

Bethel United Methodist Church

Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost Christ the King / Thanksgiving Sunday

November 20, 2022

Pastor Ralph Wrightstone

Music Director: Travis Oaks

Lectionary Scriptures

This Week: Jeremiah 23:1-6; Luke 1:68-79; Colossians 1:11-20; Luke 23:33-43

Next Week: Isaiah 2:1-5; Psalm 122; Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 24:36-44

Prelude: "Sing Alleluia to the Lord"

Welcome & Announcements, Birthdays, Anniversaries

***Hymn:** "They'll Know We are Christians" TFWS 2223

***Responsive Call to Worship:** *on opposite page*

***Affirmation of Faith** (Apostle's Creed).....UMH 881

***Gloria Patria**.....UMH 71

Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

***Doxology**.....UMH 95

OT Scripture Reading: Jeremiah 23:1-8

Joys, Concerns, Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Special Song

Message: "Paradise Promise"

Scripture: Luke 23:33-43

***Hymn:** "More Precious than Silver" TFWS 2065

***Closing Chorus & Benediction** "Bind Us Together"

**Please stand if able*

Call to Worship

Pastor: Sin rules with such power, that our end is destruction, unless we submit to Christ as our King.

People: The thief on the cross was in that situation, but when he acknowledged Christ as King, Jesus promised him a place in paradise.

Pastor: Jesus has power to rule over the effect of sin for all who will accept his kingship.

People: We know the grip of sin. We want to be released by our Lord's forgiveness and accepted in his kingdom.

Prayer of Confession: We profess with our lips that Jesus is King, Father, but with our lives we witness to the authority of sin. We want Christ to be King, but we resist his rule over our lives. Forgive us for our sins that have made Christ's death on the cross necessary for our restoration to your kingdom. We acknowledge Jesus as your Son, the King of our lives, and submit to his guidance and authority. In his name we pray. Amen.

Calendar of Events

Today: Christ the King Sunday, Thanksgiving Sunday

Thursday: Thanksgiving Day

Next Sunday: Chrismon Service, First Sunday of Advent

Sunday December 4 - at 4:00 pm, a special service for this Christmas season

All Week: Keep Safe and Pray

Worship, Educational and Outreach Opportunities

Today *Interactive Online Service thru link on Bethel Web Site, Service page*

Prayer Concerns

Bethel UMC, The UMC, Our Country, all of those affected by the Hurricanes, those in Military Service, Police, Fire, EMS first responders, Healthcare professionals and home caregivers, Teachers, Students; Pastor Ralph & Judy Wrightstone; Kathie & Al Adams; Lexie Allen; Ellanore Goater; Carol Koski; Nan Lindsey; William McCloud; Travis and Tina Oaks, the Oaks family, Pat Singletary; Sandra Willis, Lon & Lucy Wright

Please use a prayer request form, in the narthex, to submit requests for adding to the Prayer Concerns in the worship bulletin

Devotionals: *The Upper Room* and *Our Daily Bread* are daily devotional booklets that are available in the Narthex. Please take one or both and enjoy!

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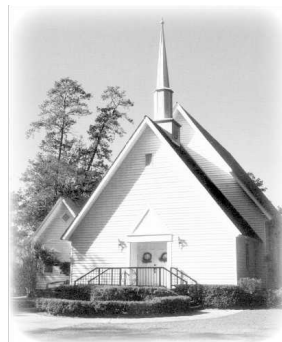
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1940's



1960's



Today

The History of Bethel UMC

The earliest historical record of Bethel Methodist Church is that in August of 1834, a campmeeting was held on the banks of Bethel Pond. Church meetings were held in neighborhood homes following this. In good weather brush arbors provided meeting places for these early worshipers. Later, services were held in a small log schoolhouse about a mile north of the present church.

On March 17, 1847, Joseph and Thirza Hale deeded two acres of land to the Methodist Episcopal Church with the provision that Bethel Meeting House be built in the center of the two acres. A small frame church with wooden shutters was built where our Sunday School rooms are today.

In 1909 the congregation started building the present sanctuary. The church building was originally roofed with wooden shingles. The windows contain the original panes with the imperfections of early glass. The interior of the church was not completed until 1947. The narthex was added in 1970 and the steeple in 1972.

The furniture in the Church constitutes one of the most interesting parts of its history. The Pulpit was used by Bishop Joshua Soule on February 6, 1845 when he convened the first Florida Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in Trinity Methodist Church, Tallahassee, Florida. Trinity gave the pulpit to Bethel Church circa 1895. The chancel rail, communion table and two of the pulpit chairs were part of Trinity Church during the 1800's and were given to Bethel in 1946. The larger pulpit chair was a gift of John Sullivan, friend of our Church.

(history prepared for bulletin cover by Thelma Royce, church historian)



"Surely the Lord is in this place! This is none other than the house of God" Genesis 28:16

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Established 1834

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**"Seeking The Life In Grace As The Way of Life"
Welcome home!**