

## **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

January 9, 2022

### Praise and Adoration

Prelude

Kris Froh

\*Call to Worship                      Isaiah 55: 1-3a

\*God's Greeting

\*Hymn of Adoration

*Our Great God*

\*Opening Prayer/Lord's Prayer

Ordination and Installation of Office of Elders and Deacons

### Renewal

Call to Obedience                      Deuteronomy 5: 6-21

Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon                      Isaiah 55: 6-7

"Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

\*Hymn of Renewal

*Speak O Lord*

Confession of Faith                      Westminster Confession of Faith Chapter 8.8

8. To all those for whom Christ hath purchased redemption, he doth certainly and effectually apply and communicate the same; making intercession for them, and revealing unto them, in and by the Word, the mysteries of salvation; effectually persuading them by his Spirit to believe and obey, and governing their hearts by his Word and Spirit; overcoming all their enemies by his almighty power and wisdom, in such manner, and ways, as are most consonant to his wonderful and unsearchable dispensation.

### Commitment

Scripture: John 1: 1-18

Pastor Dave Veldhorst

Message: *The Power of the Word*

\*Hymn of Response #514

*For God So Loved the World*

Congregational Prayer

Offering / Hymn of Commitment #165

*Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim*

\*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.*

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## **Evening Worship Praise and Adoration**

Prelude

Carolyn Stapel

\*Call to Worship

Isaiah 12:2; 1 Chronicles 16: 28-29

\*God's Greeting

\*Opening Hymn #217

*All My Heart This Night Rejoices (vs. 2)*  
*Forth today the Conqu'ror go-eth, who the foe, sin and woe,  
death and hell, o'erthroweth. God is man, man to deliver;  
his dear Son now is one with our blood forever.*

\*Prayer

\*Hymn of Adoration #164

*O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

### **Renewal**

Call to Obedience

Luke 18: 1-14

Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon

Matthew 11: 28-30

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

\*Hymn of Renewal #180

*I Will Sing the Wondrous Story*

Confession of Faith

Westminster Shorter Catechism 98-101

Q. 98. What is prayer?

A. Prayer is an offering up of our desires unto God, for things agreeable to his will, in the name of Christ, with confession of our sins, and thankful acknowledgment of his mercies.

Q. 99. What rule hath God given for our direction in prayer?

A. The whole word of God is of use to direct us in prayer; but the special rule of direction is that form of prayer which Christ taught his disciples, commonly called the Lord's prayer.

Q. 100. What doth the preface of the Lord's prayer teach us?

A. The preface of the Lord's prayer, which is, Our Father which art in heaven, teacheth us to draw near to God with all holy reverence and confidence, as children to a father able and ready to help us; and that we should pray with and for others.

Q. 101. What do we pray for in the first petition?

A. In the first petition, which is, Hallowed be thy name, we pray that God would enable us and others to glorify him in all that whereby he maketh himself known; and that he would dispose all things to his own glory.

### Commitment

Scripture: Matthew 6: 5-15

Pastor Nathan Strom

Message: *1<sup>st</sup> Petition: Desiring the Hallowing*

\*Hymn of Response #103

*Holy God, We Praise Your Name*

Congregational Prayer

Offering / Hymn of Commitment #644

*May the Mind of Christ My Savior*

\*Benediction

\*Closing Hymn #217

*All My Heart This Night Rejoices (vs. 4)*

*He becomes the Lamb that taketh sin away and for aye full atonement maketh.*

*For our life his own he tenders;*

*And our race, by his grace, meet for glory renders.*

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\*Please stand if able

**Nursery** - Please be in nursery by 8:40 a.m. & 5:40 p.m. for parents to drop off their little ones. If you are not able to cover your schedule time, please make arrangements so we always have two adults and a student during the morning service, and during the evening 1 adult and student. Thank you.

**This Week:** (1/9) AM – Michelle LeMahieu, Caitlin Roethel, Ali LeMahieu  
PM- Diane Ratajczak, Andrea Rozeboom

**Sunday School Nursery:** Kim Ingelse, Angie Wieskamp

**Next Week:** (1/16) AM – Gina Lemmenes, Wendy Urban, Amie Burgard  
PM- Joy Smies, Ashlyn Raih

**Sunday School Nursery:** Holly Kiel, Kristi Burgard

## **Library:**

This Week: (1/9) Wendy Urban

Next Week: (1/16) Linda Buyze

**Ushers for January:** Dean Ratajczak, Glenn Buyze, Nick Davies, Jackson Kiel

## **Weekly Calendar**

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### **Today (1/9)**

9:00 a.m. Morning Worship – Dave Veldhorst; Ordination & Installation of Elders and Deacons  
Elders – Brian DeMaster, Brian Gesch, Joel Navis  
Deacons – Aaron Bemis, Jonathon Daane, Ryan Davies, Paul LeMahieu

