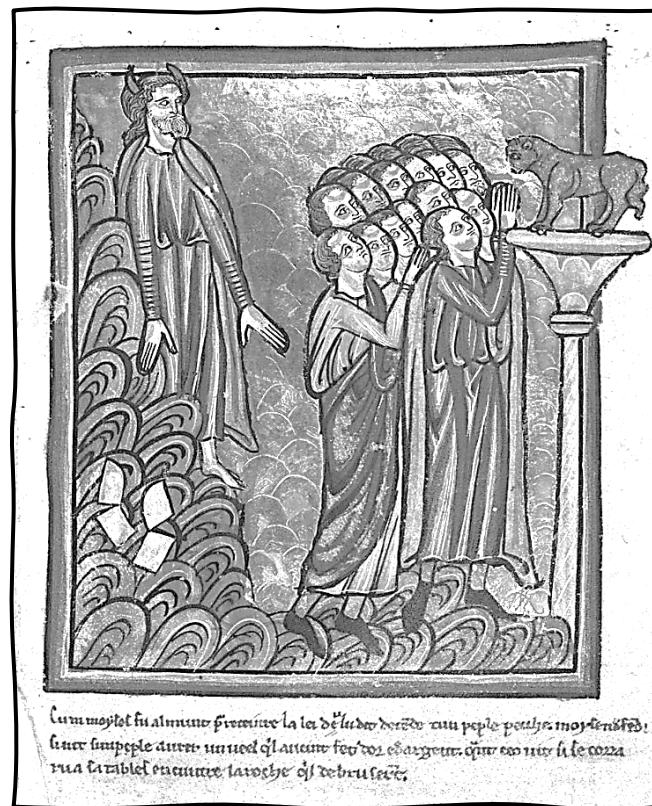


BETHEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)

... a welcoming community.



***“Israelites Worship the Golden Calf and
Moses Breaks the Tablets”***

William de Brailes, 13th Century

WEEKLY CALENDAR: October 11th – October 18th

(Office Hours: Monday-Thursday, 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.)

- **Sunday, October 11th**
 - 9:30 a.m. – Sunday School
 - 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. – Adult Sunday School; Beginnings: A Study of the Call of God in Genesis
 - 11:00 a.m. – Worship (S)
 - 12:15 p.m. – Fellowship Lunch (FH)
 - 12:15 p.m. - 12:45 p.m. – Elder Training (Office)
- **Monday, October 12th**
 - 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. – Tai Chi (FH)
 - 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon – Bethel Arts Ministry
 - 6:30 p.m. – Family Promise Board Meeting (L)
 - 7:00 p.m. – Boy Scouts Meeting (FH)
- **Tuesday, October 13th**
 - 11:00 a.m. – Fiber Arts
 - 12:00 Noon - 5:30 p.m. – Vocal Lessons (S)
 - 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. – Girl Scouts
- **Wednesday, October 14th**
 - 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. – Tai Chi (FH)
 - 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. – Tech 4 All Board Meeting (L)
 - 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. – Finance Meeting (L)
 - 5:45 p.m. – Choir Practice
 - 7:00 p.m. – Bell Practice
- **Thursday, October 15th**
 - 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. – Tai Chi (FH)
- **Friday, October 16th**
- **Saturday, October 17th**
 - 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. (Fall Hours) – Kingston Farmers' Market
 - 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. – Tai Chi (FH)
- **Sunday, October 18th**
 - 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. – Elder Training (Office)
 - 9:30 a.m. – Sunday School
 - 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. – Adult Sunday School – Beginnings: A Study of the Call of God in Genesis
 - 11:00 a.m. – Worship (S)
 - 12:15 p.m. – Session (L)

Childcare for infants and pre-school children is offered from 9:30 a.m. until noon in the nursery.
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OUR PRAYER LIST:

Please pray for: Alf Rybka (*hospitalized at Roane Medical*), Family of Lee Russell (*son of Diane Russell*); family of Jerry Wayne Hopwood (*friend of Linda Brown*); family of Marilyn Childs Donatelli (*friend of choir*); Josh Igou (*abdominal surgery recovery*); good friend in a coma (*from Jim Condon*); Herman Parton (*husband of Dianne Griffith's cousin Patsy*); grandfather of Heather Davidson (*hospitalized, Mrs. Davidson is Scout Hyder's teacher*); Wasonga Misumi (*lymphoma, father of Cyndi Fowler's granddaughter's best friend Esme Misumi*); Suzanne Lukat (*surgery recovery*); Roger Hope (*recovering from knee surgery, husband of Tevis Hope*); Alan Kloefkorn (*pancreatic cancer, UT Hospital, Covenant Roane chaplain with Mike McElhinney*); Wes (*progressing Alzheimer's, neighbor of Linda Brown*); Laura Weigle; Jonathan Yeaworth; Elizabeth Jackson (*dialysis, unlikely transplant candidate, sister-in-law of Cyndi Fowler*); Mirta Lopez (*aggressive cancer, friend of Mary B. Hines*); those engaged in care of family members with dementia; John (*Susan Holton's father*); Sharon Martin (*Elaine Steele's sister-in-law*). Thanksgiving for 59 years of marriage for Brenda and Chuck Bunch.

