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M-F 9:00 am-2:00 pm

Bellevue Presbyterian Church

January 21, 2024

PRELUDE: “Raise Your Hand”

Donna Law, Soloist

H. Sorenson

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE TOLLING OF THE BELL

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

CALL TO WORSHIP: Isaiah 43:16-21

***HYMN:** “By Faith” (see insert)

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND CONFESSION (Together)

Holy and almighty God, we rejoice and give you praise and thanks for the power of your promise that called and established your holy people of ages past. We praise you and give you thanks for Jesus, who broke the bonds of sin and death, granting life everlasting to all who believe in Him. We praise and thank you for the Church—your Church, called, saved, and set apart to disciple all the nations. We humbly ask you O God, in the light of these amazing and astounding acts by which you made us your people, forgive our sin and all of the ways that we do not act like your people. Forgive our selfishness. Forgive us for failing to execute your mission. Forgive us when the work of our hands and the words of our mouth do not testify about Jesus and salvation in Him. Prevail upon us by the power of your Word and Spirit, that we might be all that you saved and set us apart to be, for the honor of your name and the building up of your Church. Through Christ Jesus our Lord, we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS: (2 Corinthians 5:19)

In Christ Jesus, God was reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and He has committed the message of reconciliation to us.

Thanks be to God! Amen!

SCRIPTURE READING: Acts 5:27-36; 8:26-40; (Pew Bible pp.1085-1086 & 1089 -1090)

***HYMN:** #405 “I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord”

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Children are dismissed for the Nursery and Children’s Church

THE OFFERING OF GIFTS

OFFERTORY “My Savior Leadeth Me” Nancy Price & Don Besig
Senior Choir

***DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 28:19b-20a (Pew Bible p. 993)

SERMON: “How the Faith Gets Transferred”

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

***HYMN:** #429 “They’ll Know We Are Christians”

***BENEDICTION**

*** POSTLUDE:** “The Savior is Waiting” R. Carmichael

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Key Points: “How the Faith Gets Transferred”

Matt. 28:19b-20a; Acts 5:27-36; 8:26-40

- “Going”, “baptizing”, and “teaching” describe how making disciples happens.
- *Baptizing them...* refers to what we see and participate in together as the sacrament of baptism. It is a public declaration of being a believer in Jesus, a sign of entrance into the community of faith, the Church.
- Baptism, in the name of the Trinity, binds the recipient to God. But there is more. Baptism in the name of the Trinity, binds the recipient to the community of the Church. Being a disciple of Jesus is not a solo operation.
- Baptism enfolds, grounds, connects, and inaugurates disciples together to be and do life and ministry for Jesus.
- We must always be pushing beyond doing church for me, to being the church of “we.”
- In addition to *baptizing them, teaching them to observe all that Jesus commanded* is also part of how transferring the faith to the next generations is to happen.
- “teaching” refers to the passing on of information or explaining a message.
- “Jesus wants obedient, mature disciples, not just immediate decisions.” (DeYoung & Gilbert)
- How is Bellevue prepared to teach those who may know nothing about God, Jesus, the Bible, or church?
- The teaching of the Apostles in the early church was a priority; proclaiming Jesus was at the core, negative reaction did not alter the message, and the teaching never stopped.

WELCOME

Thank you for joining us to worship the Lord today. If you have any questions, please ask one of our Welcome Center Hosts, a Pastor, or an Usher.

ASSISTIVE LISTENING DEVICES

If you would like to make use of our Assistive Listening devices, please pick one up at the Welcome Center.

CHILDREN IN THE SERVICE

Children of all ages are welcome in the worship service. Please welcome our children and give a smile of encouragement to their parents. We offer Nursery for ages 0-2. Children from 3 years of age through 2nd grade may join in Children’s Church following the Children’s Sermon for a Bible lesson and age-appropriate activities. They will return following the last hymn.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Every Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m., we have classes for all ages. All are welcome to come study God’s Word.

