

## THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

- Today**
- 19:30 am Contemporary Worship Service (WC)
  - 11:00 am Traditional Worship Service (Sanctuary)
  - 12:00 pm Hand and Foot Card Playing (128)
  - 12:15 pm Kidz Choir (119)
  - 12:30 pm Grow 1-Kidz Event Planning (FH)
  - 12:30 pm Mini Me Handbell Choir (114)
  - 3:00 pm Handbell Practice (114)
  - 4:00 pm Handbell Practice (114)
  - 5:00 pm Kidz Club & Childcare for ages 4+ (Chapel)
  - 5:00 pm Prayer Service (Sanctuary)
- Mon., 9/9**
- 10:00 am Wisteria (121)
  - 4:00 pm Book Art (128)
  - 6:30 pm MAD (Making a Difference (124)
  - 6:30 pm Praying for Your Adult Children (123)
- Tues., 9/10**
- 9:15 am Connect & Coffee for Prek Parents (121)
  - 3:30 pm Prayer Group (121)
  - 6:00 pm Disciple 2 Fast Track (124)
  - 6:30 pm Trustees Mtg. (128)
  - 6:30 pm Handbell Practice (114)
  - 7:00 pm Young Adults-the Chosen Season 2 (130)
- Wed., 9/11**
- 9:00 am Crochet (128)
  - 6:30 pm Choir Practice (119)
  - 6:30 pm Crochet (128)
- Thurs., 9/5**
- 6:30 am The Chosen Season 2 (130)



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## PRAYER SERVICE / TODAY

We will be holding a special prayer service tonight at 5:00 pm in the Sanctuary, where we can come together to seek God's comfort and healing for our community. We will have a special time of remembrance for all the victims, prayers for Apalachee students and teachers, and counselors and clergy available to talk with anyone in need. Please join us as we lift up our hearts and voices to the One who is our refuge and strength.

**Complete listing of this week's Grow Groups and Events are printed in The Bethlehem Happenings.**

*Copies are available in the Stars Café, Narthex, and side Vestibules. The Happenings is also emailed church-wide on Friday of each week. To receive this email, please contact the church office at [info@bethlehemfirstumc.com](mailto:info@bethlehemfirstumc.com).*

**September 8, 2024 | 16th Sunday After Pentecost**  
**9:30am Contemporary Worship Service**



So many times life does not turn out like we think it should. We wait for healing from the Lord and the Lord does not appear. We wait to get married only to find out that married life is not what we expected. We wait to move from one home to another only to find road blocks as we try to move. We wait for a new job when we lose a job. We wait for a check that always seems to be coming in the mail.

We wait and as we wait, we begin to grumble about our surroundings and especially about the people surrounding us. We think people are the source of the problem of waiting.

Often we suffer during our waiting. We are in pain. We lose our focus on the Lord in the waiting and we begin to look at humans as our saving source.

James tells us to be patient in suffering, in waiting because the Lord is near. It is true that it is darkest before dawn and things have to become incredibly bleak for us to see the hand of the Lord in our life offering us kindness, tenderness and mercy. It is a great honor to wait in suffering, but it doesn't feel like it. How can we be patient and endure times of great distress?

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# Welcome!

**Welcome!** Thank you for joining us this week as we worship together in-person and online. We are so glad that you are with us, and hope that you find the service engaging, encouraging, and inspirational.

If this is your first time with us, please take a moment to fill out the Connection Card and visit the welcome booth for a welcome bag.

If you have a prayer request to share with the church, you may write that on your Connection Card, or email us at [info@bethlehemfirstumc.com](mailto:info@bethlehemfirstumc.com).

If you have any questions about BFUMC, our staff is available by phone or email anytime. We hope you are blessed by your time with us today and that you have a wonderful week..

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## 10:30 AM COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE IN THE WORSHIP CENTER

### WELCOME AND PRAISE

Countdown Video

*Raise A Hallelujah* | *Goodness Of God* | *Holy Spirit*

Greeting | Rev. Frank Bernat

At this time, children are dismissed for Kidz Church

### PRAY AND GIVE

Time of Prayer | Rev. Bernat

Giving Back | Video

### LISTEN TO THE WORD OF GOD

“Patient Endurance | Rev. Beth Dickinson

James 5:7-12 (NLT)

*Rest On Us*

### MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

WINGS Highlights | Rev. Bernat

### DEPART AND SERVE GOD

Send Off | Rev. Bernat

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## WE ARE A PRAYING CHURCH

### Prayer Requests

Email your requests to [info@bethlehemfirstumc.com](mailto:info@bethlehemfirstumc.com), and they will be emailed out Wednesdays in the weekly PrayerNet and included in The Happenings, which is available by print and emailed out each Friday. You may also contact the church office by phone at 770-867-3727.

