

FIRST READING *Psalm 24*

ANTHEM *"The Palms"* Arr. Douglas E. Wagner
Bell Choir

SECOND READING *Matthew 21:1-11*

SERMON *"Here Comes the King"*

*** SONG OF RESPONSE**
Hymn #88: *"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"*

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.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

PRESENTING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO THE LORD

OFFERTORY *"Come, Sing Hosanna!"* Arr. Patrick M. Liebergen
Chancel Choir

*** DOXOLOGY**

*** PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

All: Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power and the glory. All that is in heaven and earth is yours and you rule over all. Receive these offerings, our tangible expressions of gratitude and praise. Transform them into a source of life from many, so that your kingdom may grow in the hearts of all. In the name of Jesus. Amen. Amen.

*** SONG FOR SENDING**
Insert - Hymn #621: *"I Will Call Upon the Lord"*

*** CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP**

*** CHORAL BENEDICTION** *"He Loved Them to the End"* Joseph M. Martin
Chancel Choir

*** BLESSING**

*** POSTLUDE** St. John's Passion: Chorale J. S. Bach
"Wer Hat Dich So Geschlagen"

WORSHIP NOTES

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: Dan Beckstrom; Mar. 29th Jessica Kelecava & Dan Beckstrom; Mar. 30th Debbie & Mike Smith & Barbara Jay; Apr. 1st Cathy Misko

FELLOWSHIP HOSTS: Families E - H; Apr. 1st No Fellowship due to the holiday.

CHILD CARE: The Smith Family; Apr. 1st Child Care rooms are open, but not staffed due to the holiday.

WORSHIP WELCOME TEAM: Team 1: Greg Smith, Pam & Conrad Adomaitis, Tom Hultz*, Betty Bauer*; Apr. 1st - Team 2: Heather & Jim Hunter, Lora Spence, Mary Helen Burroughs*, Kathy Crump* (*Chairlift)

SANCTUARY COORDINATORS: Greg Smith; Mar. 29th Pam Decker; Mar. 30th Gary May; Apr. 1st Carol MacDonald & Greg Smith

GRAPHICS TEAM: Robin Macherey; Mar. 29th Larry Jay; Mar. 30th Robin Macherey; Apr. 1st Alicia Ericson

SOUND BOARD: Steve Kloc; Apr. 1st Frank Jackson

CHANCEL FLOWERS:
In Honor of Mom, Lora Spence.
In Loving Memory of my parents, Lila Mae and Michael, given by Cathy Misko.



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

Congregation Life
Weekly Newsletter
March 25, 2018

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.

PLEGGED GIVING— February		<h1 style="font-size: 2em;">\$ February Stewardship Report</h1>
<i>Received</i>	\$15,568.00	
<i>Expected</i>	\$19,417.00	
TOTAL INCOME— February		MINISTRY EXPENSES— February
<i>Actual</i>	\$21,354.85	<i>Actual</i>
<i>Goal</i>	\$26,787.00	<i>Expected</i>
TOTAL INCOME— Jan. -Feb.		MINISTRY EXPENSES— Jan. -Feb.
<i>Actual</i>	\$63,201.74	<i>Actual</i>
<i>Goal</i>	\$57,574.00	<i>Expected</i>
<p><i>Expected expenses are calculated as 1/12 of the annual expected expense. Higher expense levels in January and February reflect one-time expenses that occur early in the calendar year. Please continue faithful giving throughout the year to assure that programs and ministries are supported each month. Thank you for your continued love and support of Bethel Church!</i></p>		

NEXT NAOMI CIRCLE MEETING: Scheduled for Wednesday, April 4th, 10:00 a.m., in the Chapel of Bethel Park Retirement Residence. Please bring your Bible!

Upcoming Dates!

Thursday, Mar. 29 th	Maundy Thursday Worship
Friday, Mar. 30 th	Good Friday Worship
Sunday, Apr. 1 st	Easter Sunday
Friday-Sunday, Apr. 6 th -8 th	Youth Retreat at Windy Ridge
Sunday, Apr. 15 th	Composing a Legacy Workshop

Stephen Ministry

What happens when you ask for help from a Stephen Minister?

When you ask for help from a Stephen Minister, a Stephen Leader will contact you to talk more about Stephen Ministry and what it can mean to you. If your needs can be best served by a Stephen Minister, you will be matched with someone who will support you through this tough time. Confidentiality is a top priority for Stephen Ministers. You do not need to be concerned that other people will discover what you talk about with your Stephen Minister.

