

SERMON "An Unexpected Arrival"

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.

CONFIRMATION COMMISSIONING

INTRODUCTIONS

QUESTIONS TO THE CONFIRMANDS

CHARGE TO THE CONGREGATION

CHARGE TO THE PARENTS

PRAYER AND BLESSING FOR THE CONFIRMANDS AND THEIR FAMILIES

CONFIRMATION SONG
Hymn #525: "Here I Am, Lord"

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

PRESENTING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO THE LORD

OFFERTORY "Hosanna!" Craig Courtney
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: "I Will Sing of the Mercies"

* BLESSING

* CHORAL RESPONSE "I'll Sing the Praise of Jesus" Craig Courtney
Chancel Choir

* POSTLUDE "Sea of Palms"

WORSHIP NOTES

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY to the Crump family on the loss of Rita Kennedy (Kathy'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 Maundy Thursday, April 18th, Team 1 - Barbara Jay and Sunday, May 5th, Team 2 - Heather Hunter.

MEMBERS IN SERVICE

LITURGISTS: Dan Beckstrom; April 18th Jessica Kotila; April 19th Barbara Jay; April 21st Cathy Misko

FELLOWSHIP HOSTS: Families I - L; April 21st No Fellowship due to the holiday.

CHILD CARE: The Stefancin Family; April 21st Child Care rooms are open, but not staffed due to the holiday.

WORSHIP WELCOME TEAM: Team 8: Carole Carroll, Gail Anderson, Wendy Roithner, Marian Rhodes*, Hazel Knapp*; April 21st - Team 9: Phyllis Criss, Judy & Fred Shoemaker, Tom Hultz*, Joanne Wells* (*Chairlift)

SANCTUARY COORDINATORS: Carol MacDonald; April 18th Greg Smith; April 19th Gary May; April 21st Carol MacDonald & Greg Smith

GRAPHICS TEAM: Courtney Kiesling; April 18th Larry Jay; April 19th Robin Macherey; April 21st Robin Macherey

SOUND BOARD: Steve Kloc; April 18th Frank Jackson; April 19th Gail Anderson; April 21st Steve Kloc

CHANCEL FLOWERS: In Loving Memory of Arthur Michaels and Ethelyn Strum, given by Shirley and Bob Gales. In Loving Memory of John and Sophie Gales, given by Shirley and Bob Gales.

PRAYER CONCERNS: Rob Backstrom, Hartley Baird, Hank Barr, Betty Bauer, Gary Bittner, Marilou Booth, Art Brandenburg, Pat Brown, 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, Jean Smith, Anne Unger, Sheila and Rich Vandevander, Edith Wallace, Russell York, Sam Zimmerman

UPCOMING EVENTS!

Apr. 14th Easter Eggstravaganza
Apr. 18th Prayer Stations and Maundy Thursday Service
Apr. 19th Prayer Stations and Good Friday Service
Apr. 27th Spring Work Day
May 4th Choir Festival
May 5th PW Japanese Tea

Congregation Life
Weekly Newsletter
April 14, 2019

JAPANESE TEA: Our Presbyterian Women will be sponsoring a Japanese Tea on Sunday, May 5th, from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m., in the church Auditorium. We will be celebrating the cherry blossom season. Tickets may be purchased after church during the Fellowship Hour every Sunday until April 28th, through the church office or by contacting a PW Board Member. We are limited to selling 80 tickets. Please invite friends and family to attend; this is not limited to church members. The tickets are \$12.

SOUTH HILLS INTERFAITH MOVEMENT FOOD PANTRIES: In order to adequately stock the shelves in all its sites, SHIM is in need of jars of spaghetti sauce, ketchup and bags of dried beans. All contributions of nonperishable food items are welcome!

Bethel Presbyterian Church Presents
Music Through the Seasons
Featuring choirs from Bethel Presbyterian Church and Canonsburg United Presbyterian Church
Saturday May 4 2019 7 pm
2999 Bethel Church Rd. Free admission Refreshments following the concert

TODAY IS SPARE CHANGE COLLECTION SUNDAY: Every five dollars donated to SHIM allows the organization to purchase ten times that amount of food at the Greater Pittsburgh Food Bank. (In order to supplement food donations, SHIM makes up to six monthly visits to the Greater Pittsburgh Food Bank. During each visit, SHIM purchases roughly 3,000 pounds of food to supply the needs of its patrons.) SHIM will soon be starting its Community Gardens, a project that supplies fresh produce to all of the Food Pantries. Additional funds are necessary to get this project underway. The money we collect during Fellowship helps many of our neighbors living in the South Hills.



SPRING CLEANUP: Please join us at the church on Saturday, April 27th, from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., for our Annual Spring Cleanup! We will be freshening up the grounds to get ready for spring. We hope to see you there!

JOIN US FOR PRAYER STATIONS FOR HOLY WEEK! The McMillan Room will be open before the Maundy Thursday and Good Friday Services next week, from 5:30-6:45 p.m. Come set your heart before Christ and contemplate the beautiful meaning of Easter and the Journey to the Cross!

THE MEN'S SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY will be meeting for a study on Jonah beginning Sunday, April 28th. Please contact Dan Beckstrom if you have any questions.