Our long-term, ongoing-list: Gerald & Sandra Augustus (*brother-in-law & sister of Brenda Bunch*); Don and Una Coffman (*Sycamore Trace*); Rickey Gallaher; Jim Hines; Steve Jacks; Vernon Law (*cancer treatment ongoing*); Jeanette McElhinney; Jill McMaster; Anneke Oonk; Earl Price (*Becky Price's husband*); Jennifer Vandever; Carrie Vickers; Randy Vickers; Laura Walker

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Hands Of Mercy Food Pantry Collection

For the month of **October**, we will be collecting **Pasta and Spaghetti Sauce** to support the Hands of Mercy (H.O.M.E.) food pantry. (All non-perishable food items are always gratefully accepted!)

Anne Horner Day

Celebrate Anne Horner's 88th Birthday, Sunday, October 18, 2p.m. - 4p.m., at the Cherokee Middle School Library.

Lost and Found

A small, black hearing device, found on October 4, 2026, has been turned into the church office.



SCAN TO DONATE

FOR ON-LINE DONATIONS TO BETHEL: THANK YOU!

BETHEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)

The Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost

October 11th, 2026

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

The Call to Worship (*from* Psalm 29)

One: The voice of the LORD causes the oaks to whirl, and strips the forest bare;

All: and in his temple all say, "Glory!"

One: The LORD sits enthroned over the flood;

All: the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.

One: May the LORD give strength to his people!

All: May the LORD bless his people with peace!

* Hymn # 2

"Come, Thou Almighty King"

*1. Come, thou almighty King,
help us thy name to sing;
help us to praise:
Father, all glorious,
o'er all victorious,
come, and reign over us,
Ancient of Days.*

*2. Come, thou incarnate Word,
merciful, mighty Lord,
our prayer attend.
Come, and thy people bless,
and give thy word success;
Spirit of holiness,
on us descend.*

*3. Come, holy Comforter,
thy sacred witness bear
in this glad hour.
Thou who almighty art,
now rule in every heart,
and ne'er from us depart,
Spirit of power.*

*4. To thee, great One in Three,
eternal praises be,
hence evermore!
Thy sovereign majesty
may we in glory see,
and to eternity
love and adore.*

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession (Unison)

God who formed us and who knows our hearts, forgive us. Instead of acknowledging you as our God, we make our own idols. Instead of proclaiming Jesus as our Lord, we proclaim ourselves. Instead of trusting in the Holy Spirit, we trust in power and control. Re-direct our wrong ways and lead us instead in the ways of Christ our Lord. Amen.

* Congregational Response #551 “*Lord, Have Mercy*”

***Lord, have mercy; Christ have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy; Christ have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.***

* Assurance of Pardon

* Congregational Response # 612 “*We Praise You, O God*” (v. 3. only)

***With voices united our praises we offer
and gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.
With you, Lord, beside us, your strong arm will guide us.
To you, our great Redeemer, forever be praise!***

Children's Moment
Special Music

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Readings

Psalm 23	<i>(The Good Shepherd)</i>	<i>Old Testament, p. 474</i>
Ephesians 2:1-10	<i>(From Death to Life)</i>	<i>New Testament, p. 181</i>
Exodus 32:1-14	<i>(The Golden Calf)</i>	<i>Old Testament, p. 75</i>

Sermon	"Sacred Cows"	Rev. Beth McCrary
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*Affirmation of Faith -- from *"A Brief Statement of Faith"*

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and re-newer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the church.

The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the church.

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying "Come, Lord Jesus!" Amen.

- 1. O Lord, you are my God and King,
and I will ever bless your name;
I will extol you every day,
and evermore your praise proclaim.
You, Lord, are greatly to be praised;
your greatness is beyond our thought;
all generations shall tell forth
the mighty wonders you have wrought.*
- 2. How rich in grace are you, O Lord,
full of compassion, merciful,
your anger always slow to rise;
your steadfast love you show to all,
for you are good in all your ways;
your creatures know your constant care.
To all your works your love extends;
all souls your tender mercies share.*
- 3. Your works will give you thanks, O Lord;
your saints your mighty acts will show,
till all the peoples of the earth
your kingdom, power, glory know.
Eternal is your kingdom, Lord,
forever strong, forever sure;
while generations rise and die,
your high dominion will endure.*

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

The Prayers of the People and The 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 sins as we forgive those who sin 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. Amen.

Call to Offering Offertory

* The Doxology – Hymn # 606 – *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here
below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.***

* Prayer of Dedication

* Hymn # 803 *“My Shepherd Will Supply My Need”*

***1. My shepherd will supply my need;
Jehovah is his name.
In pastures fresh he makes me feed,
beside the living stream.
He brings my wandering spirit back
when I forsake his ways,
and leads me, for his mercy's sake,
in paths of truth and grace.***

*2. When I walk through the shades of death
your presence is my stay;
one word of your supporting breath
drives all my fears away.
Your hand, in sight of all my foes,
does still my table spread;
my cup with blessings overflows;
your oil anoints my head.*

*3. The sure provisions of my God
attend me all my days;
O may your house be my abode,
and all my work be praise.
There would I find a settled rest,
while others go and come;
no more a stranger, or a guest,
but like a child at home.*

* Charge and Benediction

* Response # 547 *“Go, My Children, with My Blessing” (v. 3 only)*

*“Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.
Here my Spirit’s power filled you; here my tender comfort stilled you.
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.”*

* Postlude

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