

SONG OF PREPARATION

Insert: *"Spirit of the Living God"*

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

SCRIPTURE *Isaiah 43:1-7*

CHORAL ANTHEM *"Be Not Afraid"* Craig Courtney

SCRIPTURE *Luke 3:15-17, 21-22*

SERMON *"The Voice of God"*

PRAYER OF RESPONSE

* SONG OF RESPONSE

Hymn #492: *"Baptized in Water"*

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.

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

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 *"Devotion"* John Ness Beck

* DOXOLOGY

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

All: We praise you, O God, for you have given yourself to us in Jesus Christ. You have filled us to overflowing with good things. Receive our offering of gratitude and joy, in the name of Christ. Amen.

* SONG FOR SENDING

Hymn #536: *"Lord, Make Us More Holy"*

* BLESSING

* CHORAL RESPONSE

* POSTLUDE *"Winter Carol"* 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 Sunday, Feb. 3rd - Team 2 - Heather Hunter.

MEMBERS IN SERVICE

LITURGISTS: Courtney Kiesling; Jan. 20th Cathy Misko

FELLOWSHIP HOSTS: Families M - O; Jan. 20th Families P - SL

CHILD CARE: The Decker Family and Miranda Day; Jan. 20th The Schultz Family

WORSHIP WELCOME TEAM: Team 7: Sueann & Don DeFurio, Marilyn* & Dave Kunkle, Pam Rawlings*; Jan. 20th - Team 8: Carole Carroll, Gail Anderson, Wendy Roithner, Marian Rhodes*, Hazel Knapp* (*Chairlift)

SANCTUARY COORDINATORS: Carol MacDonald; Jan. 20th Greg Smith

GRAPHICS TEAM: Robin Macherey/Larry Jay; Jan. 20th Larry Jay

SOUND BOARD: Gail Anderson; Jan. 20th Steve Kloc

CHANCEL FLOWERS:

In Loving Memory of Perry Black, given by his family.

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



Stephen Ministry

Lost Independence ...

"It's just not safe for you anymore," they say. "You could stay with one of us – or look into a place I know." You can't live on your own anymore. And it hurts – giving up some of your independence, adjusting to new routines. Let a Stephen Minister share this difficult time with you.

Congregation Life

Weekly Newsletter

January 13, 2019

Reminder!

SPRING BETHEL LIGHT ARTICLES are due to Kathy Young by Monday, February 11th. (The Spring Bethel Light covers March, April and May.)

TODAY IS SMALL CHANGE COLLECTION SUNDAY: Last year, during a typical month, the three SHIM pantries were visited 779 times by local families. That is approximately 1,600 people. Our cash donations allow SHIM to shop at the Greater Pittsburgh Food Bank, where their buying power is 500% greater than purchasing food at grocery store prices.

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 on January 20th 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 on January 20th. If you need child care during these times, let the church office know at least one week in advance and we'll make sure we are ready for your children.

SOUTH HILLS INTERFAITH MOVEMENT FOOD PANTRIES: As 2019 begins, the Food Pantry is low on several items. Although SHIM appreciates all donations, they are especially in need of shampoo, jars of spaghetti sauce and salad dressing.

UPCOMING EVENTS!

Jan. 18 th - 20 th	Youth Group Winter Retreat
Jan. 19 th	Foster Love Project
Jan. 21 st	Cancer Encouragement
Feb. 3 rd	Souper Bowl Sunday
Feb. 9 th	Coffeehouse Fundraiser



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

PW REQUEST: It came to our attention that five of our cream linen tablecloths are missing. Someone may have taken the tablecloths home to launder them. If you have them, please return the tablecloths to the church so they are available to be used at our next function. Thank you!

Reminder!

2018 ANNUAL REPORT: Please be sure all Annual Report information is forwarded to Kathy Young by January 28th. Thank you for your cooperation!



BOOK CLUB: Please join us on Friday nights during February and March (February 1st through March 29th). We will be reading *The Bean Trees*. We will meet at 7:00 p.m. at Panera's in South Park Shops. **Everyone is invited!** Contact Don DeFurio if you have any questions - 412/835-5232.

2019 PER CAPITA GIVING: Do you know that each year Bethel Presbyterian Church supports the missions and services of the larger Presbyterian Church through our Per Capita offering?

The Pittsburgh Presbytery, the Synod of the Trinity and the National Presbyterian Church U.S.A. are funded by these gifts from each member congregation. The Presbytery keeps an eye on the bigger picture serving needs such as poverty, disaster assistance, abuse and neglect, but the key source of funding is the Per Capita giving from each and every member of the Presbyterian Church. Bethel Presbyterian Church was the recipient in 2018 from disaster assistance for all the flooding in Bethel and we were able to help our neighbors financially.

