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

Bellevue Presbyterian Church

February 4, 2024

PRELUDE: “The Church’s One Foundation”

Arr. M. Hayes

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE TOLLING OF THE BELL

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

CALL TO WORSHIP: Revelation 5:11-14 (pp. 1221-1222)

***HYMN:** #3 “Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty”

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND CONFESSION

(Together)

Almighty and Holy God, John’s vision in the Book of Revelation of the eternal worship of saints and angels around your throne is so splendid and inspiring. We praise you for allowing John to see and record this magnificent event to instruct and stir our worship of you. We look forward to that day and sitting with you in glory. We humbly pray that you forgive us for our sin that causes us to be so casual about our worship of you. We sometimes think our worship here is so unexciting and even mundane. We often say words and do rituals without thinking of the grandeur of heaven and the glory that we anticipate. Forgive us for our sin. Forgive us for entering your presence so superficially, for failing to worship you in spirit and in truth. Humble our hearts and minds. Renew our spirits with your Spirit. *Since Jesus passed through the heaven, let us draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.* Amen.

ASSURANCE OF 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!

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Children are dismissed for the Nursery and Children’s Church

THE OFFERING OF GIFTS

OFFERTORY: “The Mighty Power of God”

M. Hayes

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: 2 Peter 1:3-4 (p. 1206)

SERMON: “Christ’s Power for What’s Next”

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord’s Table

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 sin, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Words of Institution

The Serving of the Bread

Hymn: “Behold the Lamb” vs. 1 & 2 (see insert)

The Serving of the Cup

Hymn: “Behold the Lamb” vs. 3 & 4 (see insert)

PRAYER

***HYMN:** “Yet Not I, But Christ in Me” (see insert)

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: “God Be with You till We Meet Again”

W. Tomer

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FLOWERS: The flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of our son Steven by Bill & Betsy Piasecki.

Key Points: “Christ’s Power for What’s Next” 2 Peter 1:3-4

- In these two verses, the Apostle Peter wrote truths to Christians at a time when there were challenges to being certain about the faith, and challenges as regards maturing in the faith.
- We can only imagine what Christians then may have been thinking: Is what I profess going to prove itself under pressure? How do I stay true to the Christian confession?
- We could be asking similar questions: How are we going to be faithful disciple-makers to our neighbors? How do we faithfully be the Lord’s Church when it’s hard to do—when the church’s influence is in decline?
- Peter answered the questions: VS3 – *Jesus’ divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness.* “Peter focused on the provision God has made.” (Johnston)
- Our difficult and seemingly hopeless situations are never finally as difficult and hopeless as we think, when life happens from the place of *Christ’s divine power...*
- Next time you are in a tough place, listen to your self-talk to see who’s in the driver’s seat of your life. Is it “I” or God?
- Not too long ago our Vision Team set out to answer one question: How does GOD want to express HIMSELF through Bellevue in our community at this time?
- The Christians’ power derives from Christ’s power.
- Turn your eyes upon Jesus... and keep them there!

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 4 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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## **PASTOR JIM’S LAST SUNDAY AND FAREWELL COVERED DISH**

Today is Pastor Jim’s last day of service at Bellevue as Transitional Pastor.

A farewell covered dish luncheon will be held following the called congregational meeting, in celebration and thanksgiving for Jim’s time with Bellevue. We hope you will join us for the meal and in thanking Jim for his services here at Bellevue.

Jim and Kathy will leave the area in a Penske van on Wednesday, February 7 bound for Arizona!



### SUNDAY SERVANTS

Transitional Pastor Jim Farrell

Ruling Elder David Cole

Pianist Wendy Fitts

Welcome Center – Rob & Patti Bitts

Ushers – John Harsh, Nick Viscuso,

Bob Pride, Holly Pride

Soundboard – Adam Snyder, Daniel Garfinkle

Nursery – Duane & Tammy Groff

### THIS WEEK AT BELLEVUE

#### COMMUNION

- SUNDAY**
- 9:00 a.m. – Sunday School
  - 9:00 a.m. – Young Adult Group
  - 10:00 a.m. – Worship (Children's Church)
  - 11:15 a.m. – Congregational Meeting
  - 2:00 p.m. – Youth Group Home from Ski Trip
  - 6:30 p.m. – Sunday Night Live
- MONDAY**
- 6:00 p.m. – Bellevue Trotters
- TUESDAY**
- 6:30 p.m. – Women's Bible Study
- WEDNESDAY**
- 5:25 p.m. – Children's Choir
  - 5:45 p.m. – Eat-N-Meet
  - 6:30 p.m. – Kingdom Kids
  - 8:00 p.m. – McScripts
- THURSDAY**
- 6:00 p.m. – Bellevue Trotters

### SAVE THE DATES

February 8 – NO Church Prayer Service

February 10 – Prayer Walk 11:30 a.m.

February 11 – Club 426 Snow Tubing 12:00 Noon

February 13 – Women's Bible Study 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

February 14 – First Lenten Service and Luncheon 12:10 p.m.

February 15 – Session Committee Meeting 7:00 p.m.

February 16 – Valentine's Dinner 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

March 10-16 – Kentucky Missions Trip

### Staff Schedule

February 7 – Pastor Paul Tom's first day in the office

## Bellevue "NEWS & NOTES" – February 4, 2024

**COMMUNION** – We invite all believers in Jesus Christ to celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion with us this morning. We hold the bread (gluten free wafers are in the cup in the center of the bread plate) and grape juice until all are served. Pre-packaged communion cups are available in Friendship Hall. Our Elders serving today are David Cole, Lee Brown, Jacob Brown and John Perella.

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** – The Annual Meeting of the Bellevue Congregation will be conducted today, immediately following the conclusion of the Sunday service, for the purpose of receiving the 2023 annual report, electing the 2024 Audit Committee, and electing the Congregation representatives of the 2024 Nominating Committee.

**WOMEN'S MINISTRY** – The next Women's Ministry Bible Study will begin this Tuesday, February 6th from 6:30–8:00 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.

**PIANIST** – We rejoice and are delighted to inform the congregation that Wendy Fitts, our temporary pianist/accompanist, will be with Bellevue until Sunday, March 3. Thank you, Wendy!

**VALENTINE'S DINNER** – The Fellowship Committee would like to invite you to a Valentine's Dinner on Friday, February 16<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. Our own Nick Viscuso will be providing entertainment for the evening. This is an adult only event and childcare will not be provided. Please sign up at the Welcome Center so we have an idea of how many people we will be serving. There is no charge for the meal, but donations are welcomed. Any questions, please contact John Marble or Mandy Doutrich.

**2024 FLOWER CALENDAR** – is available on the bulletin board across from the office to sign up to donate flower bouquets for the sanctuary for a Sunday morning worship service. The cost of the bouquets is \$60. There are many available Sunday's slots!

**COFFEE HOUR** – Thank you to the many people and families who have provided the snacks and drinks for our Sunday morning Coffee Hour over the past year! Sign-up sheets for the new year, months February and March are at the Welcome Center in the Lobby, if you are interested in donating snacks or drinks.