim People: A History of Bethel Church & the OPC – Brian Gesch – Session Room
- “The Art of Gathering” Dave Veldhorst – Foyer

**Classes in Ministry Building**

**Lower Level**
- 1st – White Room – Kellie Feyereisen & Bob Ingelse
- 2nd – Blue Room – Lorraine LeMahieu & Lisa Roerdink
- 3rd & 4th – Green Room West – Kathy Gesch & Paul LeMahieu
- 5th – Green Room East – Anna Strom & Jan Veldhorst
- 6th – Pastor Nathan’s Office – Brenda Lammers & Carolyn Stapel
- 7th & 8th – Red Room - Jim Gulke & Sarah Wieskamp

**Main Level**

- 9th & 10th – Ministry Building South Area – Jason Alsum
- 11th & 12th – Ministry Building Main Area – Tim Wieskamp

**Profession of Faith Class - Pastor Dave’s Office**

10:30 a.m.  2nd Morning Worship – Dave Veldhorst; Reception of New Member – Marleen Flood and non-communicant children: Elkan, Ezekiel, Benedict, Eliana, William, Elizabeth.

6:00 p.m.  Evening Worship– Nathan Strom
7:15 p.m.  Discussion on Church Planting in the Foyer

**Tuesday (10/20)**

7:00 p.m.  Trustee Meeting

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**Wednesday (10/21)**

5:00 p.m.  Machen League Fundraiser – Drive through Meal
6:30 p.m.  Small Groups

**Thursday (10/22)**

7:00 p.m.  Education Committee with Teacher Feedback Evening
Next Week’s Calendar

Sunday (10/25)

8:00 a.m.  Morning Worship- Nathan Strom; The Lord’s Supper will be served.
9:15 a.m.  Sunday School for 3-year-old thru Adults

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Profession of Faith Class- Pastor Dave’s Office

10:30 a.m.  2nd Morning Worship – Nathan Strom; The Lord’s Supper will be served.
6:00 p.m.  Reformation Service at Bethel, Pastor Drew Zylstra preaching.

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