

(When the music begins to play, you may return to your seat and children may come forward for their special time.)

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

SONG OF PREPARATION (Sing first verse only.)
Insert: "Ancient Words"

(As we sing, children may return to their seats.)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE Job 28:7-15, 20-28

CHORAL ANTHEM "God of Grace" Arr. Lloyd Larson

SCRIPTURE Matthew 7:24-29

SERMON "The Way of Wisdom"

PRAYER OF RESPONSE

* **SONG OF RESPONSE**
Hymn #275: "God of Our Life"

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.

LADIES 80'S RECOGNITION

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 "Praise the Lord" Arr. Theron Kirk

* **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 #535: "Go with Us, Lord" (Sing two times.)

* **BLESSING**

* **CHORAL RESPONSE**

* **POSTLUDE** "The Solid Rock"

WORSHIP NOTES

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY to the Dahlinger family on the loss of Wayne Dahlinger. 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, Oct. 7th, Team 2 – Heather Hunter.

MEMBERS IN SERVICE

LITURGISTS: Alexis Kiesling; Sept. 23rd Stacey Lucidore

FELLOWSHIP HOSTS: Families I - L; Sept. 23rd Families M - O

CHILD CARE: The Stefancin Family; Sept. 23rd Wendy Roithner & Jessica Kelecava

WORSHIP WELCOME TEAM: Team 2: Heather & Jim Hunter, Lora Spence, Mary Helen Burroughs*, Kathy Crump*; Sept. 23rd - Team 3: Pat Kaczmarek, Ken Niemeier, Ted Keenan, Jean Smith*, Ruth Stotesbery* (*Chairlift)

SANCTUARY COORDINATORS: Greg Smith; Sept. 23rd Carol MacDonald

GRAPHICS TEAM: Courtney Kiesling; Sept. 23rd Robin Macherey

SOUND BOARD: Gail Anderson; Sept. 23rd Frank Jackson

CHANCEL FLOWERS:
In Loving Memory of Janet Hultz, given by Tom Hultz.



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

Upcoming Dates!


- Sept. 16th Ladies 80's Sunday
- Sept. 16th Youth Group Kick -Off
- Sept. 30th Homecoming Picnic at Oliver Miller Homestead
- Oct. 13th Fall Cleanup Day

Congregation Life
Weekly Newsletter
September 16, 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 baking items. Also, they need plastic grocery bags so clients can take their produce home. All donations are appreciated and can be left at the Marshall Road entrance.

PLEASE PARTICIPATE IN THE GROWING YOUNG ASSESSMENT: As our congregation continues to seek to be a place of welcome to people of all ages and to better express that welcome to youth, young adults and families, Session invites you to complete a brief online assessment to help us meet that goal. This survey is based on the work of the Fuller Youth Institute, specifically the research presented in the book *Growing Young: 6 essential strategies to help young people discover and love your church*. We anticipate it will take you approximately 5 to 10 minutes to complete and your responses will remain confidential as they are incorporated into a larger report. **Please complete the survey by September 30, 2018.** The survey is available at www.oursurvey.church/BethelPresbyterianChurchBethelPark. Thank you!

STEWARDSHIP 2019 - FIRST FRUITS: Stewardship baskets will start making the rounds the week of September 23rd. Watch for a visit from your neighbor.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT AUGUST 2018					
	Pledged Giving August	Total Income August	Total Income Jan-August	Ministry Expenses August	Ministry Expenses Jan-August
Actual	\$17,987	\$25,820	\$223,498	\$51,724	\$296,351
Expected	\$22,167	\$26,289	\$230,278	\$33,095	\$300,374

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.

BIRTHDAY WISHES: Active member Violet Cumpston celebrated her 100th birthday on August 29th. Violet worked for many years at Sew & Sew at Ruthfred Acres, was an extra in the movie, "Love & Other Drugs" and modeled at the Senior Fashion Show in the Galleria last year!

 **Stephen Ministry**

Getting Older ...

Your doctor shook his head the last time you saw him. It seems as if you are always on some kind of medication. Simple household jobs that you used to do with ease are beginning to be too much for you. You're not ready for this. You feel angry, upset and a little bit worried. A Stephen Minister would like to listen and care.

