



BETHEL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Bethel Presbyterian Church
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ECO

A Covenant Order
of Evangelical
Presbyterians

Who We Are

You will find Bethel to be a friendly, welcoming, and caring multigenerational congregation of over 300 Covenant Partners committed to a Biblically-based and Christ-centered mission.



Understanding that all of us fall short, we strive to be a faith community that not only exhibits God's unconditional love but also provides opportunities for healing and restoration.

We worship, fellowship, and minister together. We emphasize discipleship and missions in our community and around the world, as we have a rich history of believing in the importance of the Great Commission that calls us to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with all nations.

Vision: Bethel is a Biblical Community

Tenets of the Faith – Our Core Value

Sovereignty of God – God is supreme and our ultimate authority

Trinity – God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit

Christ – He is the only risen Lord and Savior

Bible – The Scripture is the final authority

Prayer – God listens and answers prayer

Service – We use our spiritual gifts in service to others

Evangelism – To share with others the Gospel of Christ

Compassion – Embracing all with compassion, love, and care

Spiritual growth – All are involved in spiritual growth

Missions – The Great Commission calls us to preach and teach the world the Gospel of Christ

Reflecting Christ's love through our lives – We are to reflect Christ's love to others by the way we live our lives

Relationships – Sustaining old/forming new

Worship – Glorifying God in all we do

Mission: Bethel Joyfully Loves, Lives, Serves, and Shares Christ Wherever We Go

Bethel Presbyterian Church is a place for all where we **Love** Christ passionately, **Live** Him relationally, **Serve** Him joyfully, and **Share** Him faithfully.

We believe that Jesus has opened the way for us to have fellowship with God through His death on the cross and His resurrection, all made possible by grace. Our prayerful hope is that we know the true depth of God's love and seek first His Kingdom in all we do. Our worship of God is central to our fellowship, but we carry out our lives of love and service beyond Sunday worship services to wherever we go.

Ways in which we seek to fulfill our mission include the ministries, groups, and teams shown below. For additional information, please see Bethel Presbyterian Church's website at <https://www.bethelatreed.com>.

Love – Family & Children's Ministry, Student Ministry, Young Adult Ministry, MAXI Ministry

Live – Sunday Schools, Men's Ministry, Women's Ministry, EPIC Discipleship, Small Groups

Serve – Worship Support, Property Team, Stewardship & Budget Team, Electronics Team

Share – Missions Ministry, Outreach/Community Ministry

Where We Have Been

Founded in 1890 in what is now the Short North area of Columbus, the church later moved to Neil Avenue and became the Neil Avenue Presbyterian Church. The present facility, at the corner of Reed Road and Bethel Road, was dedicated in 1968. Several major building projects followed, with the last being in 2013. Since 1970, we have had only two Senior Pastors, with both serving until retirement.



In 2014 Bethel Presbyterian Church became the 100th church to join ECO (A Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians).

ECO is composed of like-minded churches holding each other accountable to God's Word and to His calling. ECO encourages us as a Biblical community to make disciples beyond the walls of our church and the boundaries of our city.

The mission of ECO is to build flourishing churches that make disciples of Jesus Christ. Founded in January of 2012, ECO's name represents its commitments to connected leaders through grace-based relationships (**Covenant**) and unites around standards of

life and ministry (Order) for the ultimate purpose of making disciples of Jesus Christ (Evangelical). ECO is a Reformed denomination that is structured to feel like an association, with an emphasis on nimble governance, relational networks, and autonomy for local congregations. By investing in churches and pastors, ECO exists to advance a Gospel movement to make Jesus Christ known.

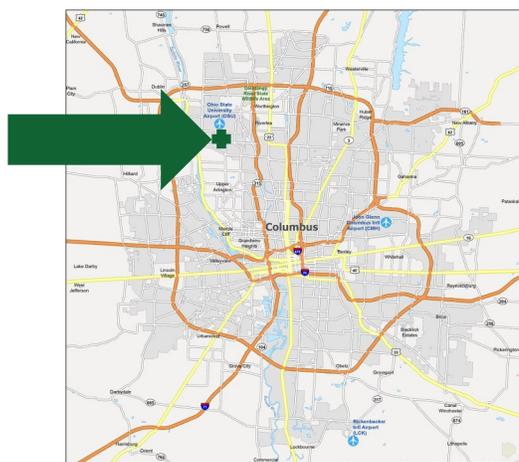
Where We Are Now

Community Overview

Bethel Presbyterian Church is located in Northwest Columbus in the midst of a mixture of assorted commercial and residential neighborhoods. The city of Columbus is the 14th largest in the nation, and the Columbus metropolitan area is one of the fastest growing in the country with a current estimated population in excess of two million people. Many factors make this an attractive locale, and officials anticipate population to grow by a million in the coming 20-25 years. Rated by niche.com as one of the Best Cities for Young Professionals while also offering one of the lowest costs of living in the nation, Columbus ranks first among large Midwest metro areas for job growth since 2010. Within a day's drive or a one-hour flight of 41% of the US population, Columbus is home to an attractive mix of government, business and industry. Five Fortune 500 companies are headquartered in the city, and an additional 17 Fortune 1000 companies in diverse industries are located in the region. In addition, Intel Corporation's recent announcement that it would build two microchip facilities in the Columbus area is expected to create thousands of new jobs and spur further economic development.