JOIN US IN THE MCMILLAN ROOM THIS WEEK FOR HOLY WEEK PRAYER

STATIONS! Enter into the Psalms and the Garden of Gethsemane to transport your mind and soul to reflect on Jesus and connecting with God. (All activities regularly scheduled in the McMillan Room have been cancelled or relocated.) The hours are as follows: 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Monday - Thursday, during office hours, and 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. both Thursday and Friday night before the special worship services. Please be sure to visit our Prayer Stations!

2018 Chancel Flowers

We have two Sundays without Sponsors remaining. Here are the Sundays that are open:

June 10
October 21



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

CONGREGATIONAL CALENDAR

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
Guest Preacher: Jessica Kelecava
(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

Monday, March 26 (Daily Readings: Psalm 119:73-80, 145, Lam. 1:1-2, 6-12, 2 Cor. 1:1-7, Mark 11:12-25)

- 1:00 p.m. Church Staff Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 215 Meeting

Tuesday, March 27 (Daily Readings: Psalm 34, 146, Lam. 1:17-22, 2 Cor. 1:8-22, Mark 11:27-33)

- 10:00 a.m. Quilters Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Mission & Outreach Committee Meeting

Wednesday, March 28 (Daily Readings: Psalm 5, 147:1-11, Lam. 2:1-9, 2 Cor. 1:23-2:11, Mark 12:1-11)

- 11:30 a.m. Preschool Soccer Shots
- 7:00 p.m. Girl Scout Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Macdonald Pipe Band Rehearsal
- 7:30 p.m. AA Meeting

Thursday, March 29 (Daily Readings: Psalm 27, 147:12-20, Lam. 2:10-18, 1 Cor. 10:14-17, 11:27-32, Mark 14:12-25)

- Preschool Closed
- 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service
Communion - Team 3

Friday, March 30 (Daily Readings: Psalm 22, 148, Lam. 3:1-9, 19-33, 1 Peter 1:10-20, John 13:36-38 or John 19:38-42)

- Church Office Closed
- Child Care Closed
- Preschool Closed
- 7:00 p.m. Good Friday Service

Saturday, March 31 (Daily Readings: Psalm 43, 149, Lam. 3:37-58, Heb. 4:1-16, Rom. 8:1-11)

Sunday, April 1 (Daily Readings: Psalm 93, 150, Exod. 12:1-14, John 1:1-18 or Isa. 51:9-11, Luke 24:13-35 or John 20:19-23)

- 10:30 a.m. Worship, Easter Sunday
Pastor: Rev. Cathie Smith
- 7:00 p.m. Cub Scout Committee Meeting



Bethel Presbyterian Church

**Worship for the Lord's Day
Palm Sunday
March 25, 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 "Hosanna!" Jason W. Krug
Bell Choir

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

*** PROCESSIONAL HYMN**
Hymn #89: "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

CALL TO WORSHIP

CHORAL INTROIT "Hosanna" Allen Pote
Chancel Choir

*** PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

All: O Lord, who on this day entered the rebellious city that later rejected you, we confess that our wills are as rebellious as Jerusalem's, that our faith is often more show than substance, that our hearts are in need of cleansing. Have mercy on us, Son of David, Savior of our lives. Help us to lay at your feet all that we have and all that we are, trusting you to forgive what is sinful, to heal what is broken, to welcome our praises and to receive us as your own. 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 ...)

How will you tell the story of God's grace and love- not just today- but for generations to come?

COMPOSING A LEGACY

Live Forward, Give Forward

Sunday, April 15
11:45 am- 1:00 pm

Rev. Ellie Johns-Kelley,
Ministry Relations Officer for the Presbyterian Foundation will lead us in a conversation around how we can leave a testament of our faith for future generations through planned giving, wills, bequests, and in other creative ways. A light lunch will be served. RSVP in the Church Office.



FROM MABEL DARE: I would like to thank everyone for their concern and support. The cards and prayers have meant so much to me. I am grateful for all the wonderful friends I have at Bethel Presbyterian Church. Our church family is a remarkable one. Thank you!



LOST AND FOUND COATS: If you have misplaced your coat, please check the coat rack in the Marshall Road entrance. Several of these coats have been there for over a year. Our plan is to donate unclaimed coats to SHIM at the end of April. Thank you!

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