

SCRIPTURE *Genesis 22:1-19*

SERMON *"The Endangered Promise"*

PRAYER

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

PRESENTING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO THE LORD

OFFERTORY *"Prelude"* Jean Langlais

* DOXOLOGY

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

All: All that we have is a gift from you, O Lord. As we return to you these gifts from your own, we do so as an act of gratitude, trust and dedication to you alone. Accept these gifts, bless them and use them for your glory and for the work of your Kingdom. Amen.

* SONG FOR SENDING
Hymn #339: *"Be Thou My Vision"*

* BLESSING

* POSTLUDE *"Pasticcio"* Jean Langlais

Biographical Information - Jean Langlais:

Langlais was born in La Fontenelle (Ille-et-Vilaine, Brittany), a small village near Mont Saint-Michel, France. Langlais became blind due to glaucoma when he was only two years old and was sent to the Institut National des Jeunes Aveugles (National Institute for Blind Children) in Paris, where he began to study the organ with André Marchal. From there he progressed to the Paris Conservatoire, obtaining prizes in organ and studying composition with Marcel Dupré and Paul Dukas. He also studied improvisation with Charles Tournemire.

After graduating, Langlais returned to the National Institute for Blind Children to teach and also taught at the Schola Cantorum in Paris from 1961 to 1976. Many of his students went on to become important musicians, including organists and composers.

It was as an organist that Langlais made his name, following in the footsteps of César Franck and Tournemire as *organiste titulaire* at the Basilica of Sainte-Clotilde in Paris in 1945, a post in which he remained until 1988. He was much in demand as a concert organist and toured widely across Europe and the United States.

Langlais died in Paris at 84 and was survived by his second wife Marie-Louise Jaquet-Langlais and three children, Janine, Claude and Caroline.

WORSHIP NOTES

NELL ERWIN MEMORIAL SERVICE: The Erwin family is planning a Graveside Service for Nell on Saturday, September 8th, at 11:00 a.m. Friends of Nell's are welcome to join the family for this service. (Participants can park in our church parking lot and walk to the cemetery office building.)

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS AND HYMNALS, as well as audio listening devices, are available from the Worship Welcome Team.

MONTHLY CONGREGATIONAL LETTERS: On communion Sundays, five letters will be placed in the Narthex and then taken to Fellowship in Galbraith Hall. *Please add a quick note to each letter ... these letters provide an important link to those members unable to join us during worship each week.*

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION: Will be observed on Sunday, Sept. 2nd, Team 1 - Barbara Jay.

MEMBERS IN SERVICE

LITURGISTS: Dan Beckstrom; Sept. 2nd Cathy Misko

FELLOWSHIP HOSTS: Families A & B; Sept. 2nd Families C & D

CHILD CARE: The Lucidore Family; Sept. 2nd Child Care rooms are open, but not staffed due to the holiday.

WORSHIP WELCOME TEAM: Team 11: Morris* & Ann* Lindsay, Lana & Jason Kling, Marilyn DeHuff; Sept. 2nd - Team 12: Pat & Bill Brown, Carole Legleitner, Stacey* & Brad* Lucidore (*Chairlift)

SANCTUARY COORDINATORS: Gary May; Sept. 2nd Pam Decker

GRAPHICS TEAM: Courtney Kiesling; Sept. 2nd Robin Macherey

SOUND BOARD: Gail Anderson; Sept. 2nd Frank Jackson

CHANCEL FLOWERS:

In Loving Memory of Nancy Hough Soliday, given by her sister Jodie Hough Martinson.

PRAYER CONCERNS: Rob Backstrom, Hartley Baird, Hank Barr, Gary Bittner, Marilou Booth, Art Brandenburg, Ginny Burford, Michele Cobb, Sueann DeFurio, Bob Dare, Linda Dermotta, Bert Drummond, Cliff Fair, Jean Fishel, Ginny Flynn, Bettyjean Gamble, Linda Hackett, Dick Jones, Dick Kraft, Pat Kraft, Whitten Little, Jack Miller, Emily Parise, Leanne Parise, Donna Puglisi, Betty Ramsey, Dave Rawlings, Ann Reid, Sue Schoenberger, Joan Sherbak, Anne Unger, Sheila and Rich Vandevander, Kristi Wade, Edith Wallace, Russell York, Sam Zimmerman

Upcoming Dates!

