



WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

NOVEMBER 7TH, 2021

Office hours: Monday-Thursday, 9am-12pm | **Pastor Dave's office hours:** Monday 9am-12pm

Welcome to Worship! We are glad to have you with us today! If you are a first-time visitor, we invite you to complete a communication card, available at the Welcome Table. If you have questions or need assistance, please see an usher or greeter.

Nursery aged children (birth through pre-kindergarten): please meet the Nursery Attendants at the Nursery Bulletin Board following the Children's Sermon. Parents/Guardians, please make sure you sign your child in. Children's worship supplies are now on the table under the nursery bulletin board. If your little gets a case of the wiggles, please feel free to join us there.

All Saints' Tribute: Today our worship time will pay tribute to all Saints we have lost as well as us Saints who live and testify to our Christian faith today. A video tribute will be shared in our worship gathering, for those who have passed away since November 2020.

Assisting in Worship: Thank you to all those who stepped up to say "YES!" to the call to assist in worship leadership each week. A worship assistant schedule has been made through 12/31/21. Printouts are available in the narthex and church office. You can also find the schedule in the weekly "This Week at Bethel" email and posted on the church website. At our Congregational meeting in November, we will have another opportunity for folks to become a part of these ministries through our "Ministry Response" survey. If you have any questions about assisting in worship weekly, please contact George Donovan (george@bethelwinchester.com).

Music Ministry News: You can support our music ministries through regular giving to the **Jones/Joyner Music Fund**. Your donations help bless Shenandoah University Scholarship Students, and additional musicians for worship and special events (Such as Brass Players for Reformation Sunday, and a chamber orchestra for Christmas) who bless us with their gifts. We have a goal to raise \$6000 in this fund by December 1st to enhance special music offerings this fall and into the Christmas season. The current Jones/Joyner Fund balance is currently approximately \$3,000. Will you consider a donation?

Do you have questions on who to contact? We've put together a list:

- ★ I need to sign up to help in worship - George (george@bethelwinchester.com)
- ★ I need to promote a Bethel event - Kristin (communicator@bethelwinchester.com)
- ★ I need to use Bethel facilities - Kim (bookkeeper@bethelwinchester.com)
- ★ I have questions about giving - Kim
- ★ I need to update my information (address/phone/email) - Kim
- ★ I would like to provide a floral arrangement for worship - Kim
- ★ I want to promote/display something in the Narthex - George
- ★ I would like to submit a prayer request - Pastor Dave (pastordave@bethelwinchester.com) and/or Intercessory Prayer Ministry Team - Urve (ukcrowder@icloud.com) / Shirley (sstrosnider01@gmail.com)

Ways to Give to Bethel: Thank you for your continued support of mission and ministry at Bethel! At this time, we are not passing the offering plate during our worship gatherings, but you can leave your offering in the basket on the welcome table, or use one of the methods below:

1. Mail to Bethel at 2077 N Frederick Pike, Winchester, VA 22603
2. Use the "Give Now" button on our website.

Ministry Spending Plan Update as of August 31, 2021	Actual - August 2021	Actual Year-to-Date
Actual Income	26,946.80	\$227,226.55
Actual Expenses	\$32,212.36	\$252,680.02
Balance (Shortfall)	\$(5,265.56)	\$(25,453.47)
Balance (Shortfall) with 2021 Payroll Protection Loan Funds of \$35,408	\$(5,265.56)	\$9,954.53

For more detailed financial information, please visit bethelwinchester.com and click on Publications.

WORSHIP ASSISTANT SCHEDULE

	Today	November 14th, 2021
Church Season	All Saints' Sunday	Pentecost
Color	White	Green
Worship time	9:30 am	9:30 am
Greeter (Please Arrive by 9:10)	Beth Garner	Shari Fletcher
Usher (Please Arrive by 9:10)	Renee Fredericksen	John Gavitt
Scripture Reader	Lynda Grymala	John Gavitt
Prayers	Shari Fletcher	Terry Hannon
Sound	Charlie Moyer	Ken Grymala

All Saints Sunday - Unbind the Living

On All Saints Sunday we remember loved ones who have been laid in the tomb. We know the acute grief of Mary, Martha, and Jesus. We know the reality of death that lies so close. We know that at any moment the phone call could come with news we dread. We live forever in the shadow of death.

At the same time, we also know the little deaths that take place every day. We know the daily disappointments, the betrayal of a friend, a failure at work, a difficult and

tumultuous marriage, the loneliness and pain of one longing for something more from life. Beyond that there are the near-constant reminders that much of this world is far from God's kingdom. How easy it is to look and see poverty and injustice, disease and despair all around. Like Lazarus, we are bound tightly in death's clothes: grief, disappointment, hopelessness.

Yet Jesus speaks the last word for us: "Unbind him, and let him go" (John 11:44). This promise is bursting with resurrecting life. This word is spoken by the one who became human and was put in a tomb, but broke through the pervasive stench of death. In the waters of the font, we hear our God speak this word to us. Lifting us out of the waters, God frees us from the binding rags of death and dresses us in the royal clothing of Christ. At the table, we feast with the God in whom we have waited, the God who swallows up death forever. The last word is not death, but life as a beloved child of God.

Clothed in the righteousness of Christ, God's people are called forth from the grave. Fellow saints rush forward to remove the rotting grave clothes. Together the people of God celebrate the hope and promise of resurrection, rising each new day to joyfully serve in the name of the one who is beyond death, Jesus our Savior.



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