

**\* FORGIVENESS AND FAITH**

**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.

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!

**\* 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.

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**SCRIPTURE** *Genesis 1:1-28, 31; 2:1-4a*

**SERMON** *"In the Beginning"*

**INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

**PRESENTING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO THE LORD**

**OFFERTORY** *"Here at Thy Table, Lord"* Lani Smith  
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.

**\* COMMUNION SONG**

Insert: *"Lord, Prepare Me"* (Sing hymn twice.)

**INVITATION TO THE TABLE**

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING, INTERCESSIONS 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 Jesus Christ, you have put your life into our hands; now we put our lives into yours. Take us, renew and remake us. What we have been is past; what we shall be, through you, still awaits us. Lead us on. Take us with you. Amen.

**\* SONG FOR SENDING**

Hymn #288: *"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"*

**\* BLESSING**

**\* CHORAL RESPONSE**

**\* POSTLUDE** *"Salvation"* William Stickles

**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 Sunday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> (Team 2, Heather Hunter).

**MEMBERS IN SERVICE**

**LITURGISTS:** Debbie Smith; May 13<sup>th</sup> Alexis Kiesling

**FELLOWSHIP HOSTS:** Families A & B, PW; May 13<sup>th</sup> No Fellowship due to Mother's Day.

**CHILD CARE:** The Decker Family; May 13<sup>th</sup> The Schultz Family

**WORSHIP WELCOME TEAM:** Team 7: Sueann & Don DeFurio, Marilyn\* & Dave Kunkle, Sub Ruth Stotesbery\*; May 13<sup>th</sup> - Team 8: Carole Carroll, Gail Anderson, Wendy Roithner, Marian Rhodes\*, Suzanne Gamble\* (\*Chairlift)

**SANCTUARY COORDINATORS:** Carol MacDonald; May 13<sup>th</sup> Greg Smith

**GRAPHICS TEAM:** Larry Jay; May 13<sup>th</sup> Robin Macherey

**SOUND BOARD:** Steve Kloc; May 13<sup>th</sup> Gail Anderson

**CHANCEL FLOWERS:**

In Loving Memory of Anna Eliza Bauer, mother, given by Carol MacDonald and Pam Adomaitis.



**SUMMER BETHEL LIGHT ARTICLES** are due to Kathy Young by Monday, May 14<sup>th</sup>. (Our Summer Bethel Light covers June, July and August.)

**ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING:** Just a reminder that we will accept donations for OGHs through May 27<sup>th</sup>.

\$	Stewardship Report		March		
	Pledged Giving March	Total Income March	Total Income Jan-Mar	Ministry Expenses March	Ministry Expenses Jan-Mar
<b>Actual</b>	\$18,274.00	\$25,501.00	\$88,703.00	\$36,321.00	\$120,821.00
<b>Expected</b>	\$19,417.00	\$26,706.00	\$85,084.00	\$35,727.00	\$123,450.00

**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!**

**SOUTH HILLS INTERFAITH MOVEMENT FOOD PANTRIES:** SHIM needs donations for its cleaning supply shelf. They need dishwashing soap, cleanser, furniture polish and window cleaner. As always, any nonperishable food donation is appreciated.



**PRAYER CONCERNS:** Rob Backstrom, Hartley Baird, Hank Barr, Gary Bittner, Marilou Booth, Art Brandenburg, Ginny Burford, Michele Cobb, Sueann DeFurio, Cliff Fair, Jean Fishel, Ginny Flynn, Bettyjean Gamble, Linda Hackett, Dick Jones, Dick Kraft, Pat Kraft, Jack Miller, Emily 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

**CALLING ALL GRADUATES!** Do you know of anyone connected to Bethel Presbyterian who is graduating school this year? Whether it is high school, college, trade school, grad school ... or anything else we may not have thought of ..., please let us know so we can recognize him/her in worship! Please contact Kathy Young in the church office with the details (name of graduate, type of graduation, etc.). Thank you!

**SPARE CHANGE COLLECTION SUNDAY UPDATE:** May 20<sup>th</sup> will be our next Spare Change Collection Sunday for SHIM (there is no Fellowship on May 13<sup>th</sup>). Since the Buhl Foundation is currently matching donations, every \$5 donated to SHIM can purchase \$25 worth of groceries at the Greater Pittsburgh Food Bank. Please bring your spare change and place it in the cans at Fellowship Hour to help SHIM continue to offer food to struggling families in our area.

