

SERMON *"The Justice of Grace"*

* SONG OF RESPONSE
Hymn #280: *"Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"*

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

Cathie: In peace, *let us pray to the Lord.*
All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Cathie: For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God and for our salvation, *let us pray to the Lord.*
All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Cathie: For the peace of the world, for the unity of the church of God and for the well-being of all peoples, *let us pray to the Lord.*
All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Cathie: For this gathering of the faithful and for all who offer here their worship and praise, *let us pray to the Lord.*
All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Cathie: For all the baptized, for all who serve in the church, *let us pray to the Lord.*
All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Cathie: For our elected officials, for the leaders of the nations and for all in authority, *let us pray to the Lord.*
All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Cathie: For this city, for every city and community and for those who live in them, *let us pray to the Lord.*
All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Cathie: For seasonable weather and for abundant harvests for all to share, *let us pray to the Lord.*
All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Cathie: For those who travel by land, water or air, *let us pray to the Lord.*
All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Cathie: For those who are aged and infirmed, for those who are widowed and orphaned and for those who are sick and suffering, *let us pray to the Lord.*
All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Cathie: For those who are poor and oppressed, for those who are unemployed and destitute, for those who are imprisoned and captive and for all who remember and care for them, *let us pray to the Lord.*
All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Cathie: For deliverance in times of affliction, strife and need, *let us pray to the Lord.*
All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Cathie: For those names and situations in our hearts this day ... For ...
let us pray to the Lord.
All: Lord, hear our 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.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

PRESENTING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO THE LORD

OFFERTORY *"Lonesome Valley"* Gilbert M. Martin
Chancel Choir

* DOXOLOGY

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

All: Blessed are you, God of all creation; through your goodness we have these gifts to share. Accept and use our offerings for your glory and for the service of your kingdom. Amen.

* SONG FOR SENDING
Hymn #275: *"God of Our Life"*

* BLESSING

* CHORAL RESPONSE

* POSTLUDE St. John's Passion J. S. Bach
"O Grosse Lieb"

WORSHIP NOTES

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY to the Dare family on the loss of Marlene Sentesi (Mabel Dare's sister). 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 Thursday, March 29th (Team 3, Robin Macherey).

MEMBERS IN SERVICE

LITURGISTS: Marilyn Beckstrom; Mar. 25th Dan Beckstrom

FELLOWSHIP HOSTS: Families C & D; Mar. 25th Families E - H

CHILD CARE: The Schultz Family; Mar. 25th The Smith Family

WORSHIP WELCOME TEAM: Team 12: Pat & Bill Brown, Carole Legleitner, Stacey* & Brad* Lucidore; Mar. 25th - Team 1: Greg Smith, Pam & Conrad Adomaitis, Tom Hultz*, Betty Bauer* (*Chairlift)

SANCTUARY COORDINATORS: Carol MacDonald; Mar. 25th Greg Smith

GRAPHICS TEAM: Larry Jay; Mar. 25th Robin Macherey

SOUND BOARD: Frank Jackson; Mar. 25th Steve Kloc

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.



SOUTH HILLS INTERFAITH MOVEMENT FOOD PANTRIES: The shelves at SHIM are in need of salad dressing, creamed soups and paper towels. These items, or any nonperishable food, would be greatly appreciated.

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.

Upcoming Dates!

Wednesdays in Lent Dinner and All-Ages Interactive Study
Sunday, Mar. 25th Palm Sunday
Thursday, Mar. 29th Maundy Thursday Worship
Friday, Mar. 30th Good Friday Worship
Sunday, Apr. 1st Easter Sunday

JANUARY 2018 BUDGET REPORT



	Pledges	Budget	Contributions	Expenses	Net Gain/ Loss
	\$15,895	\$19,417	\$34,345	\$42,314	-\$7,969

ITEMS FOR PRAYER STATIONS NEEDED! Please help Jessica as she prepares for the prayer stations during Holy Week! This year we will be stepping into the Garden of Gethsemane pondering over several Psalms that will help lead our hearts to think about this holy time of year. In order to make the McMillan Room look like a garden - would you be willing to donate a fake house plant, little fountain or other small household garden-looking items you have to the church for a week? Please let Jessica, Director of Discipleship, know (jessica.discipleship.bethelpc@gmail.com).

STEPHEN MINISTRY: *When you've reached the end of your rope ...*

If you're at the end of your rope, Stephen Ministers can help you tie a knot and hang on. For someone who will listen and help you find the resources you need to get through this tough time, contact one of our Stephen Ministers.

PRAYER CONCERNS: Rob Backstrom, Hartley Baird, Hank Barr, Gary Bittner, Marilou Booth, Art Brandenburg, Ginny Burford, Sueann DeFurio, Cliff Fair, Jean Fishel, Ginny Flynn, Bettyjean Gamble, Linda Hackett, Dick Jones, Dick Kraft, Pat Kraft, Emily Parise, Donna Puglisi, Betty Ramsey, Dave Rawlings, Ann Reid, Sue Schoenberger, Sheila and Rich Vandevander, Kristi Wade, Edith Wallace, Russell York, Sam Zimmerman

2018 Chancel Flowers

This year we have several Sundays without Sponsors.

Here are the Sundays that are open:

April 22
May 13
June 10
October 21
November 11



If you would like to sponsor flowers, please contact:

Bethel Presbyterian Church
2999 Bethel Church Road
Bethel Park, PA 15102
412/835-0405

Thank you to all those who sponsor our Chancel Flowers.