Bethel Presbyterian Church's Per Capita assessment for 2019 is **\$33.05 for each confirmed member** of the congregation, totaling more than **\$9,000**. You can do your part and pay the \$33.05 all at once or throughout the year. If you don't pay, BPC still has to pay the larger Presbyterian Church for each confirmed member, so we ask that you prayerfully consider and submit your families expected contribution for each confirmed member and place it in the offering plate or mail it to the church office.

Bethel Presbyterian Church is a very giving congregation and our offerings directly support dozens of local and global missions as well as the needs of those in our own church family.

In Christ's service,
BPC Finance Committee

EXPLORE 1ST AND 2ND THESSALONIANS: Have you ever wondered why Paul wrote these books and wanted to look in depth at what he has to say? Join the Wednesday night Bible Study for Max Lucado's study of Thessalonians. The books are \$5. We meet in the McMillan Room at 7:30 p.m. Please see Jessica or Pastor Cathie for additional details or to order a book.

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CONGREGATIONAL CALENDAR

Sunday, January 13 (Daily Readings: Psalm 104, 150, Isa. 40:1-11, Heb. 1:1-12, John 1:1-7, 19-20, 29-34)

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
12:00 p.m. Youth Group
7:00 p.m. Cub Scout Committee Meeting

Monday, January 14 (Daily Readings: Psalm 5, 145, Isa. 40:12-24, Eph. 1:1-14, Mark 1:1-13)

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, January 15 (Daily Readings: Psalm 42, 146, Isa. 40:25-31, Eph. 1:15-23, Mark 1:14-28)

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

Wednesday, January 16 (Daily Readings: Psalm 89:1-18, 147:1-11, Isa. 41:1-16, Eph. 2:1-10, Mark 1:29-45)

8:30 a.m. Life Line Screening Event
10:00 a.m. Bible Study
11:30 a.m. Preschool Soccer Shots
6:30 p.m. Boy Scout Board Meeting
7:00 p.m. Macdonald Pipe Band Rehearsal
7:30 p.m. AA Meeting
7:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Study

Thursday, January 17 (Daily Readings: Psalm 97, 147:12-20, Isa. 41:17-29, Eph. 2:11-22, Mark 2:1-12)

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

Friday, January 18 (Daily Readings: Psalm 51, 148, Isa. 42:{1-9} 10-17, Eph. 3:1-13, Mark 2:13-22)

Youth Group Winter Retreat - McHenry, MD
9:00 a.m. TEIS Playgroup

Saturday, January 19 (Daily Readings: Psalm 104, 149, Isa. {42:18-25} 43:1-13, Eph. 3:14-21, Mark 2:23-3:6)

Youth Group Winter Retreat - McHenry, MD
8:45 a.m. Foster Love Project - Volunteering
5:00 p.m. Not Forgotten Home & Community Services Dance

Sunday, January 20 (Daily Readings: Psalm 19, 150, Isa. 43:14-44:5, Heb. 6:17-7:10, John 4:27-42)

Youth Group Winter Retreat - McHenry, MD
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 P - SL
11:30 a.m. Membership Class
11:30 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry
7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Leaders Meeting



Bethel Presbyterian Church
Worship for the Lord's Day
Baptism of Our Lord
January 13, 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 "Epiphany" William Stickles

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

All: Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name; worship the Lord in holy splendor.

One: The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.

All: The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the voice of the Lord causes the oaks to whirl and strips the forest bare. And in his temple, all say, 'Glory!'

One: May the Lord give strength to his people! May the Lord bless his people with peace! Come, let us worship the Lord together!

*** SONG OF ADORATION**

Insert: "Give Glory to God, All You Heavenly Creatures"

*** CALL TO HUMILITY**

*** PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

All: You speak, Holy God, and your voice silences the chorus of chaos; you whisper, toppling the giant redwoods and shattering our hardened hearts; you laugh and little children play hopscotch in the kingdom.

You speak, Word of Life, and the waters of the Jordan embrace you in grace; you call to us and your hope shimmers like stars in our darkness.

You speak, Spirit of Wonder, and we are given a new name.

But rather than listen to your voice, we turn instead to the insistent voice of the world telling us who we are and what we are to think and do and be.

Forgive our inattention, help us hear your voice above the clamor of this world, to recognize the difference and to follow only you. Amen.

*** WORDS OF GRACE**

*** SONG OF PRAISE**

Hymn #362: "I Love the Lord, Who Heard My Cry"

(Children may come forward for their special time.)

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN