A nursery is available on the First Floor for infants and children under 3 years.

After Children's Time, preschool through 5th grade is invited to **Children's Church** in the Children's Wing.

Altar Flowers: The flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God and in honor of Vivian O'Dell's 98th birthday by her family.

Prayer Requests: Tim Durham, Dale Fischer, Matt Gilley, Martha Greenlee, Cathy Hanks, David Holder, Toni Holder, Jack Lewis, Connie Long, Myra Morrison, Marie O'Dell, Rita Petoskey, Beverly Rakestraw, Ann Towery, Shelley Winkler, Lee Helen Youmans

Our mission focus for this month is Kairos Prison Ministry. We are collecting cookies for their next event at Tyger River Correctional Facility. Acceptable cookies are chocolate chip, molasses, ginger, and sugar. Please no icing or any other coating on the outside of the cookies. Cookies must be at the church by Sunday, November 1. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

Bethel's Music Ministry is deeply grateful to Penny Holt for accompanying the choir during rehearsals and worship over the past few weeks. Thank you, Penny, for sharing your musical gifts with our ministry.

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Online Giving

Week of October 11

Worship Attendance	131
Gifts to Budget	$8,900
Goal per Week	$14,255
Year-to-date Budget Goal	$584,446
Year-to-date Budget Received	$405,017

Church Office Hours
Monday – Thursday: 9:00 am – 4:00 pm
Friday: 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Brad Gray
Pastor

Chad Deetz
Youth Minister

Dale Fischer
Director of Music

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Coordinator of Children's Ministry

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Organist

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October 18, 2026 **21st Sunday after Pentecost**

11:00 AM Worship Service

Prelude *"Be Strong in the Lord"* Tom Fettke

Trinity Chimes

Welcome & Announcements

*Call to Worship

We are chosen children of God, bound together by the Holy Spirit.
We belong to God, and through God, we belong to one another.
The spirit empowers us to live as imitators of Christ in love of God, neighbor, self, and all creation.
We belong to God, and through God, we learn to love one another.
The spirit inspires us to receive God's Word with joy in a world that rejects the good news.
We belong to God, and through God, we live in joy with one another.
Come, let us worship in the assurance of God's love that chooses us, empowers us, and inspires us to live as the family of Christ.
We come to worship God in the assurance that we belong to God, and through God, we belong to one another. Amen.

*Passing of the Peace

*Hymn *"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty"* UMH 64

*Affirmation of Faith *The Apostles' Creed* UMH 881

*Gloria Patri UMH 71

Psalter Reading *Psalm 99* UMH 819

Offering

Offertory *"Beautiful Savior"* arr. David Allen

*Doxology *"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"* UMH 95

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Children's Time

Hymn of Preparation *"Sweet Hour of Prayer"* UMH 496

During the hymn, you are invited to the altar to join the pastor in assuming a posture of prayer. All are welcome.

Prayers of the People

Leader: The Lord be with you.
Response: **And also with you.**
Leader: Let us pray.

Anthem *"Gather by the River to Pray"* arr. Pepper Choplin

Sanctuary Choir

Gospel Reading Matthew 22: 15-22

15 Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. 16 So they sent their
disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere,
and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one, for you do
not regard people with partiality. 17 Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to
Caesar or not?" 18 But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test,
you hypocrites? 19 Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius.
20 Then he said to them, "Whose head is this and whose title?" 21 They answered, "Caesar's."
Then he said to them, "Give therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the
things that are God's." 22 When they heard this, they were amazed, and they left him and went
away.

Sermon Rev. Brad Gray

*Hymn *"Rejoice, the Lord Is King"* UMH 715

*Benediction

*Postlude *"We All Are One in Mission"* George R. Woodward

**Please stand as able*