Aug. 26 th	Catch Up Sunday
Sept. 9 th	Rally Sunday
Sept. 15 th	PWPP Fall Gathering
Sept. 16 th	Ladies 80's Sunday
Sept. 16 th	Youth Group Kick -Off
Sept. 30 th	Homecoming Picnic at Oliver Miller Homestead

**Congregation Life
Weekly Newsletter
August 26, 2018**

SOUTH HILLS INTERFAITH MOVEMENT FOOD PANTRIES: In order to fully stock the shelves at the Food Pantry, South Hills Interfaith Movement is requesting donations of jars of spaghetti sauce, canned pineapple and potato products. Plastic grocery bags are needed so that produce from the gardens can be bagged for the clients. All donations are appreciated and can be left at the Marshall Road entrance.

THANK YOU to the Preschool/Child Care Board for funding and installing air conditioning in the Learning Center. It is a wonderful addition to our building and will benefit our Preschool and church greatly. If you have a moment, walk down the steps and feel the difference.



THE WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY will resume on September 12th at 10:00 a.m. in the McMillan Room. We will be reading the book of Nehemiah. He was a "man with a plan" and with God's help accomplished his goal. Everyone is welcome. Bring your Bible.

THE PW NAOMI CIRCLE will resume their meetings on September 5th, 10:00 a.m., at the Bethel Park Retirement Center (across the street from the church). Please bring your Bible!



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY: Looking for something to give a family member, a friend or coworker who needs prayers for better health or loss of a loved one or healing or a new challenge? Consider a prayer shawl made by a devoted church member. Prayer shawls are available anytime you need one. Let any M&O member, Mary Helen or the office know and we

will get it to you. As always, we'd love to enlarge our knitting and crocheting group and could use your help. Thanks from Mission & Outreach.

THE TABLE: We will be serving dinner at The Table again on Tuesday, August 28th. Help is needed for preparing the meal at 6:00 p.m. the night before and serving the meal on Tuesday. If you are interested, the sign-up sheet is located at the bottom of the Narthex stairs.

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT
June 2018**

	Pledged Giving June	Total Income June	Total Income Jan-June	Ministry Expenses June	Ministry Expenses Jan-June
Actual	\$20,779	\$34,722	\$174,056	\$25,291	\$202,148
Expected	\$22,167	\$31,289	\$167,000	\$37,872	\$232,959

Thank you for your support of our church. Please keep in mind that we are running a deficit budget and your continued support and prayers will be needed over the coming months.

2018 PER CAPITA: The per capita amount for 2018 is \$33.05 and is set by the Pittsburgh Presbytery to support operations of the Presbytery, Synod and General Assembly. This amount is per active member, not per family. BPC makes up the shortfall from our operating budget for those members who do not contribute per capita, leaving less money to support our church projects and missions. Please consider contributing your per capita in addition to your regular contribution. In this way we minimize the amount which must come out of our operating budget. If you receive offering envelopes, there is a special envelope for your per capita contribution. If you do not receive offering envelopes, identify on the memo line of your check "2018 per capita". Please prayerfully consider your contribution.

PER CAPITA STATUS AS OF JULY 31, 2018			
Per Capita Invoice	Amount Budgeted	Amount Collected	Difference
\$8,603	\$4,000	\$3,508	-\$1,095



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Past sermons are now
available to listen to on
our website!!**

Recordings include music, prayers and other parts of the worship service, too!

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**BEGINNINGS
& Blessings**

A series of worship and message in Genesis, exploring the relationship of God with His people from the very beginning...

