

**BETHEL METHODIST COMMUNITY CHURCH  
MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE**

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent  
March 9, 2025**

**We Gather Together In The Lord's Name**

Tolling of the Bell and Prelude  
Coming of the Light  
Welcome and Announcements

**Let Us Prepare Our Hearts and Minds for Worship**

\*Call To Worship:

On this first Sunday in Lent, I call you to put first things first:  
Human beings shall not live by bread alone.

**You shall worship the Lord your God, this God alone shall you serve.**

You who live in the shelter of the Most High, you who remain in the shade of  
the Almighty, will say:

**You, Lord, are my refuge and fortress, my God is whom I completely trust.**

\*Hymn of Praise.....“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”.....#117

\*Opening Prayer: (*please join in unison*)

**God most beautiful, God most holy, God most loving, we ask for your  
blessing as we continue this journey through Lent.**

**Let us see through the pettiness and deceptions which accumulate in our  
daily living, and rediscover our spiritual truth, that with integrity and  
vulnerability we may worship you with humble wonder and joy.**

**Through Christ Jesus your true Son, and our Redeemer. Amen.**

Psalter Reading.....“Psalm 91”.....#810 & 811  
**“Grant us salvation, Lord; in trouble be our refuge.”**

Children's Moments.....“Jesus Loves Me”.....

Prayer of Confession & Pastoral Prayer (concluding w/ The Lord's Prayer)

**The Promises of God Comes to Us Through The Word**

Epistle Lesson.....Romans 10:8b-13.....Pg. 150  
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

\*Gospel Lesson.....Luke 4:1-13.....Pg. 57  
The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

\*Gospel Prayer (*please join in unison*)

**God of wilderness and water, your Son was baptized and tempted as we are.**

**Guide us through this season, that we may not avoid struggle, but open  
ourselves to blessing, through the cleansing depths of repentance and the  
heaven-rending words of the Spirit. Amen.**

Sermon..... Rev. Ben Rogers  
**The Wilderness of Temptation**

\*Hymn of Faith.....“It Is Well with My Soul”.....#377

**The Word of God Comes to Us Through the Holy Spirit**

Affirmation of Faith.....#881  
“The Apostles' Creed”

Gloria Patri.....#70

Worship with Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

\*Doxology.....#95

\*Offertory Prayer

**Go and Share the Love of God**

\*Hymn of Salvation.....“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”.....#694

\*Benediction

Beloved, you—*you*—who live in the shelter of the Most High and abide in the  
shadow of the Almighty —will find in God your refuge and fortress. Go now, in  
the blessing of the Triune God who shelters you and rescues you, that we all might  
be a shelter and a rescue for and with one another. Amen.

\*Postlude

***\*Please Stand If Able***

***^^ When our worship ends, our service begins! ^^***

**The flowers are placed in the sanctuary today at Bethel MCC for the Glory of  
God by Mrs. Jackie Bech in honor of the Withers family.**

**Prayer Thought of the Week**

**Begin your day with God, walking the road less traveled, where faith lights the  
path, and every step leads to His purpose.**

## **Announcements & Upcoming Events:**

- ❖ **Today-** Bethel Faith in Action will meet immediately following worship.
- ❖ Throughout the month of March, Bethel Christian Women are collecting proceeds to support Hawthorne Pharmacy in Winnsboro. If you feel led to give, please mark "Hawthorne" on your check or offering envelope. All proceeds will go toward Hawthorne's fund, which helps assist individuals in need with medical prescriptions. Your generosity can make a difference in someone's health and well-being!
- ❖ **Tuesday, March 11-** Mature Years (11am)
- ❖ **Wednesday, March 12-** Lent Bible Study (6pm)
- ❖ Join us on **Sunday, March 16,** for our first-ever **Faith: A Night of Worship** at **5pm,** featuring a live performance by Will Hobgood, Jr.! This will be a powerful evening of worship and fellowship, and we encourage you to invite your friends and family to join us. Stay afterward for refreshments as we come together in faith and community. We can't wait to worship with you!
- ❖ **Sunday, March 23-** Bethel Church Council (5pm)
- ❖ **Sunday, March 30-** 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Covered Dish Luncheon (immediately following worship; chicken will be provided so bring your favorite dish and/or dessert!)

### **Bethel Methodist Community Church: February Financial Information**

Expenses: \$8,279.06

Income: \$17,179.14

\*Income also includes a donation designated to the Bethel Cemetery (\$5,000)

### **We Are in Prayer For:**

Bob Bazinet, William Bundrick, Billy and Diane Dove,  
Epworth Children's Home, Jackie McDaniel, Greg Robertson, Sheryl Ashford,  
Christian Moore, Teresa Taaffe, Lindsey Gunter, Frankie Lewis, Amy Hodges,  
Jed Withers, Una Bowers, Huley Perry, Mary Cathryn Wilson & Michael "Red" Wilson,  
Nancy Dail, Eddie Robinson, Tiffany Kent, Alan & Debbie Withers, Ronnie Price,  
Jimmy & Pam Faile, The unity in our county, state, nation, and world

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