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 25, 2020

Praise and Adoration

Prelude

*Call to Worship Psalm 67: 3-5

*God’s Greeting

*Opening Prayer/Lord’s Prayer

*Hymn of Adoration #100 Holy, Holy, Holy

Renewal

Call to Obedience Romans 12: 9-21

Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon Romans 8: 28-31

And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

*Hymn of Renewal #644 May the Mind of Christ My Savior

Congregational Prayer

Commitment

New Testament Reading Romans 3: 23-26; 9:30 - 10: 4, 11-21

Scripture: Jonah 4: 1-11 Nathan Strom

Message: The Evil of Mercy and the Zeal of Pity

*Hymn of Response Behold the Lamb

The Lord’s Supper

*Hymn of Commitment My Savior’s Love

*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
Nathan Strom
Scripture: Jonah 4: 1-11
Message: The Evil of Mercy and the Zeal of Pity

I. The Evil of Mercy

II. The “Goodness” of Jonah

III. The Zeal of Pity
Sermon Discussion Questions

1. In Jonah 4:1, the Hebrew words literally say that God’s grace to Nineveh was an “evil” to Jonah. J. Erwin Rommel was a German general during WWII, given the name “the desert fox” for his expertise as a military strategist. He was considered a supporter and close friend to Hitler, until he died in 1944. He was also a professing Christian—his biggest disagreement with Hitler was over Christianity. If you were to meet Gen. Rommel in heaven, would you call it “evil.” Why or why not? Why do you think Jonah call’s God’s grace to Nineveh, evil?

2. Does it change your opinion to know that Rommel was actually executed for a plot to assassinate Hitler? Why does that (not) change your mind? God asks Jonah, “Are you doing good to be angry” (v. 4, 9), why do you think God asks about Jonah’s goodness?

3. Jonah is said to be angry or zealous two times. In Romans 10, Paul says that the Jewish opponents of Christianity had a zeal for God that is “ignorant of the righteousness of God” and “did not submit to the righteousness of God.” How was Jonah missing the point in his zeal for God?

4. In Jonah 4:9, God says that Jonah felt and behaved as God did in 3:10 when he “relented” of the disaster. In other words, Jonah “pitied” the plant the way that God pitied Nineveh. God’s rescue mission to Nineveh was fueled by “pity” because, morally and spiritually speaking, these people did not know their right hand from their left. How does that encourage us to view the moral confusion in our society through a different lens?

Nursery
8:00 a.m. Worship Nursery
This Week (10/25) – Joy Smies, Mary Wieskamp, Diane Ratajczak
Next Week: (11/1) - Brenda Van Dyken, Kim Hendrikse, Lorraine LeMahieu

Sunday School Nursery:
This Week (10/25) – Diane Ratajczak, Holly Kiel
Next Week (11/1) – Jessica Claerbaut, Jill Haag
Weekly Calendar

Today (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

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 – Foyer
“The Art of Gathering” – Please join Brian Gesch’s’ class this morning in the 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

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. Offering for Pine Haven Christian Communities

Tuesday (10/27)

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Next Week’s Calendar

Sunday (11/1)
8:00 a.m. Morning Worship – David Robbins
9:15 a.m. Sunday School for 3-year-old thru Adults

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Adults
High School and Adults will meet in the Ministry Building to hear David Robbins

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Main Level
High School & Adults with David Robbins

10:30 a.m. 2nd Morning Worship – David Robbins
6:00 p.m. Evening Worship– Dave Veldhorst

Monday (11/2)
3:30 p.m. GEMS

Tuesday (11/3)
1:30 p.m. Rebekah Society; Lesson # 7

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Wednesday (11/4)
6:30 p.m. Small Groups
7:00 p.m. Machen League

Thursday (11/5)
6:30 p.m. Small Groups

Saturday (11/7)
6:30 a.m. Men’s Life