"LOVE LETTERS – MUSIC AND LETTERS OF WARTIME" is a musical concert featuring wartime correspondence exchanged by military veterans and their loved ones. It will include letters and music from major military conflicts from the War of Independence through today, accompanied by a multimedia video presentation. The program explores the heartfelt observations and emotions of these very personal letters, highlighted by a backdrop of meaningful music and pictures. It features letters from and to sons, mothers, daughters, dads and sweethearts - some amusing, some hopeful, some uplifting and all a testament to the humanity and dedication of our military veterans and their loved ones, whose service and sacrifice must not be forgotten. The principal artist and creator of the concept is Pianist and Vocalist Donna Groom, who has been with Jimmy Beaumont and the Skyliners for 36 years. "Love Letters" was developed in collaboration with NY Times bestselling author Andrew Carroll ("War Letters", "Behind the Lines"), Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hall and Museum in Pittsburgh and donations from Veteran's personal unpublished collections. "Love Letters" will premiere at The Bible Chapel of South Hills on October 14th. You may see more about the principal artist and creator at www.donnagroom.com. You can find more information on the tabs marked Shows and Ticketing. We are also happy to extend a discount for groups of 10 or more.

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

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, 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

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CONGREGATIONAL CALENDAR

Sunday, September 16 (Daily Readings: Psalm 19, 150, Job 38:1, 18-41, Rev. 18:1-8, Matt. 5:21-26)

9:15 a.m. Sunday School/Small Groups
 10:30 a.m. Worship, Ladies 80's and Senior Adult 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 1 – L
 Ladies 80's Luncheon
 11:30 a.m. Nominating Committee Meeting
 6:15 p.m. Confirmation Class
 7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Leaders Meeting
 7:00 p.m. Youth Group Kick-Off

Monday, September 17 (Daily Readings: Psalm 135, 145, Job 40:1-24, Acts 15:36-16:5, John 11:55-12:8)

9:30 a.m. Preschool, Miss Verna Visit
 11:15 a.m. Child Care, Stretch and Grow
 1:00 p.m. Preschool, Miss Verna Visit
 5:45 p.m. Girl Scout Meeting
 7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 215 Meeting

Tuesday, September 18 (Daily Readings: Psalm 123, 146, Job 40:1, 41:1-11, Acts 16:6-15, John 12:9-19)

10:00 a.m. Quilters Meeting
 5:00 p.m. Soccer Shots
 7:00 p.m. Session Meeting

Wednesday, September 19 (Daily Readings: Psalm 15, 147:1-11, Job 42:1-17, Acts 16:16-24, John 12:20-26)

10:00 a.m. Bible Study
 7:00 p.m. Macdonald Pipe Band Rehearsal
 7:30 p.m. AA Meeting
 7:30 p.m. Unafraid Book Study

Thursday, September 20 (Daily Readings: Psalm 36, 147:12-20, Job 28:1-28, Acts 16:25-40, John 12:27-36a)

10:00 a.m. Pittsburgh Presbytery Meeting - Crestfield
 5:00 p.m. Kinder Karate
 6:30 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal
 7:45 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Friday, September 21 (Daily Readings: Psalm 130, 148, Esther 1:1-4, 10-19, Acts 17:1-15, John 12:36b-43)

Saturday, September 22 (Daily Readings: Psalm 56, 149, Esther 2:5-8, 15-23, Acts 17:16-34, John 12:44-50)

4:00 p.m. Dinner for Family Promise

Sunday, September 23 (Daily Readings: Psalm 67, 150, Esther 3:1-4:3, James 1:19-27, Matt. 6:1-6, 16-18)

9:15 a.m. Sunday School/Small Groups
 10:30 a.m. Worship
 Pastor: Rev. Cathie Smith
 (child care provided for infants up to 5 years of age)
 11:30 a.m. Fellowship: Families M – O
 11:30 a.m. Stewardship Captains Meeting
 6:15 p.m. Confirmation Class 3
 7:00 p.m. Youth Group



Bethel Presbyterian Church
Worship for the Lord's Day
September 16, 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 Variations on "In Christ Alone"

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord."
All: We come running and on walkers, with hurried steps and halting, to join together as your called together people.

One: This is the day you have made for us, our Creator, a day for us to join in praise and worship of you.
All: We give thanks for this day and for this world, for this whole creation which you have called good.

One: You gather us together as our good Shepherd.
All: For your care of us all of our lives we praise your name. Let us worship God.

*** SONG OF ADORATION**
 Hymn #379: "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

*** CALL TO HUMILITY**

*** PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

All: O Lord, you have created all of us, but sometimes we want to look only to youth and ignore our elders. Sometimes we act as though only the oldest, the longest standing members have anything to offer. Remind us, O God, that all are your children. Forgive us when we forget that and ignore one group; by age or race or gender or ethnic origin. Help us to see you in each person. Restore us all by your grace into one family. In your name we pray. Amen.

*** WORDS OF GRACE**

*** SONG OF PRAISE**
 Hymn #276: "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" (Verses 1 and 3 Only)

*** SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**