Columbus features one of the youngest and most educated populations in the country. Home to The Ohio State University, one of the nation's largest research universities, Columbus has over 15 other institutions that offer postsecondary education.

Quality health care is also readily available in the Columbus metropolitan area, with several major health systems and hospitals providing patients with a wide variety of health care services. Ohio State University's Wexner Medical Center is one of the top-ranked national academic health facilities, and the OSU James Cancer Hospital and Solove Research Institute is nationally recognized for its research and treatment of cancer. Nationwide Children's Hospital, a children's general medical and surgical facility, is yet another recipient of recognition, as it is nationally ranked in ten pediatric specialties.



Why People Enjoy Living in the Columbus Metropolitan Area

With multiple energetic and expanding suburban districts surrounding Bethel Presbyterian Church, there are excellent public schools, including Columbus, Upper Arlington, Hilliard, Dublin, and Worthington. Multiple private Christian schools and homeschool associations are also located in the region.

Quality restaurants, shopping centers, golf courses, libraries, and an extensive Metro Parks system are likewise located in the vicinity. Large lakes managed by the US Army Corps of Engineers feature campgrounds, boating and other watersports, fishing, and public beaches.

Among many family-friendly attractions are the nationally renowned Columbus Zoo and Aquarium and the nearby Zoombezi Bay water park. In downtown Columbus, families can visit the Center of Science and Industry (COSI), the Museum of Art, and Franklin Park Conservatory, as well as attend Columbus Symphony and other Columbus Association for the Performing Arts (CAPA) events at the Ohio Theatre and other venues.

In addition to the famed NCAA Division 1 OSU Buckeyes football team, Columbus is home to a variety of professional sports teams, including the National Hockey League's Columbus Blue Jackets, the Columbus Crew of Major League Soccer, and the triple-A affiliated baseball team the Columbus Clippers.

The John Glenn Columbus International Airport, only a twenty-minute drive from Bethel Presbyterian Church, provides convenient transportation options for those flying in or out of Central Ohio.

Additional Resources

<https://www.ccsch.us/>

<https://www.dublinschools.net/>

<https://www.hilliardschools.org/>

<https://www.uaschools.org/>

<https://www.worthington.k12.oh.us/>

<https://www.privateschoolreview.com/ohio/columbus>

www.experiencecolumbus.com/

<https://vacationidea.com/destinations/best-things-to-do-in-columbus-oh.html>

Weekly Worship, Fellowship, and Learning

Bethel offers multiple ways to worship on Sundays, with two in-person services – a traditional service at 9:30 am and a contemporary service at 11:00 am – as well as a live stream Bethel-At-Home version of both services. All services are also recorded and made available for online viewing at any time. About one hour in length, the worship services feature Christ-centered and Scripture-based sermons and teaching, along with prayer, music, and monthly service of communion. Between the two in-person services, our “GEM (Greet, Eat, and Meet) Time” allows the entire Bethel church family to gather in the Fellowship Hall to share refreshments.



We love to worship the Lord with a diversity of musical styles. The traditional service includes organ-accompanied hymn singing, selections by the Bethel choirs, and musical liturgical elements such as the doxology. The contemporary service is led by the Contemporary Worship Team. Additional opportunities for musical fellowship include participation in a handbell choir and a folk ensemble. Our church’s music program is also enhanced by many musically-talented individuals within our church, local schools, and community.

Bethel deeply values Scriptural teaching for all ages and features multiple opportunities for teaching and learning. Adult Sunday School classes are conducted during both Services, with Sunday School classes offered for children from birth through completion of high school. In addition, numerous gatherings occur throughout the week for Bible study, small group fellowship, and other activities.

Our Facility



Bethel’s 26,274-square-foot church building is conveniently located at the corner of Bethel and Reed Roads in Northwest Columbus. After the initial construction in 1968, additional renovations have expanded and upgraded our place of worship, with the most recent renovation completed in 2013. Acknowledging God’s provision, we are thankful that our facilities are not only well maintained and in excellent condition, but also debt free.