10:30 a.m. Sunday School

#### *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

6<sup>th</sup> – Choir Loft – Amanda Reenders & Carolyn Stapel – will meet in the Narthex/Foyer area

7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> – Session Room - Sarah Wieskamp

#### *Classes in Ministry Building*

##### Lower Level

1<sup>st</sup> – White Room – Joel LeMahieu & Michelle LeMahieu

2<sup>nd</sup> – Blue Room – Lorraine LeMahieu & Lisa Roerdink

3<sup>rd</sup> - Green Room West – Carol Vander Waal & Rebecca Wieskamp

4<sup>th</sup> - Green Room East – Kathy Gesch & Paul LeMahieu

5<sup>th</sup> – Red Room – Angela Debbink & Diane Ratajczak

##### Main Level

9<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> – Ministry Building Main Area South – Jason Alsum

11<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> – Ministry Building Main Area North – Tim Wieskamp

10:30 a.m. Ministry Fair in the Fellowship Hall area

2:00 p.m. Pine Haven Gidding Service – Pastor Dave; Pianist- LuAnn Lee

6:00 p.m. Evening Worship – Nathan Strom

### **Monday (1/10)**

1:00 p.m. Library Meeting

6:00 p.m. I Fitt at Gibbsville Church

7:00 p.m. Men's Society

### **Tuesday (1/11)**

12:00 p.m. Knit 2tog at the Ministry Building; Lunch provided by Rosemary LeMahieu and Barb Schomberg.

### **Wednesday (1/12)**

6:30 p.m. Catechism Classes

7:00 p.m. Machen League

**Thursday (1/13)**

7:00 p.m. Elder/Deacon Meetings

**Friday (1/14)- Sunday (1/16)**

Snow Camp @ Lake Lundgren Bible Camp

**Saturday (1/15)**

6:30 a.m. Men's Life

**Next Week's Calendar**

**Sunday (1/16)**

9:00 a.m. Morning Worship- Ben Hopp

10:30 a.m. Sunday School

12:00 p.m. Fellowship Meal at OCS

4:45 p.m. Choir practice

6:00 p.m. Evening Worship –Dave Veldhorst

**Monday (1/17)**

6:30 p.m. Fellowship Committee Meeting

**Tuesday (1/18)**

6:30 p.m. Small Groups

**Wednesday (1/19)**

Small Groups (Various)

6:30 p.m. Koinonia

7:00 p.m. Machen League

**January 9, 2022**  
**Morning Sermon Outline**

Pastor Dave Veldhorst

Scripture: John 1: 1-18

Message: *The Word and Witness*

I. The power of the Word

II. Jesus the Word

### III. Responding to the Word

#### Discussion Questions

1. Jesus is the Word that was active in bringing about the creation of the world and the believer's new creation in Christ both being done purely as an initiating work of God. How does that move you to adoration today?
2. Consider the qualities of Jesus, as the Son of God, in our text this morning. Take time to adore and praise God for each of the characteristics of God displayed.
3. The Logos is not a principle or some abstract force, as the Greeks thought, but a person who must be received and believed in. When Jesus, the Logos, is received and believed in tremendous change occurs in the person. What are some changes you have seen in your life? What changes are you asking God to produce?



## Evening Sermon Outline

Pastor Nathan Strom

Scripture: Matthew 6: 5-15

Message: *1<sup>st</sup> Petition: Desiring the Hallowing*

I. You Cannot Come Without Hallowing

II. Disposing of All Things to His Glory

### III. Living on a Prayer

#### Discussion Questions

1. The Westminster Shorter Catechism says that prayer is the offering up of our desires to God. We use the phrase “offer up” as in “suggest,” but the Bible uses it as in “lay on the altar.” In other words, it means to put something in the hands of someone else. Is there anything in your life (any desire) that you are holding back from God’s altar or not entrusting to his care?
2. All world religions acknowledge prayer as a spiritual exercise. Many will cite this as evidence that all religions are worshipping the same God. Why do you think prayer is a universal religious exercise? How is Christian prayer distinct (Hint: think about how we are taught to end our prayers)?
3. When Jesus taught his disciples to pray, he began with hallowed be your name. Do you begin there? Is it required to begin with something like that or may we begin with our requests (e.g. give us this day our daily bread)? How does where we begin reveal the state of our relationship with God?