

One: We struggle to trust your love and care for us and we fail to recognize your presence with us.

All: **Forgive our unbelief. Help us to know you are with us, to find comfort and strength in that knowledge and to be courageous in and for you, in all things. Amen.**

* SILENCE

* ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

* SONG OF GRACE

Insert: *"Before the Throne of God Above"*

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 *"O Saviour Sweet"* Arr. Clarence Dickinson

* DOXOLOGY

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

All: **Giving and generous God, we thank you for your grace, for this community of faith, for the gifts of our lives. Bless these offerings today that they might be used to further your reign of righteousness here and now. Work through each of us and through the ministries of this congregation that we might glorify you in all we do. Amen.**

* SONG FOR SENDING

Insert: *"Go, My Children, with My Blessing"*

* BENEDICTION

* CHORAL RESPONSE

* POSTLUDE

"Andante in F Minor"

O. Ravanello

WORSHIP NOTES

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY to the Drummond family on the loss of Fran Drummond (Bert's wife). 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, April 7th, Team 4, Angel Jackson

MEMBERS IN SERVICE

LITURGISTS: Barbara Jay; March 24th Courtney Kiesling

FELLOWSHIP HOSTS: Families SM - Z; March 24th Families A & B

CHILD CARE: Wendy Roithner & Jessica Kelecava; March 24th The Lucidore Family

WORSHIP WELCOME TEAM: Team 4: Cindy Fair, Mary Pursglove, Brooke Cashman, Dottie Frazier*, Nancy Carr*; March 24th - Team 5: Dave Long, Carl Parise, Russ Lautenschlager, Marilyn* & Dan* Beckstrom (*Chairlift)

SANCTUARY COORDINATORS: Pam Decker; March 24th Carol MacDonald

GRAPHICS TEAM: Robin Macherey; March 24th Larry Jay

SOUND BOARD: Steve Kloc; March 24th Frank Jackson

CHANCEL FLOWERS:

In Loving Memory of Donald Alan Dare, given by Mabel Dare.

In Honor of husband Robert Dare, son David Robert Dare, granddaughters Brittany and Shannon Dare and Loved Ones, given by Mabel Dare.

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, Anne Unger, Sheila and Rich Vandevander, Edith Wallace, Russell York, Sam Zimmerman



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

Congregation Life Weekly Newsletter March 17, 2019

SOUTH HILLS INTERFAITH MOVEMENT FOOD PANTRIES: The shelves at SHIM are in need of salad dressing, creamed soups and paper towels. These items, or any nonperishable food, would be greatly appreciated.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS!

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| Mar. 17 th | Fiesta Fundraiser |
| Mar. 20 th - Apr. 10 th | Wednesday Night Lenten Dinners and Studies |
| Apr. 7 th | Newcomers/New Members Information Gathering |
| 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 |



SUNDAY, 3/17 NOON-2 PM

Bethel Presbyterian Church
2999 Bethel Church Rd.

IT'S TACO TIME!!

Items for purchase:
Walking tacos
Baked Potatoes
Tacos (hard or soft shell),
Nachos and Loaded Nachos!!

FEBRUARY 2019 PLEDGES

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| Pledges YTD | \$29,989 |
| Budgeted Pledges YTD | \$35,166 |
| 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.

THANK YOU: I was so happy to receive the Congregational Letter this week with all the notes from my dear friends. My moving has been very difficult and I do miss my friends terribly. Please keep in touch and remember how much I appreciate my church family. I love you all!

Elma Black

UPDATE: Our Deacons are working to put together the annual care packages for college students. The students always look forward to receiving a special treat and the Deacons enjoy continuing to help support this blessing. If you know of any college students who would enjoy receiving a special package, please contact Rebecca Smith at 412/216-8963 or at dangreg@comcast.net. Please provide the name and current complete address of the student for package delivery. Also, please mention any special food allergy or health restrictions that should be considered. Care packages will be sent in late March.

Stephen Ministry

The House Echoes ...