Join us for Holy Week Worship at Bethel Presbyterian Church
www.bethelpresby.org
Maundy Thursday April 18 7:00 pm
A reflective service of Word and The Lord's Supper
Good Friday April 19 7:00 pm
A meaningful service of Tenebrae with Choir
Easter Morning April 21 10:30 am
A joyous celebration of the resurrection of Christ with full choir, bells, and brass

I WOULD LIKE TO THANK MY CHURCH FAMILY for all the lovely cards, notes, phone calls and prayers during my recent illness. Your love and support were instrumental in my recovery and I am so very grateful! I am feeling better every day and hope to see you in church very soon.

*Sincerely,
Jean Smith*

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO CONTRIBUTE TO BPC "2019 PET PROJECTS": There are still plenty of opportunities for you to contribute, even just a small amount can make a big difference. Funding needed for Staff Training (\$1,000), Staff Appreciation (\$500), Supplemental Staffing (\$3,000), Small Groups (\$750), Student Ministry (\$2,750), Special Events (\$500), Special Musicians (\$2,500), Graphics/Listening (\$500), Mission Projects (\$5,000), Officer Training (\$500), Advertising (\$400). We are happy to report that Supportive Services is fully funded! Thank you.


Simply drop off your contribution to the Financial Secretary or place it in the offering plate with a note or subject line in the memo section, stating your wishes.

Thank you,
Finance Committee

MARCH 2019 PLEDGES

Pledges YTD	\$50,990
Budgeted Pledges YTD	\$52,749
Difference	-\$1,759

As you can see, pledges received so far in 2019 have not kept pace with what is expected or needed to meet our ongoing ministry expenses. Because of this, in just the first three months of the year, we have needed to draw over half of the funds available to us from the endowment for the whole year. If you missed your pledges and offerings for a few weeks due to weather, illness or other reasons, please consider a catch-up donation to help the church continue its faithful ministry in the coming weeks and months. Thank you for your ongoing love and support of the church and all God is calling us to be and do.



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

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CONGREGATIONAL CALENDAR

Sunday, April 14 (Daily Readings: Psalm 84, 150, Zech. 9:9-12, 1 Tim. 6:12-16 or Zech 12:9-11, 13:1, 7-9, John 12:12-19)

9:15 a.m. Sunday School/Small Groups
10:30 a.m. Worship, Palm Sunday, One Great Hour of Sharing
Confirmation Celebration
Pastor: Rev. Cathie Smith
(child care provided for infants up to 5 years of age)
11:30 a.m. Fellowship: Families I - L
12:00 a.m. Youth Group
3:00 p.m. Easter Eggstravaganza

Monday, April 15 (Daily Readings: Psalm 119:73-80, 145, Jer. 11:18-20; 12:1-16 {17}, Phil 3:1-14, John 12:9-19)

11:15 a.m. Child Care, Stretch and Grow
1:00 p.m. Church Staff Meeting
5:45 p.m. Girl Scout Meeting
7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 215 Meeting
7:00 p.m. Cub Scout Pack Meeting

Tuesday, April 16 (Daily Readings: Psalm 34, 146, Jer. 15:10-21, Phil. 3:15-21, John 12:20-26)

9:30 a.m. Preschool, Miss Verna
10:00 a.m. Quilters Meeting
1:00 p.m. Preschool, Miss Verna
5:00 p.m. Soccer Shots

Wednesday, April 17 (Daily Readings: Psalm 5, 147:1-11, Jer. 17:5-10, 14-17 {18}, Phil. 4:1-13, John 12:27-36)

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

Thursday, April 18 (Daily Readings: Psalm 27, 147:12-20, Jer. 20:7-11 {12-13}, 14-18, 1 Cor. 10:14-17, 11:27-32, John 17:1-11 {12-26})

9:00 a.m. Preschool Closed
7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service
Communion - Team 1

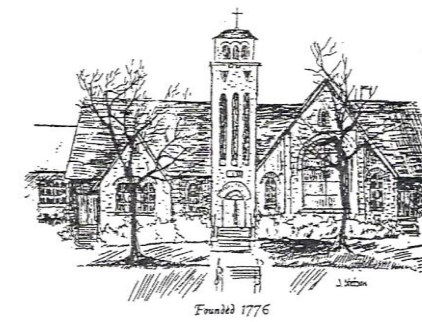
Friday, April 19 (Daily Readings: Psalm 22, 148, Gen. 22:1-14, 1 Peter 1:10-20, John 13:36-38 or John 19:38-42)

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

Saturday, April 20 (Daily Readings: Psalm 43, 149, Job 19:21-27a, Heb. 4:1-16, Rom. 8:1-11)

Sunday, April 21 (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. Boy Scout Leaders Meeting



Bethel Presbyterian Church
Worship for the Lord's Day
Palm Sunday
April 14, 2019
10:30 A.M.

Changed by Christ So We Can Change the World

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

PRELUDE "Prepare the Royal Highway"

BELL CHOIR "Hosanna!" Jason W. Krug

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

CHORAL INTROIT "Hosanna" Allen Pote
Chancel Choir

CALL TO CONFESSION

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**

*** SONG OF PRAISE**
Insert: "Hosanna! Hosanna!"

(As we sing, children are invited forward for their special time.)

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

SONG
Insert: "Hosanna! Hosanna!"

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

SCRIPTURE Psalm 118: 1-2, 19-29

ANTHEM "Behold! The King Comes!" Bill Ingram
Bell Choir

SCRIPTURE John 12:1-19