**Upcoming Dates!**

Sunday, May 6 <sup>th</sup>	PW's Sock Hop - Pot Luck Luncheon
Tuesday, May 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Mission & Outreach at the Table, (All Welcome)
Sunday - Saturday June 10 <sup>th</sup> - 16 <sup>th</sup>	REACH Mission Trip
Monday - Friday July 23 <sup>rd</sup> - 27 <sup>th</sup>	Vacation Bible School

**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.

**2018 Chancel Flowers**

We only have one Sunday without Sponsors remaining:

June 24



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, May 6** (Daily Readings: Psalm 93, 150, Lev. 25:1-17, James 1:2-8, 16-18, Luke 12:13-21)

9:15 a.m. Sunday School - Small Groups  
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 A & B, PW  
11:30 a.m. PW's Sock Hop - Pot Luck Luncheon  
7:00 p.m. Cub Scout Committee Meeting

**Monday, May 7** (Daily Readings: Psalm 97, 145, Lev. 25:35-55, Col. 1:9-14, Matt. 13:1-16)

1:00 p.m. Church Staff 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, May 8** (Daily Readings: Psalm 98, 146, Lev. 26:1-20, 1 Tim. 2:1-6, Matt. 13:18-23)

10:00 a.m. Quilters Meeting  
5:00 p.m. Soccer Shots  
7:00 p.m. Coin Club Meeting  
7:00 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting  
7:00 p.m. Membership Committee Meeting  
7:00 p.m. Supportive Services Committee Meeting  
7:30 p.m. PW Board Meeting

**Wednesday, May 9** (Daily Readings: Psalm 99, 147:1-11, Lev. 26:27-42, Eph. 1:1-10, Matt. 22:41-46)

9:00 a.m. Preschool Muffins with Mom  
10:30 a.m. Bible Study  
11:30 a.m. Preschool Soccer Shots  
12:30 p.m. Preschool Muffins with Mom  
7:00 p.m. Girl Scout Meeting  
7:00 p.m. Macdonald Pipe Band Rehearsal  
7:30 p.m. AA Meeting

**Thursday, May 10** (Daily Readings: Psalm 47, 147:12-20, Dan. 7:9-14, Heb. 2:5-18, Matt. 28:16-20)

9:00 a.m. Preschool Muffins with Mom  
12:30 p.m. Preschool Muffins with Mom  
5:00 p.m. Kinder Karate  
6:30 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal  
7:45 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

**Friday, May 11** (Daily Readings: Psalm 96, 148, 1 Sam. 2:1-10, Eph. 2:1-10, Matt. 7:22-27)

9:00 a.m. TEIS Playgroup

**Saturday, May 12** (Daily Readings: Psalm 92, 149, Num. 11:16-17, 24-29, Eph. 2:11-22, Matt. 7:28-8:4)

**Sunday, May 13** (Daily Readings: Psalm 93, 150, Exod. 3:1-12, Heb. 12:18-29, Luke 10:17-24)

9:15 a.m. Sunday School - Small Groups  
10:30 a.m. Worship, Mother's Day  
Pastor: Rev. Cathie Smith  
(child care provided for infants up to 5 years of age)  
7:00 p.m. Cub Scout Committee Meeting



**Bethel Presbyterian Church**  
Worship for the Lord's Day  
Celebration of the Lord's Supper  
May 6, 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** "Thy Mercy, O Lord" Philip Kreckels

**THE RINGING OF THE BELL**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**\* SONG OF ADORATION**  
Insert: "Sing Praise to God, You Heavens!"

**STORY MOMENT: God Creates the World from Nothing**

**ANTHEM** "For the Beauty of the Earth" John Rutter  
Chancel Choir

**\* PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND CONFESSION**

Liturgist: Loving Father and Creator of all; we come to you today deeply grateful for your creation.

**All:** As we look around us, we are amazed at the greatness and majesty of all that you have made - the vast expanse of the sky, the mountains, trees, lakes and streams speak of your wonderful design. You have given us such beauty in the colors of the rainbow, the beauty of flowers and fields.

Liturgist: You loved us into being, yet we often flee our rightful place in your creation.

**All:** We confess that we exploit the gifts you place around us and dominate the richness of the natural order. We confess our part in the devastation of our planet home, mirrored in the violence of cities and the brokenness of hearts.

Liturgist: Forgive and restore us, O God. Remind us of the right way to live so your creation reflects your goodness and each thing lives in balance with all others.

**All:** May we always be found faithful, reflecting your love. Cause light to overcome the darkness of the world through your Son Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

**\* MOMENT FOR SILENT REFLECTION**

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