They are all scattered now ... two at college, one in an apartment of his own. It's hard to cook for just two again. While you are glad they're becoming independent, you still miss them – sometimes so much that it hurts terribly. A Stephen Minister can help you sort through your feelings at this time.

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CONGREGATIONAL CALENDAR

Sunday, March 17 (Daily Readings: Psalm 84, 150, Jer. 1:1-10, 1 Cor. 3:11-23, Mark 3:31-4:9)

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| 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 SM – Z |
| 11:30 a.m. | Prayer Shawl Ministry |
| 12:00 p.m. | Youth Group Fiesta Fundraiser |
| 2:00 p.m. | Tartan Day Meeting |
| 7:00 p.m. | Boy Scout Leaders Meeting |

Monday, March 18 (Daily Readings: Psalm 119:73-80, 145, Jer. 1:11-19, Rom. 1:1-15, John 4:27-42)

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| 11:15 a.m. | Child Care Stretch & Grow |
| 1:00 p.m. | Church Staff Meeting |
| 1:00 p.m. | Membership Committee 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, March 19 (Daily Readings: Psalm 34, 146, Jer. 2:1-13, 29-32, Rom. 1:16-25, John 4:43-54)

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

Wednesday, March 20 (Daily Readings: Psalm 5, 147:1-11, Jer. 3:6-18, Rom. 1:{26-27} 28-2:11, John 5:1-18)

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

Thursday, March 21 (Daily Readings: Psalm 27, 147:12-20, Jer. 4:9-10, 19-28, Rom. 2:12-24, John 5:19-29)

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| 9:00 a.m. | Preparation for Wedding Reception – Jessica Kelecava |
| 5:00 p.m. | Kinder Karate |
| 6:30 p.m. | Bell Choir Rehearsal |
| 6:30 p.m. | Cemetery Meeting |
| 7:45 p.m. | Chancel Choir Rehearsal |

Friday, March 22 (Daily Readings: Psalm 22, 148, Jer. 5:1-9, Rom. 2:25-3:18, John 5:30-47)

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| 11:00 a.m. | Preparation for Wedding Reception – Jessica Kelecava |
| 6:00 p.m. | Wedding Reception – Jessica and Adam Kotila |

Saturday, March 23 (Daily Readings: Psalm 43, 149, Jer. 5:20-31, Rom. 3:19-31, John 7:1-13)

Sunday, March 24 (Daily Readings: Psalm 84, 150, Jer. 6:9-15, 1 Cor. 6:12-20, Mark 5:1-20)

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| 9:15 a.m. | Sunday School/Small Groups |
| 10:30 a.m. | Worship Baptism: Gabrielle Gail Doring Pastor: Rev. Cathie Smith (child care provided for infants up to 5 years of age) |
| 11:30 a.m. | Fellowship: Families A & B |
| 12:00 p.m. | Youth Group |
| 1:30 p.m. | REACH Meeting |



Bethel Presbyterian Church
Worship for the Lord's Day
Second Sunday of Lent
March 17, 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 "Chanson Triste" William Stickles

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

*** SONGS OF ADORATION**

Hymn #460: "Holy God, We Praise Your Name" (Verses 1 and 4)

Hymn #482: "Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty" (Verses 1, 2 and 3)

MORNING PRAYER

SONG OF PREPARATION

Insert: "Thy Word Is a Lamp unto My Feet"

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

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

SONG OF PREPARATION

Insert: "Thy Word Is a Lamp unto My Feet"

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

SCRIPTURE John 1:1-18

ANTHEM "In This Very Room" Ron and Carol Harris

SCRIPTURE John 14:1-3, 18-20, 25-27

SERMON "Nightlight"

*** PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

One: Heavenly Father, you are before us and behind us, around us and within.

All: We give you thanks for your constant presence, even as we admit that we don't always see or hear you with us.

One: Many of us come before you today with troubled hearts and minds. We are fearful about our relationships, our health, our finances, our families, our futures and many other things.

All: We seek comfort and assurance in everything and everyone but you and then find ourselves still fearful.