

One: This we can know, this we can trust. In Jesus Christ, the light has come into the world and we have been forgiven.

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.

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

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.

ANTHEM *“Be Still and Know”* Arr. Fred Bock

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE *Matthew 5:14-16*

SERMON *“Little Light”*

PRAYER OF RESPONSE

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

PRESENTING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO THE LORD

OFFERTORY *“Is Not This Bread?”* Glenn L. Rudolph

*** DOXOLOGY**

*** PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND ILLUMINATION**

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: *“There Is a Redeemer”*

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING, INTERCESSIONS AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

One: May the Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

One: 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: Most gracious God, we praise you for what you have given and for what you have promised us here. You have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. You have fed us with the bread of life and renewed us for your service. Now we give ourselves to you; and we ask that our daily living may be part of your kingdom and that our love may be your love, reaching out into the life of the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*** CLOSING SONG**

Insert: *“Go, My Children, with My Blessing”*

*** BLESSING**

*** CHORAL RESPONSE** *“Light Everlasting”* O. C. Christiansen

*** POSTLUDE** *“Shepherd of Souls Refresh and Bless”* Philip Kreckels

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 Maundy Thursday, April 18th, Team 1 - Barbara Jay and Sunday, May 5th, Team 2 - Heather Hunter.

MEMBERS IN SERVICE

LITURGISTS: Alexis Kiesling; April 14th Dan Beckstrom

FELLOWSHIP HOSTS: Families E - H; April 14th Families I - L

CHILD CARE: Jessica Kotila & Volunteer; April 14th The Stefancin Family

WORSHIP WELCOME TEAM: Team 7: Sueann & Don DeFurio, Marilyn* & Dave Kunkle, Pam Rawlings*; April 14th - Team 8: Carole Carroll, Gail Anderson, Wendy Roithner, Marian Rhodes*, Hazel Knapp* (*Chairlift)

SANCTUARY COORDINATORS: Pam Decker; April 14th Carol MacDonald

GRAPHICS TEAM: Larry Jay; April 14th Courtney Kiesling

SOUND BOARD: Gail Anderson; April 14th Steve Kloc

CHANCEL FLOWERS:

In Loving Memory of Emilie and Phillip Macherey, given by the Sinatra family.
In Loving Memory of Harry T. and Betty May, Don and Marge Kim, given by their family.

Bouquet in Honor of Pam and Conrad Adomaitis' 50th wedding anniversary, given by Josh, Shannon and children.

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, Bob Murphy, 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

Congregation Life
Weekly Newsletter
April 7, 2019

MEMBERSHIP CLASS: Have you been a part of our worship and fellowship for a while and would like to take the next step to learn about membership or are you new to our church and would like to know more about our history, beliefs and ministries? You are invited to join Pastor Cathie and lay leaders of the congregation after worship today to learn more about Bethel Presbyterian and how you can be more involved in our life together or join as a member. We will meet for about an hour following worship.

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!

FEBRUARY 2019 PLEDGES

Pledges YTD	\$29,989
Budgeted Pledges YTD	<u>\$35,166</u>
Difference	-\$5,177

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.

APRIL 14TH WILL BE THE NEXT 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS!

Apr. 7 th	Newcomers/New Members Information Gathering
Apr. 10 th	Wednesday Night Lenten Dinners and Studies
Apr. 14 th	Confirmation Celebration
Apr. 14 th	Easter Eggstravaganza
Apr. 18 th	Prayer Stations and Maundy Thursday Service
Apr. 19 th	Prayer Stations and Good Friday Service
Apr. 27 th	Spring Work Day

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

Bethel Presbyterian's First Annual...

Easter Eggstravaganza

for families with children pottytrained- 4th grade

Sunday, April 14th 3:00-5:00 pm

An afternoon of Springtime fun for children-
Easter Egg Hunt, Crafts, Snacks, Games and more!

2999 Bethel Church Rd. Bethel Park

Please pre-register online www.bethelpresby.org or in the church office.

