

## INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

### PRESENTING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO THE LORD

**OFFERTORY** "Noel Carol for Advent" Arr. Patrick M. Liebergen

#### \* DOXOLOGY

#### \* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Liturgist: Please join me as we dedicate these offerings to God's use and purposes.

**All:** God of Grace, in the midst of a season so focused on shopping and finding the right gift, we give our gifts to you now. We remember that all our giving has its foundation in the amazing gift you gave to us: putting on flesh and coming in the form of a child, Emmanuel, God With Us! May what we give today and in the days to come, be bathed in the knowledge that yours is the most perfect gift and the one we need the most. Amen.

#### \* COMMUNION SONG

Hymn #5: "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"

## INVITATION TO THE TABLE

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: May the Lord be with you.

**All:** And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**All:** We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All:** It is right to give our thanks and praise.

**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.

## THE BREAD OF LIFE

## THE CUP OF SALVATION

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**All:** Lord, we have eaten your bread and we have shared your cup. Send us out now into your world to joyfully proclaim the good news of your great love, to be beacons of your hope and instruments of your peace. Amen.

#### \* CLOSING SONG

Insert: "While We Are Waiting, Come"

#### \* CHARGE

#### \* BLESSING

#### \* CHORAL RESPONSE

**\* POSTLUDE** Postlude on "An Olde English Carol" Philip Kreckel

## WORSHIP NOTES

**OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY** to the Hatten/Sherbak family on the loss of Maggie Hatten (Joan Sherbak's mother). Please keep the family in your prayers during this difficult time.

**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, Jan. 6<sup>th</sup>, Team 1 – Barbara Jay.

## MEMBERS IN SERVICE

**LITURGISTS:** Angel Jackson; Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> Barbara Jay

**FELLOWSHIP HOSTS:** Families A & B; Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> Families C & D

**CHILD CARE:** Carrie Virgin & Marilyn Beckstrom; Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> Rob McKinley & Jessica Kelecava

**WORSHIP WELCOME TEAM:** Team 1: Greg Smith, Pam & Conrad Adomaitis, Tom Hultz\*, Bob Daschbach\*; Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> - Team 2: Heather & Jim Hunter, Lora Spence, Mary Helen Burroughs\*, Kathy Crump\* (\*Chairlift)

**SANCTUARY COORDINATORS:** Carol MacDonald; Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> Greg Smith

**GRAPHICS TEAM:** Courtney Kiesling; Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> Larry Jay

**SOUND BOARD:** Steve Kloc; Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> Gail Anderson

#### CHANCEL FLOWERS:

In Loving Memory of Donald Alan Dare, given by Mabel Dare.

In Honor of husband Robert Dare, son David Robert Dare, granddaughters Brittany and Shannon Dare, given by Mabel Dare.

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

### Upcoming Events!

Dec. 9 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Palooza
Dec. 16 <sup>th</sup>	Youth Group Christmas Party
Dec. 17 <sup>th</sup>	Cancer Encouragement
Dec. 19 <sup>th</sup>	Staff Luncheon
Dec. 24 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Eve Services
Jan. 12 <sup>th</sup>	Men's & Women's Breakfasts
Jan. 18 <sup>th</sup> - 20 <sup>th</sup>	Youth Group Winter Retreat
Jan. 19 <sup>th</sup>	Foster Love Project
Jan. 21 <sup>st</sup>	Cancer Encouragement

## Congregation Life Weekly Newsletter December 2, 2018

**ELMA BLACK IS MOVING:** We feel such sorrow in Elma's leaving, yet we rejoice with her in anticipation of this new phase of her life. We will miss her love and support (and her apple pies), yet we know she will be able to spend more time with her family. Elma, you have added so much happiness to our lives! (Check future Bulletins for Elma's new address.)

## Advent Bible Study

Wednesdays at 7:30 pm

Join Pastor Cathie and Jessica as we explore the "songs" of the Christmas story in the Gospel of Luke



12/5 Mary's Song (Luke 1:46-55)

12/12 Zechariah's Prophecy (Luke 1:67-79)

12/19 The Angels' Proclamation (Luke 2:8-14)



**THE NAOMI CIRCLE CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON** is scheduled for noon on Wednesday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, at the Bethel Park Retirement Residence. Please contact Marilyn Kunkle with any questions.

**SOUTH HILLS INTERFAITH MOVEMENT FOOD PANTRIES:** Since the holiday season is upon us, SHIM would like to have a shelf at the Food Pantry dedicated to baking items. They are requesting donations of flour, sugar, vanilla, spices or any other baking product you would use to make your favorite holiday treat. SHIM would appreciate any nonperishable food item you choose to donate.



**COAT DRIVE:** South Hills Interfaith Movement is hosting an ongoing Coat Drive. Gently-used winter coats for men, women and children (all sizes) would be greatly appreciated! Please place your donations in the Marshall Road entrance.

Thank you,  
Debbie May, PW Mission Coordinator

Bethel Presbyterian's First Annual...

## CHRISTMAS PALOOZA!

for families with children 1 year old – 4<sup>th</sup> grade

Sunday, Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> 3:00-5:00 pm

An afternoon of Christmas fun for families to decorate cookies, make crafts, play games together, and watch "A Charlie Brown Christmas" with hot chocolate!



See insert for registration form.

**SPARE CHANGE COLLECTION SUNDAY IS SCHEDULED FOR DECEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup>.**

Please bring your spare change and deposit it in the containers during Fellowship Hour so SHIM can continue to meet the needs of all its clients. Please donate generously; this will be our last contribution for 2018.



