

**\* SONG OF GRACE**

Hymn #370: "Just As I Am, Without One Plea"

**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** "Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy" Kathryn S. Bonner

**\* 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** "Light Everlasting" O. C. Christiansen

**\* POSTLUDE** "Jesu, My Gladness" Praxis Pietatis Melica

**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, April 7<sup>th</sup>, Team 4, Angel Jackson

**MEMBERS IN SERVICE**

**LITURGISTS:** Stacey Lucidore; April 7<sup>th</sup> Alexis Kiesling

**FELLOWSHIP HOSTS:** Families C & D; April 7<sup>th</sup> Families E - H

**CHILD CARE:** Carrie Virgin & Marilyn Beckstrom; April 7<sup>th</sup> Jessica Kotila & Volunteer

**WORSHIP WELCOME TEAM:** Team 6: Diane & Jack Miller, Barbara\* & Larry\* Jay; April 7<sup>th</sup> - Team 7: Sueann & Don DeFurio, Marilyn\* & Dave Kunkle, Pam Rawlings\* (\*Chairlift)

**SANCTUARY COORDINATORS:** Greg Smith; April 7<sup>th</sup> Pam Decker

**GRAPHICS TEAM:** Robin Macherey; April 7<sup>th</sup> Larry Jay

**SOUND BOARD:** Frank Jackson; April 7<sup>th</sup> Gail Anderson

**CHANCEL FLOWERS:**

In Loving Memory of Mable and Roy Werner, John "Bucky" Wright and Loved Ones, given by Deborah Williams.

**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



If you are interested in joining our Liturgist Team, please contact Kathy Young in the church office (412/835-0405). Thank you!

**UPCOMING EVENTS!**

- Apr. 3<sup>rd</sup> & Apr. 10<sup>th</sup> Wednesday Night Lenten Dinners and Studies
- Apr. 7<sup>th</sup> Newcomers/New Members Information Gathering
- Apr. 14<sup>th</sup> Confirmation Celebration
- Apr. 14<sup>th</sup> Easter Eggstravaganza
- Apr. 18<sup>th</sup> Prayer Stations and Maundy Thursday Service
- Apr. 19<sup>th</sup> Prayer Stations and Good Friday Service
- Apr. 27<sup>th</sup> Spring Work Day

**Congregation Life**  
**Weekly Newsletter**  
**March 31, 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.

**FEBRUARY 2019 PLEDGES**

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

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.

**DEAR CHURCH FAMILY:** A special thank you to all my church family and friends. I truly have appreciated all my get well cards, offers to help, visits, food, prayer shawl and especially your much-needed prayers. I knew going into knee replacement surgery that it would be a long and painful recovery. Never did I anticipate an emergency trip back to the hospital for heart problems and excessive swelling since I cannot take anti-inflammatory medications. It is wonderful to have such an amazing church family. Thank you so much.

*Pat Brown*



**NAOMI CIRCLE:** The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10:00 a.m., in the Chapel of Bethel Park Retirement Residence. Please bring your Bible!

**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 April 7<sup>th</sup> 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 April 7<sup>th</sup>.

**JAPANESE TEA:** Our Presbyterian Women will be sponsoring a Japanese Tea on Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, 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 28<sup>th</sup>, 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.

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## CONGREGATIONAL CALENDAR

**Sunday, March 31** (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  
Pastor: Rev. Cathie Smith  
(child care provided for infants up to 5 years of age)  
11:30 a.m. Fellowship: Families C & D  
12:00 p.m. Youth Group

**Monday, April 1** (Daily Readings: Psalm 119:73-80, 145, Jer. 16:{1-9} 10-21, Rom. 7:1-12, John 6:1-15)

1:00 p.m. Church Staff Meeting  
5:45 p.m. Girl Scout Meeting  
6:00 p.m. Boy Scout JLC Meeting  
7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 215 Meeting  
7:00 p.m. Worship Committee Meeting

**Tuesday, April 2** (Daily Readings: Psalm 34, 146, Jer. 17:19-27, Rom. 7:13-25, John 6:16-27)

7:00 a.m. Special Election - Senatorial District Seat  
10:00 a.m. Quilters Meeting  
6:00 p.m. CE Committee Meeting  
7:00 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting  
7:00 p.m. Supportive Services Meeting  
7:30 p.m. PW Board Meeting

**Wednesday, April 3** (Daily Readings: Psalm 5, 147:1-11, Jer. 18:1-11, Rom. 8:1-11, John 6:27-40)

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

**Thursday, April 4** (Daily Readings: Psalm 27, 147:12-20, Jer. 22:13-23, Rom. 8:12-27, John 6:41-51)

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

**Friday, April 5** (Daily Readings: Psalm 22, 148, Jer. 23:1-8, Rom. 8:28-39, John 6:52-59)

12:00 p.m. Preparation for Tartan Day

**Saturday, April 6** (Daily Readings: Psalm 43, 149, Jer. 23:9-15, Rom. 9:1-18, John 6:60-71)

10:00 a.m. Tartan Day

**Sunday, April 7** (Daily Readings: Psalm 84, 150, Jer. 23:16-32, 1 Cor. 9:19-27, Mark 8:31-9:1)

9:15 a.m. Sunday School/Small Groups  
10:30 a.m. Worship  
Communion Sunday - Team 4  
Pastor: Rev. Cathie Smith  
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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



**Bethel Presbyterian Church**  
Worship for the Lord's Day  
Fourth Sunday of Lent  
March 31, 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 Passion - Durch Dein Gefagnis" J. S. Bach

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

\* SONGS OF ADORATION

Hymn #263: "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" (Verses 1 and 3)

Hymn #476: "O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!" (Verses 1, 4 and 5)

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 "Jesus, So Lowly" Harold Friedell

SCRIPTURE Psalm 27

SERMON "Candlelight"

\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**All: Father God, you are the one who leads us from darkness into light, from captivity into freedom, from anxiety into peace, from despair into joy. Yet we long to break free, choosing independence, convinced of our own wisdom, forgetting your love and grace. Forgive us, draw close to us, call us home to you, embrace us once again in your loving arms and enable us to follow you in worship and grateful service each day of our lives. Amen.**

\* SILENCE

\* ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS