

### Updates and Announcements

Thank you for worshipping with us at Bethel United Methodist Church! Our worship service is broadcast via live stream on our Facebook page. Please sign and pass the attendance pads located at the end of your pew. If you are a guest, please list your contact information so we can extend a fuller welcome! To be added to the Bethel UMC Weekly Emails, contact the church office at 803.327.4881 or [bethelrockhill@gmail.com](mailto:bethelrockhill@gmail.com).

### This Week

- **Today** – Children's Sunday School at 10:15 am.
- **Today** – Bethel Youth (Joel 2:23-32) 10 am – 2 pm.
- **Mondays through 10/27** – Mondays at 1:00pm in the church library – *Social Principles of the UMC*.
- **Wednesday** – Church Council Meeting at 6:30 pm in the Upper Room.
- **Wednesdays through 10/29** – Wednesdays at 6:00 pm at the home of Jeff and Randi Venables (1932 Williford Woods Lane, Rock Hill ) – *Cost of Discipleship*.
- **Every Wednesday** – AA Meeting in the church library from 7-8 pm.

### Upcoming

- **11/2** – All Saints Sunday.
- **11/2** – Baby Shower for Will and Savannah Shelton immediately following worship.
- **11/3** – Financial Policies Meeting at 6:30 pm in the Upper Room.
- **11/12** – BLT will meet at 11:30 am at the Olive Garden.

|                 | 10/26/25         | 11/2/25           | 11/9/25          |
|-----------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Liturgist       | Allie Sutton     | Margaret McCarter | Richard Bickel   |
| Children's Time | Deana Whitehead  | Emily Sutton      | Cynthia Bickel   |
| Nursery         | Savannah Shelton | Michaela Sanford  | Marc Sutton      |
| Counter         | Will Shelton     | Margaret McCarter | Sherl Drawdy     |
| Counter         | Malynda Williams | Debbie Harris     | Malynda Williams |
| Usher           | Will Shelton     | Margaret McCarter | Sherl Drawdy     |
| Usher           | Malynda Williams | Debbie Harris     | Malynda Williams |
| Communion       | N/A              | Marc Sutton       | N/A              |

|                       | Month of<br>September | September YTD         |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Tithes and Offerings  | \$9,554.00            | \$86,139.19           |
| Expenses              | <u>(13,098.86)</u>    | <u>(112,756.68)</u>   |
|                       | <u>\$ (3,544.86)</u>  | <u>\$ (26,617.49)</u> |
| <b>October 19</b>     |                       |                       |
| In-person Attendance  | 31                    |                       |
| Plate Budget Received | \$939.00              |                       |

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# PASTOR APPRECIATION

SO CHRIST HIMSELF GAVE THE APOSTLES,  
THE PROPHETS, THE EVANGELISTS, THE  
PASTORS AND TEACHERS, TO EQUIP HIS  
PEOPLE FOR WORKS OF SERVICE, SO THAT  
THE BODY OF CHRIST MAY BE BUILT UP.

**EPHESIANS 4: 11-12 (NIV)**

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

October 26, 2025

### GATHERING

WORDS OF WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: We come before God, not in our own righteousness, but in God's boundless mercy.

**P: God, have mercy on us, sinners in need of your grace.**

L: We gather not to exalt ourselves, but to humble ourselves before the Lord.

**P: For those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.**

L: Let us worship the God who hears the prayers of the humble heart.

**P: We come with open hearts, ready to receive God's transforming love. Come, let us worship the Lord in humility and truth!**

OPENING PRAYER

Gracious and merciful God, we come before you this day acknowledging our deep need for your grace. Like the tax collector in the temple, we stand at a distance from your holiness, aware of our shortcomings and our failures to live as you have called us to live. Forgive us when we have been quick to judge others while ignoring our own faults. Forgive us when we have trusted in our own goodness rather than in your mercy. Create in us humble hearts, O Lord. May this time of worship transform us, that we might leave this place more like Christ, ready to serve you and love our neighbors with humility and grace. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, we pray. Amen.

\*OPENING HYMN      *Spirit of the Living God*      UMH# 393

\*APOSTLES' CREED      UMH# 881

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;  
the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

\*RESPONSE      *Gloria Patri*      UMH# 70

### PROCLAMATION

\*HYMN      *This is Where Children Belong*      TFWS# 2233

CHILDREN'S TIME      Deana Whitehead

SCRIPTURE      *Psalm 65*      Gabriel Wade

L: This is the word of God for the people of God.

**P: Thanks, Be to God.**

\*HYMN      *I Am Thine, Oh Lord*      UMH# 419

SCRIPTURE      *Luke 18:9-14*      Rev. Emily Sutton

L: This is the word of God for the people of God.

**P: Thanks, Be to God.**

MESSAGE      *Humble Faith*      Rev. Emily Sutton

### RESPONSE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

L: Lord in your mercy,

**P: Hear our prayers.**

LORD'S PRAYER

**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 and ever. Amen.**

OFFERING

\*DOXOLOGY      *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*      UMH# 95

### SENDING FORTH

\*CLOSING HYMN      *Just As I Am*      UMH# 357

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

*\*Please stand as you are able.*