**LOOKING TO BUY SOMEONE OR YOURSELF A NEW BIBLE FOR CHRISTMAS?** Please join us in the McMillan Room following worship today to look at various translations of the Bibles, their differences and what else to consider when purchasing a new Bible. Bibles will be set up in a line for you to browse at your convenience and handouts are also available.

**New Church T-Shirts!!**



Help support our youth who will be attending the Reach Mission Trip this summer by purchasing one of these great new Bethel Presbyterian Church t-shirts for yourself or for a gift!

T-shirts come in adult sizes S-XXL

\$15.00

See Pastor Cathie or Kasey to purchase a shirt.

Thank you for your support!



Did you miss a sermon? Past sermons are now available to listen to on our website!!

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

[www.bethelpresby.org/sermons](http://www.bethelpresby.org/sermons)

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**CONGREGATIONAL CALENDAR**

**Sunday, December 2** (Daily Readings: Psalm 24, 150, Isa. 1:1-9, 2 Peter 3:1-10, Matt. 25:1-13)

- 9:15 a.m. Sunday School/Small Groups
- 9:15 a.m. Soldiers Angels Packing Event
- 9:30 a.m. Confirmation Class
- 10:30 a.m. Worship, Advent 1  
Communion - Team 4  
Pastor: Rev. Cathie Smith  
(child care provided for infants up to 5 years of age)
- 11:30 a.m. Fellowship: Families A & B
- 12:00 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal
- 2:00 p.m. A Christmas Story - Little Lake Theater
- 7:00 p.m. Youth Group

**Monday, December 3** (Daily Readings: Psalm 122, 145, Isa. 1:10-20, 1 Thess. 1:1-10, Luke 20:1-8)

- 1:00 p.m. Church Staff Meeting
- 5:45 p.m. Girl Scout Meeting
- 6:00 p.m. Boy Scout JLC Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 215 Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Worship Committee Meeting

**Tuesday, December 4** (Daily Readings: Psalm 33, 146, Isa. 1:21-31, 1 Thess. 2:1-12, Luke 20:9-18)

- 10:00 a.m. Quilters Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Christian Education Committee Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Supportive Services Committee Meeting

**Wednesday, December 5** (Daily Readings: Psalm 50, 147:1-11, Isa. 2:1-4, 1 Thess. 2:13-20, Luke 20:19-26)

- 12:00 p.m. Naomi Circle Christmas Luncheon
- 7:00 p.m. Macdonald Pipe Band Rehearsal
- 7:30 p.m. AA Meeting
- 7:30 p.m. Advent Bible Study

**Thursday, December 6** (Daily Readings: Psalm 18:1-20, 147:12-20, Isa. 2:5-22, 1 Thess. 3:1-13, Luke 20:27-40)

- 1:00 p.m. Pittsburgh Presbytery Meeting
- 5:00 p.m. Kinder Karate
- 6:30 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal
- 7:45 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

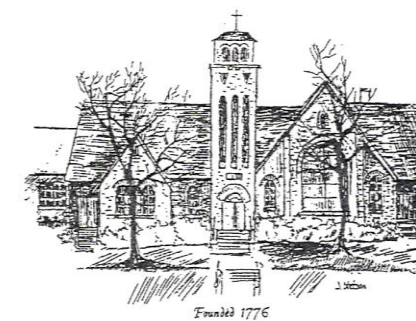
**Friday, December 7** (Daily Readings: Psalm 102, 148, Isa. 3:1-4:1, 1 Thess. 4:1-12, Luke 20:41-21:4)

- 9:00 a.m. TEIS Playgroup

**Saturday, December 8** (Daily Readings: Psalm 90, 149, Isa. 4:2-6, 1 Thess. 4:13-18, Luke 21:5-19)

**Sunday, December 9** (Daily Readings: Psalm 24, 150, Isa. 5:1-7, 2 Peter 3:11-18, Luke 7:28-35)

- 9:15 a.m. Sunday School/Small Groups
- 9:30 a.m. Confirmation Class
- 10:30 a.m. Worship, Advent 2  
Pastor: Rev. Cathie Smith  
(child care provided for infants up to 5 years of age)
- 11:30 a.m. Fellowship: Families C & D
- 3:00 p.m. Christmas Palooza
- 6:15 p.m. Confirmation Class
- 6:30 p.m. Bell Choir Concert at Bethel Retirement Residence



**Bethel Presbyterian Church**  
Worship for the Lord's Day  
Celebration of the Lord's Supper  
December 2, 2018  
10:30 A.M.

*"Changed by Christ So We Can Change the World"*

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

**PRELUDE** "Advent Meditation" William Stickles

**THE RINGING OF THE BELL**

**WELCOME AND OUR LIFE TOGETHER**

**CALL TO WORSHIP AND LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES**

**\* SONG OF EXPECTATION**  
Hymn #2: "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

**\* CALL TO HUMILITY**

**\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**All:** God, we are ready for hope. We long for the light of hope to shine in our lives. Yet as we rush through our days, we fail to see the hope-filled gifts you've given us. Help us slow down. Enter our hearts with a gentle reminder of the hope you bring. Open our eyes to the many blessings we've received so that we can turn toward others and share your gifts of hope.

**\* ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

**\* THE APOSTLES' CREED**

**All:** We believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. We believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Liturgist: This we can know, this we can trust. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and freed to live for him.

**All:** Thanks be to God!

**CHORAL ANTHEM** "Where Hope Began" David Lantz III

**SCRIPTURE** Isaiah 9:1-7

**SERMON** Narnia: A Kingdom to Hope For

**PRAYER OF RESPONSE**