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 7 (Daily Readings: Psalm 84, 150, Jer. 14:1-9 {10-16} 17-22,
Gal. 4:21-5-1, Mark 8:11-21)

9:15 a.m. Sunday School/Small Groups
10:30 a.m. Worship
Communion Sunday - Team 4
Pastor: Rev. Cathie Smith
(child care provided for infants up to 5 years of age)
11:30 a.m. Fellowship: Families E - H
11:30 a.m. Newcomer/New Member Informational Meeting
7:00 p.m. Cub Scout Committee Meeting

Monday, April 8 (Daily Readings: Psalm 119:73-80, 145, Jer. 24:1-10,
Rom. 9:19-33, John 9:1-17)

1:00 p.m. Church Staff Meeting
1:00 p.m. Membership Committee Meeting
6:30 p.m. Mary & Martha Circle
7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 215 Meeting

Tuesday, April 9 (Daily Readings: Psalm 34, 146, Jer. 25:8-17, Rom. 10:1-13,
John 9:18-41)

9:30 a.m. Preschool Tumbling
10:00 a.m. Quilters Meeting
1:00 p.m. Preschool Tumbling
5:00 p.m. Soccer Shots
7:00 p.m. Coin Club
7:00 p.m. Session Meeting

Wednesday, April 10 (Daily Readings: Psalm 5, 147:1-11, Jer. 25:30-38,
Rom. 10:14-21, John 10:1-18)

10:00 a.m. Bible Study
6:30 p.m. Lenten Dinner and Study
7:30 p.m. AA Meeting

Thursday, April 11 (Daily Readings: Psalm 27, 147:12-20, Jer. 26:1-16 {17-24},
Rom. 11:1-12, John 10:19-42)

5:00 p.m. Kinder Karate
6:30 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal
7:45 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

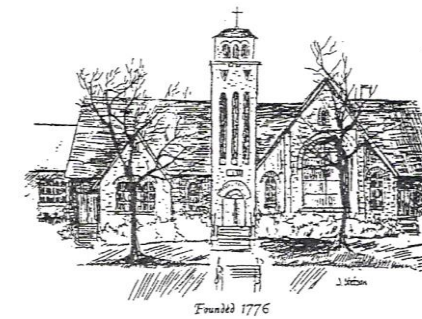
Friday, April 12 (Daily Readings: Psalm 22, 148, Jer. 29:1 {2-3} 4-14, Rom. 11:13-24,
John 11:1-27 or John 12:1-10)

9:00 a.m. TEIS Playgroup
9:30 a.m. Preschool, Miss Verna Visit
1:00 p.m. Preschool, Miss Verna Visit

Saturday, April 13 (Daily Readings: Psalm 43, 149, Jer. 31:27-34, Rom. 11:25-36,
John 11:28-44 or John 12:37-50)

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



Bethel Presbyterian Church
Worship for the Lord's Day
Celebration of the Lord's Supper
April 7, 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 St. John's Passion: Chorale, "In Meines Herzens Grunde" J. S. Bach

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Praise the Lord, O heavens! Praise him from the skies! Praise him, all his angels, all the armies of heaven. Praise him, sun and moon and all you twinkling stars. Praise him, skies above. Praise him, vapors high above the clouds.

All: **Let everything he has made give praise to him. For he issued his command and they came into being; he established them forever and forever. His orders will never be revoked.**

One: Praise him down here on earth, you creatures of the ocean depths. Let fire and hail, snow, rain, wind and weather all obey. Let the mountains and hills, the fruit trees and cedars, the wild animals and cattle, the snakes and birds, the kings and all the people with their rulers and their judges, young men and maidens, old men and children— all praise the Lord together.

All: **For he alone is worthy. His glory is far greater than all of earth and heaven. Hallelujah! Yes, praise the Lord!**

*** SONGS OF ADORATION**

Hymn #267: "All Things Bright and Beautiful" (Verses 1, 3 and 4)

Hymn #473: "For the Beauty of the Earth" (Verses 1, 4 and 5)

*** ACT OF CONFESSION, FORGIVENESS AND FAITH**

All: **Eternal God, in whom we live, and move, and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: cleanse us from all our offenses and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace and finding in you our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ your Son, Amen.**

Moment for Silent Prayer

One: We believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord.

All: **He was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary and suffered under Pontius Pilate. He was crucified, dead and buried.**

One: 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,

All: **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.**