Carol MacDonald

Winter 2018

Join us Sunday morning as we explore the life, miracles, and teachings of Jesus through the lens of the Gospel According to Matthew

Beginnings

Purpose

1/7	star light, star bright	2/11	the one we follow
1/14	to the river, in the desert	2/14	the road we travel (Ash Wednesday)

Miracles

Message

1/21	healed by his choice	2/18	all that and more
1/28	assured by his power	2/25	the wonder of the kingdom
2/4	restored by his love	3/4	the challenge of forgiveness
		3/11	the question of perfection
		3/18	the justice of grace

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP

at Bethel Presbyterian Church

PALM SUNDAY 10:30 AM

MAUNDY THURSDAY 7:00 PM

GOOD FRIDAY 7:00 PM

EASTER SUNDAY 10:30 AM

www.bethelpresby.org

CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION

2999 Bethel Church Rd., Bethel Park, PA 15102
412/835-0405 Church Office 412/835-1037 Fax
Website: www.bethelpresby.org
Email: bethelpres@verizon.net

Pastor: Rev. Cathie Smith, 412/965-4253 or pastorcathie.bethelpc@gmail.com

Director of Discipleship: Jessica Kelecava, 412/835-0405 or jessica.discipleship.bethelpc@gmail.com

Director of Music and Worship: Jason Wilcox, 412/651-4638

Organist: Cody Soska, 412/877-9139

Administrative Assistant: Kathy Young, 412/835-0405

Financial Secretary: Nancy Carr, 412/835-0405

Custodian (Day): Bob Murphy, 412/835-0405

Custodian (Evening): Rob Roche, 412/835-0405

CONGREGATIONAL CALENDAR

Sunday, March 18 (Daily Readings: Psalm 84, 150, Exod. 3:16-4:12, Rom. 12:1-21, John 8:46-59)

9:15 a.m. Sunday School - Small Groups
10:30 a.m. Worship, Lent 5
Blanket Sunday
Pastor: Rev. Cathie Smith
(child care provided for infants up to 5 years of age)
11:30 a.m. Fellowship: Families C & D
11:30 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry
11:30 a.m. VBS Leadership Meeting
2:00 p.m. Tartan Day Meeting
6:00 p.m. Youth Group

Monday, March 19 (Daily Readings: Psalm 119:73-80, 145, Exod. 4:10-20 {21-26}, 27-31, 1 Cor. 14:1-19, Mark 9:30-41)

9:30 a.m. Preschool, Miss Verna Visit
1:00 p.m. Church Staff Meeting
1:00 p.m. Preschool, Miss Verna Visit
7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 215 Meeting

Tuesday, March 20 (Daily Readings: Psalm 34, 146, Exod. 5:1-6:1, 1 Cor. 14:20-33a, 39-40, Mark 9:42-50)

10:00 a.m. Quilters Meeting
5:00 p.m. Soccer Shots
7:00 p.m. Deacons and Stephen Ministers Meeting
7:00 p.m. Session Meeting

Wednesday, March 21 (Daily Readings: Psalm 5, 147:1-11, Exod. 7:8-24, 2 Cor. 2:14-3:6, Mark 10:1-16)

10:00 a.m. Bible Study
11:30 a.m. Preschool Soccer Shots
6:30 p.m. Lenten Dinner & Study
7:30 p.m. AA Meeting

Thursday, March 22 (Daily Readings: Psalm 27, 147:12-20, Exod. 7:25-8:19, 2 Cor. 3:7-18, Mark 10:17-31)

1:00 p.m. American Sewing Group
5:00 p.m. Kinder Karate
6:30 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal
6:45 p.m. Personnel Committee Meeting
7:45 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

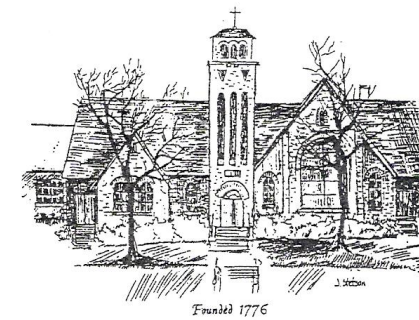
Friday, March 23 (Daily Readings: Psalm 22, 148, Exod. 9:13-35, 2 Cor. 4:1-12, Mark 10:32-45)

1:00 p.m. Preschool, Miss Verna Visit
7:00 p.m. Small Group - Book Review

Saturday, March 24 (Daily Readings: Psalm 43, 149, Exod. 10:21-11:8, 2 Cor. 4:13-18, Mark 10:46-52)

Sunday, March 25 (Daily Readings: Psalm 84, 150, Zech. 9:9-12, 1 Tim. 6:12-16 or Zech. 12:9-11, 13:1, 7-9, Luke 19:41-48)

9:15 a.m. Sunday School - Small Groups
10:30 a.m. Worship, Palm Sunday
Pastor: Rev. Cathie Smith
(child care provided for infants up to 5 years of age)
11:30 a.m. Fellowship: Families E - H
3:00 p.m. BPC Family Easter Egg Hunt



Bethel Presbyterian Church

Worship for the Lord's Day

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Blanket Sunday

March 18, 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.)**

PRELUDE

"Come, Ye Disconsolate"

Dale Wood

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

*** SONG OF ADORATION**

Hymn #210: *"Our God, Our Help in Ages Past"*

*** PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

All: Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcoming and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you. Forgive our sins and help us to live in your light and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

*** SILENT PRAYER**

*** ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

*** GLORIA PATRI**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

Note: As an act of care for our most vulnerable friends and family during this flu and cold season, we will not physically pass the peace to one another following the Gloria. Please be sure to share words of peace with one another as you depart from worship this morning!

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (Sing first verse only.)

Insert - Hymn #755: *"Speak O Lord"*

(Children may return to their seats as we begin to sing ...)

FIRST READING

Matthew 5:1-12

ANTHEM

"Lead Me, Lord"
Chancel Choir

Arr. Fred Bock