Specific features include the following:

- Enlarged Sanctuary seating over 300 with upgraded audiovisual equipment and digital screens
- Fellowship Hall with Kitchen
- Gathering Place at Entryway
- Education Wing for Classrooms

- Family and Children’s Ministry Area - newly updated and refurbished
- Student Ministry Area – recently revamped and renewed
- Front office and Administrative Wing for Staff Offices
- Enlarged Rest Rooms
- New Roof
- New Electronic Sign along Bethel Road

Staffing

Full-Time

Senior Pastor
 Associate Pastor
 Office Manager

Part-Time

Organist/Choir Director
 Contemporary Worship Leader
 Treasurer
 Audiovisual Coordinators
 Custodian

Where We Are Going

God alone knows, as He is sovereign. However, as we face the future at Bethel, we see challenges and opportunities to step out in faith to fulfill God’s mission to transform lives in all tribes, tongues and nations – many of whom are living here in Central Ohio within a few miles of Bethel.



The Gospel is as relevant and important as ever. With Session approving a streamlined focus on evangelism and discipleship, we at Bethel Presbyterian Church anticipate many exciting opportunities to relay the Good News to the internationally diverse population that resides in close proximity to our church.

Bethel has deep wisdom, fiscal stability, and a strong heart for the educational nurturing of all ages. We certainly have always had a heart for maintaining a Biblically-sound children’s program, and we have been blessed with committed teachers and a vibrant Vacation Bible School program. While we have many generations represented at Bethel, our widely recognized challenges and priorities focus on reaching more young adults and young families.

Our future continues to look outward as well as inward, building upon the community outreach of Bethel while deepening and strengthening our programs for those worshiping with us. We are physically located in an area where we have the opportunity to be a true pillar of the community. Additionally, we can draw worshipers at any point in their faith journey, coming alongside them as they discover the love of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are excited for what the Holy Spirit has in store for us as we work with our next Senior Pastor to grow and develop God's church at the corner of Bethel and Reed.

Senior Pastor Position Description

OVERVIEW

The Senior Pastor will lead, manage, and minister to the staff. The Senior Pastor will preach Scripture-based sermons, lead regular worship services, administer the sacraments, and lead the congregation.

The Senior Pastor will provide Christ-centered leadership and instruction for Session and the congregation, jointly planning the Session agenda with the Clerk of Session.

Further duties may be determined jointly by the Senior Pastor and Session.

QUALIFICATIONS

Education

Ideally, the candidate should have a Master of Divinity, or equivalent, from an accredited seminary and be ordained by ECO or another Reformed denomination that would be recognized by ECO for transfer.

Experience

The candidate should have experience as a Senior or Associate Pastor, with that experience including the management of multiple staff positions.

MAJOR RESPONSIBILITIES

Spends time with the Lord in daily Bible devotion to nourish and deepen a personal relationship with Him

Leads regular worship and other services with an obvious love and passion for Jesus Christ that reflects that personal relationship with Christ

Plans and preaches Christ-centered, Scripture-based sermons that apply to our daily lives, engage both the seeker and the mature believer, and empower us for discipleship and evangelism

Senior Pastor Position Description

Participates in the church's ministry for children, youth, and adults by teaching and conducting periodic, age-appropriate programs for each of these ministries

Administers scheduled sacraments that symbolize and seal the promise of the Gospel and remind us of Christ's holy sacrifice on our behalf

Provides pastoral guidance and comfort to members and non-member friends of the congregation with Christ-like encouragement, understanding, and compassion

Oversees and coordinates the duties of the church staff and, in conjunction with the Personnel Committee, participates in the annual performance review of each staff member

Moderates Session and congregational meetings

Officiates at weddings, baptisms, and funerals, sharing our joys and our sorrows

Responsible, along with the Session, for all church operations. This includes capital improvements and property management matters, working in conjunction with the Property Team

Directs the financial management of the church, including the annual stewardship drive and fund-raising activities, partnering with the Stewardship and Budget Team

Participates in ECO governance

Leads an annual visionary weekend retreat for church leadership

Ensures the training of all those participating in worship services

Commits to enhance the spiritual growth of the Bethel family and to take an active role in community outreach and evangelism

HOW TO APPLY

We thank you for your interest in the Senior Pastor position at Bethel Presbyterian Church and ask that all applicants submit the following items for our consideration in filling that position:

Cover letter that includes the reasons for exploring our opening

Statement of Faith

Resume

Three references who can speak to the applicant's character, gifts, and relevant experience in ministry leadership, along with email addresses and phone numbers for those references

Three videos of the applicant's recent sermons or links to those sermons

Applications may be emailed to: bethelpncsearch@gmail.com or mailed to:

Bethel Presbyterian Church
Attn: Pastor Nominating Committee
1735 Bethel Road
Columbus, OH. 43220

Application Deadline: September 1, 2022

Compensation: Bethel Presbyterian Church offers a full benefits package. Compensation and benefits will be commensurate with the applicant's background, education, and experience.