



Bethel Christian Reformed Church

Sunday, March 3, 2024

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9:30 a.m. Worship Service

WE WELCOME YOU TO WORSHIP whether in person or online. We welcome any visitors who have chosen to join us! Please take a welcome mug from the table in the back of church. Come back and worship with us again!

Today is the Third Sunday in Lent -- a 6-week time period before Easter used as a time of reflection and renewal for believers to consider the purpose and the cost of the cross of Jesus, the Savior who gave his life for sinners, to redeem them as children of God. As we look at the Psalms each week in our call to worship, we pray for our hearts to be listening for ways that the Holy Spirit is calling us to live out our calling in new and courageous ways.

Today we welcome Pastor Dan Bloesch – “Eternal Security”

March 10 – Rev. Mark VanderHart from Mid-America. We will also, Lord willing, celebrate the Lord’s Supper together.

May God use this gift he has given through his son Jesus to affirm our faith and draw us closer to him.

March 17 – Leo Joewono from Mid-America – “It Is I, Do Not Be Afraid!” from Mark 6:45-52

March 24 – Ben Verdonk from Mid-America

March 31 – Pastor Jeremy Oosterhouse will be leading us in our Easter Celebration - "The Kingdom Has Come".

The children are dismissed after the Time of Praise for CHILDREN’S CHURCH. Please go to the foyer where your teacher will meet you. Children turning 4 years old by Jan. 1st are welcome along with any children parents feel would benefit from this opportunity.

The Ray VanderLaan videos will meet in the council room after the morning worship. Grab your coffee and join us!

Pastor Jeremy Oosterhouse will be leading us in our **Easter Worship**. We look forward to him and his family moving to DeMotte and beginning a new ministry together.

SERVING TODAY

March 3

Nursery	Anna & Lyndsy
Children’s Leaders	Dianne & Ashley
Piano	Amy
Usher	Larry
Greeters	Jon & Phyllis(E)
Media Shout	Scott
Offering	Ministries of Bethel and DMCS Inc.

You can continue to give online at www.bethelcrcdemotte.org. Thank you!

SERVING NEXT WEEK March 10

Nursery	Steph & James
Children’s Leaders	Linda & Lyndsy
Piano	Amy
Usher	Larry
Greeters	Jon & Phyllis(E)
Media Shout	Katie
Offering	Ministries of Bethel and Food Pantry

CHURCH FAMILY: PLEASE CONTINUE TO KEEP IN PRAYER:

- Hank VW - Prayers for renewed strength and peace for him & Marlene with his diagnosis of cancer. Prayers for the doctors as they determine best treatment for him.
- Bonnie B, Andy & Cheryl, Barb E, Rich K, Carolyn VV,
- Donna H is able to walk on her leg so she’s doing therapy and taking a few steps now. Incision is slowly healing. Thank you for all the prayers! Keep Ted in your prayers as well as they wait for a room to open up for the two of them.
- Ruth DV who is dealing with issues from her Parkinson’s which is effecting her blood pressure. She is at Oak Grove in rehab for a couple weeks to try and regain her strength.

MORNING WORSHIP

Welcome and Call to Worship from Psalm 19

The heavens declare the glory of God: the skies proclaim the work of his hands.
Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge.
The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing the soul.
The statutes of the Lord are trustworthy. Making wise the simple.
The precepts of the Lord are right, giving joy to the heart.
The commands of the Lord are radiant, giving light to the eyes.
The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever.
The decrees of the Lord are firm, and all of them are righteous.
May these words of my mouth and this meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight,
Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer.

Please Stand for Opening Song: "The Heavens Declare Your Glory" vs. 1 & 3

Opening Prayer: *Our Dear Father, may you be glorified in our actions, in our relationships, in our thoughts and in every activity we participate in today. Help us to keep our eyes on you and to view each situation as an opportunity for you to do a mighty work in our lives. In your name, we pray, Amen.*

*God's Greeting / Mutual Greetings

*Time of Praise:

"Blessed Assurance" vs. 1 & 3

"I Know Not Why God's Wondrous Grace" vs. 1,2,4

Please Be Seated *Children Are Dismissed for Children's Worship*

Offering will be received for: Ministries of Bethel and DMCS Inc.

We Offer Our Prayers to God

Scripture: Ephesians 2:1-5 (pg.1818)

Message: "**Eternal Security**"

Prayer

*Please Stand for God's Parting Blessing

*Closing Song: "The Solid Rock" vs 1,4

THIS WEEKS MEETINGS

Tuesday	1:30pm	Ladies Afternoon Bible Study
	7:00pm	Council
Wednesday	6:15pm	GEMS
Saturday	7:30am	Frontline Men's Study

ANNOUNCEMENTS

If anyone would like to have a **CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT FOR 2023** please contact deacon Brent VS.



SAVE THE DATE! Wednesday, March 20! "SPRING FLING" FAMILY FUN NIGHT!
Plan for an evening of fun, food and fellowship! More details to follow in the weeks to come.

LADIES AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY will meet Tuesday afternoon, March 5 at 1:30 at the home of Dianne DV.
We will be starting a new study on Jonah. Lesson 1 ON THE RUN. New members are welcome.

Council meets at 7pm on Tuesday, March 5.

GEMS meets on Wednesday 6:15-8:15pm at First CRC

FRONTLINE Men's Bible discussion group next meeting is THIS Saturday, March 9 at 7:30 AM. No pre-study required. Coffee will be hot and waiting for you to enjoy. All ages are welcome! Plan to come join us!

Thank you to all who supply us with snacks each Sunday morning to go with our coffee/tea. You are all very much appreciated.
There is a new sign-up for March thru May.

BIBLE LEAGUE SPRING LUNCHEON will be March 21, 2024 at Smit's Farm Catered by Scrementis. Tickets are \$30.
Deadline is March 10. Contact Ruth or Rachel B for tickets.