May-October 2018 Sundays at 10:30 am

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CONGREGATIONAL CALENDAR

Sunday, August 26 (Daily Readings: Psalm 67, 150, Job 4:1-6, 12-21, Rev. 4:1-11, Mark 6:1-6a)

- 10:30 a.m. Worship, Catch Up Sunday
Pastor: Rev. Cathie Smith
(child care provided for infants up to 5 years of age)
- 11:30 a.m. Fellowship: Families A & B
- 11:30 a.m. Nominating Committee Meeting
- 11:45 a.m. Volunteer Training

Monday, August 27 (Daily Readings: Psalm 57, 145, Job 4:1, 5:1-11, 17-21, 26-27, Acts 9:19b-31, John 6:52-59)

- 1:00 p.m. Church Staff Meeting
- 6:00 p.m. Cook Dinner for The Table
- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 215 Meeting

Tuesday, August 28 (Daily Readings: Psalm 54, 146, Job 6:1-4, 8-15, 21, Acts 9:32-43, John 6:60-71)

- 10:00 a.m. Quilters Meeting
- 4:00 p.m. The Table - Outreach for Mission & Outreach
- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Meeting

Wednesday, August 29 (Daily Readings: Psalm 65, 147:1-11, Job 6:1, 7:1-21, Acts 10:1-16, John 7:1-13)

- 11:00 a.m. Luncheon for Teachers
- 6:30 p.m. Preschool Open House
- 7:00 p.m. Macdonald Pipe Band Rehearsal
- 7:30 p.m. AA Meeting

Thursday, August 30 (Daily Readings: Psalm 143, 147:12-20, Job 8:1-10, 20-22, Acts 10:17-33, John 7:14-36)

- 5:00 p.m. Kinder Karate
- 6:30 p.m. Preschool Open House

Friday, August 31 (Daily Readings: Psalm 88, 148, Job 9:1-15, 32-35, Acts 10:34-48, John 7:37-52)

Saturday, September 1 (Daily Readings: Psalm 122, 149, Job 9:1, 10:1-9, 16-22, Acts 11:1-18, John 8:12-20)

Sunday, September 2 (Daily Readings: Psalm 108, 150, Job 11:1-9, 13-20, Rev. 5:1-14, Matt. 5:1-12)

- 10:30 a.m. Worship
Communion - Team 1
Pastor: Rev. Cathie Smith
(child care provided for infants up to 5 years of age)
- 11:30 a.m. Fellowship: Families C & D
- 7:00 p.m. Cub Scout Committee Meeting

CHOIR REMINDER: For those of you who are returning or may be interested in joining our musical ensembles, our season will commence the week after Labor Day. Bell Choir (in the Sanctuary) and the Chancel Choir (in the Choir Room) meet at their respective times (6:30 p.m. and 7:45 p.m.). Both of these ensembles are looking for new members to join and we encourage participation in the music program at BPC. If you are interested in joining, please see Jason Wilcox for more information.



Bethel Presbyterian Church
Worship for the Lord's Day
August 26, 2018
10:30 A.M.

"Changed by Christ So We Can Change the World"

* Please stand in body or spirit as you are able.

Prayer Request Cards are located in the pew racks. If you have a request, please complete a card and hand it to an usher during the first hymn. **(Prayer cards are not used on the Sundays we observe the Lord's Supper or perform baptisms.)**

PRELUDE *Improvisations on the Day's Hymns*

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Gracious and loving God, hear our prayer. We know we do not always live as we ought: We turn away from you, from our neighbor and from our true selves. We know we dim your light within us, with our pride, our self-righteousness and our need for control. We know that you love us, that you do not abandon us and that again and again you call us back to you, back to love, back to grace, back to your light. Forgive us, we pray, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FAITHFULNESS AND FORGIVENESS

* **SONG OF TRUST AND ADORATION**

Hymn #220: "All People That on Earth Do Dwell"

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

Please sign the friendship pad (the red folder) and pass along to others in your row, greeting others by name after worship.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

* **PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION