

Bethel Chapel

SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

The Long Way Home

Luke 15:11-32

The father runs before the speech is finished.
Grace does not wait to hear whether you meant it.

Gathering and announcements

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Opening prayer

Scripture reading

Luke 15:11-32

Sermon

The younger son rehearses a speech

The father runs before it is finished

The elder brother is still outside

Which of the two are you this week

Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling

Prayers of the people

Offertory

Prayer

God of the running welcome, we have rehearsed our speeches and you have not waited to hear them. Meet us on the road. Teach us to want what you want for the people we have written off, and for the ones who have written us off. Amen.

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Benediction

Announcements

Church potluck this Saturday at noon. Bring a dish to share and a chair if you have one.

Wednesday night prayer meeting, 6:30pm in the fellowship hall. Childcare provided.

Sympathy to the Hollis family in the loss of their mother, Ruth. Visitation is Thursday evening.

The food pantry is open Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9am to noon. Volunteers always welcome, see Marge.

Deacons meet the first Sunday of each month immediately following the service.

The nursery will be closed next Sunday while the floors are refinished.

Serving this Sunday

Greeters: the Alvarez family. Ushers: Ray and Don. Nursery: Beth. Coffee: the Thursday quilting circle, again, and we are not going to stop thanking them for it.

Looking ahead

Sept 20, fifth Sunday singing at 6pm. Sept 27,
bring a friend Sunday with a potluck after.
Oct 4, World Communion Sunday.

A sample church, for demonstration
Sunday worship 10:30am
Bulletin made in PastorPrep