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## RETIREMENT RECEPTION CELEBRATION

### COFFEE HOUR FOR BRAD MOGER

Please join us following the service today for a special coffee hour to celebrate the retirement of our Associate Pastor, Brad Moger. Brad began his ministry at Bellevue as an Assistant Pastor in April of 2017, and was extended the call of Associate Pastor in 2021. During his ministry at Bellevue, Brad preached from the pulpit monthly and additionally as needed. He provided pastoral care, taught Sunday School, worked with Kingdom Kids, VBS, Youth Group and the Young Adult Group. His wife Kristin was a leader for the Women’s Ministry, was a mentor mom for MOPS, and helped with the Young Adult Group. We hope you will join us in thanking Brad and Kristin, and in praying God’s blessing over their future endeavors.

### SUNDAY SERVANTS

Transitional Pastor Jim Farrell  
Dir. Of Children's & Youth Ministries Kevin Wenrich  
Ruling Elder John Perella  
Pianist Wendy Fitts  
Welcome Center – Julie Parmer & Louise Stauffer  
Ushers – Dave Ault, Kevin High,  
Wendy Getty, Elise Roelands  
Soundboard – Adam Snyder, Josh Wolfe  
Nursery – Cameron & Beka Hurst

### THIS WEEK AT BELLEVUE

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| <b>SUNDAY</b>    | - 9:00 a.m. – Sunday School                     |
|                  | - 9:00 a.m. – Young Adult Group                 |
|                  | - 10:00 a.m. – Worship (Children's Church)      |
|                  | - 5:00 p.m. – Club 426                          |
|                  | - 6:30 p.m. – Youth Group                       |
|                  | - 6:30 p.m. – Sunday Night Live                 |
| <b>MONDAY</b>    | - 6:00 p.m. – Bellevue Trotters                 |
| <b>TUESDAY</b>   | - 7:00 p.m. – Deacons Committee Meeting         |
|                  | - 7:00 p.m. – Worship Support Committee Meeting |
| <b>WEDNESDAY</b> | - 5:25 p.m. – Children's Choir                  |
|                  | - 5:45 p.m. – Eat-N-Meet                        |
|                  | - 6:30 p.m. – Kingdom Kids                      |
|                  | - 7:00 p.m. – Sr. Choir                         |
|                  | - 8:00 p.m. – McScripts                         |
| <b>THURSDAY</b>  | - 6:00 p.m. – Bellevue Trotters                 |
| <b>FRIDAY</b>    | - POTE – (Presbytery of the East)               |
| <b>SATURDAY</b>  | - POTE – (Presbytery of the East)               |

### SAVE THE DATES

February 2-4 – Youth Ski Trip  
February 4 – Annual Congregational Meeting

Staff Schedule  
Jim – POTE – January 26-27

## Bellevue “NEWS & NOTES” – January 21, 2024

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** – The annual Congregational Meeting of Bellevue Presbyterian Church will be held Sunday, February 4, 2024, directly following the worship service.

**WOMEN'S MINISTRY** – The next Women's Ministry Bible Study will begin on Tuesday, February 6th from 6:00–8:30 in Davies Hall! Come join us as we study the books of 1st, 2nd and 3rd John with Jen Wilkin in her study called “Abide”. We hope you can join us and bring a friend.

**SNOW CLOSINGS/CANCELATIONS** – If the Pequea Valley School district is closed for the day, due to inclement weather, then all evening events at Bellevue for that day will also be cancelled. Notice of cancelations due to inclement weather, for Sunday morning services only, will be sent out via Mailchimp (email). If you don't have an email account, we ask that you contact a church friend who does have an email, for any updates.

**PASTOR JIM'S LAST SUNDAY/COVERED DISH** – Pastor Jim's service to Bellevue as Transitional Pastor will end with the Sunday service of February 4, 2024. He and Kathy will leave the area in a Penske van on Wednesday, February 7 bound for Arizona. A farewell covered dish luncheon will be held following the called congregational meeting (which is after the church service). Please bring a favorite hot or cold dish or salad. Desserts are always welcome! Drinks will be provided. Please speak with John Marble or Mandy Doutrich if you have any questions.

**YOUTH GROUP SKI TRIP** – The Youth Group Ski trip will be held February 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup>. Below is the QR code for the sign up. The deadline to sign up is January 17.

