

CHORAL ANTHEM "Where Hope Began" David Lantz III

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE Romans 13:11-14

SERMON "Heaven and Nature Sing: A Song of Hope"

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

PRESENTING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO THE LORD

OFFERTORY "How Beautiful" Craig Courtney

* DOXOLOGY

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

All: O Mighty One, you have done great things for us and holy is your name. Bless all we offer you - ourselves, our time and our possessions - that through us your grace and favor may be made known to all the world, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Righteousness, our Redeemer. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

One: Who is invited to the Lord's table?

All: All are invited; the young and the old, the rich and the poor, the lowest and the least; sinners and saints together in communion. Come find your place here where there are no strangers or foreigners, only brothers and sisters in the sight of God.

One: Why do we give thanks at this table?

All: We give thanks because Jesus showed us the way, we give thanks because Jesus is the way. Jesus was a gift from God for the world. He was called Immanuel, "God with us". He came to save us from our sins. Jesus lived a life of thankfulness and gave his life as a sacrifice for many. We give thanks that he is our Savior, Christ the Lord.

One: What do we remember at this table?

All: We remember Jesus' birth and his presence as God with us. We remember Jesus' life and his love. We remember Jesus' suffering and death on the cross. We remember the resurrection and the promise of life. We remember that we are waiting in hope to see Jesus again.

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: May the Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor: 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: Jesus, you truly are Immanuel "God with us". In this season of hope, may the meal we've shared together nourish us to be your body in the world. With the angels in heaven we join in singing your praises, Glory to God in the highest. Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen.

* SONG FOR SENDING

Hymn #79: "Light Dawns on a Weary World"

* BLESSING

* CHORAL RESPONSE

* POSTLUDE "The King of Consolation"

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, January 5th, Team 2, Heather Hunter.

MEMBERS IN SERVICE

LITURGISTS: Cathy Misko; Dec. 8th Alexis Kiesling

FELLOWSHIP HOSTS: Families P - SL; Dec. 8th Families SM - Z

WORSHIP WELCOME TEAM: Team 5: Dave Long, Carl Parise, Russ Lautenschlager, Marilyn* & Dan* Beckstrom; Dec. 8th - Team 6: Diane & Jack Miller, Barbara* & Larry* Jay (*Chairlift)

SANCTUARY COORDINATORS: Carol MacDonald; Dec. 8th Greg Smith

GRAPHICS TEAM: Ben Smith; Dec. 8th Larry Jay

SOUND BOARD: Frank Jackson; Dec. 8th Steve Kloc

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, Hank Barr, Betty Bauer, Gary Bittner, Carl Bonanni, Marilou Booth, Marina Bowser, Art Brandenburg, Michele Cobb, Phyllis Criss, Bob Dare, Sueann DeFurio, Marilyn DeHuff, Pete Edwards, Ginny Flynn, Bill Franciscus (Marilyn DeHuff's son), Bettyjean Gamble, Steve Kloc, Dick Kraft, Pat Kraft, Whitten Little, Carol MacDonald, Carol McDonald, Emily Parise, Dave Rawlings, Ann Reid, Joan Sherbak, Sally Sinatra, Jean Smith, Lynne Smith (Pastor Jim's wife), Anne Unger (Pastor Cathie's sister), Sheila and Rich Vandevander, Ansley Basso (Virgin), Kristi Wade, Edith Wallace, Russell York

UPCOMING EVENTS!

- Dec. 1st Stocking Packing for Veterans
Dec. 8th Christmas Palooza
Dec. 24th Christmas Eve Services

Congregation Life Weekly Newsletter December 1, 2019



2019 ANNUAL REPORT: Please be sure all Annual Report information is forwarded to Kathy Young by December 31st. Thank you for your cooperation!

DECEMBER 8TH IS OUR NEXT "SPARE CHANGE COLLECTION SUNDAY": Please bring your spare change and deposit it in the containers at Fellowship Hour so SHIM can continue to meet the needs of its clients. Please donate generously as this will be our last donation for 2019.

SOUTH HILLS INTERFAITH MOVEMENT FOOD PANTRIES: Since the holiday season is here, SHIM would like to stock a shelf at the Food Pantry dedicated to baking items. They are requesting donations of flour, sugar, vanilla, spices or any other baking product you would use to make your favorite holiday treat. SHIM will greatly appreciate any nonperishable food item you choose to donate.

NAOMI CIRCLE will meet at 11:00 a.m. on December 4th in the Chapel at Bethel Park Retirement Center for our normal Circle Meeting. We will then move to the dining area at noon for our annual Christmas Party. Please note the time change.

Christmas Eve Services flyer with details for 4:00 pm and 9:00 pm services, including descriptions and contact information for Bethel Presbyterian Church.



THANK YOU! Once again, our amazing congregation showed just how talented and giving they are! The support received for Holiday-A-Fair this year was incredible. The hard work of everyone involved resulted in another successful fundraising event! No wonder our HAF is known and loved by our community. A huge thank you to everyone who participated!

Lana Kling

Advent Bible Study Christmas Hymns flyer with details about exploring scriptures and favorite hymns, scheduled for Wednesdays 7-8 pm on December 4, 11, and 18.

Advent at Bethel



For 300 years, the Christmas hymn, Joy to the World, has helped worshippers express the longing and anticipation of Advent and the joy that we have in knowing that this longing is met in the birth of the Christ Child. During the Advent season, in our Sunday morning worship, we will explore themes from this hymn and the Scriptures they are inspired by as we move through the weeks that lead us to reflect on hope, peace, joy, and love.

On Wednesday evenings during the season of Advent, we will gather to study the Scriptural and theological themes of other Advent and Christmas hymns. Join Pastor Cathie and Pastor Jim on Wednesday Dec. 4, 11, and 18 from 7-8 pm for this special series of Bible Study and fellowship.

Christmas Palooza!

Sunday, Dec. 8th 3:00-5:00 pm

for children 3 years old (potty-trained) – 4th grade

Drop your kids off to our Christmas Wonderland where they will decorate cookies, play games, do crafts, and many other fun activities. The kids are sure to have a blast while parents can use this time to shop, wrap, or rest!

Please pre-register www.bethelpresby.org or in the church office. \$5 per child.

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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

CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION

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CONGREGATIONAL CALENDAR

Sunday, December 1 (Daily Readings: Psalm 24; 150; Amos 1:1-5, 13-2:8; 1 Thess. 5:1-11; Luke 21: 5-19)

- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School/Small Groups
- 10:30 a.m. Worship, Advent 1
Communion Sunday – Team 1
Pastor: Rev. Dr. Cathie Smith
- 11:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour: Families P – SL
- 11:30 a.m. Stocking Packing for Veterans
- 7:00 p.m. Cub Scout Committee Meeting

Monday, December 2 (Daily Readings: Psalm 122; 145; Amos 2:6-16; 2 Peter 1:1-11; Matt. 21:1-11)

- Preschool Closed
- 6:00 P.M. Boy Scout JLC Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. BASIC Study
- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 215 Meeting
- 7:30 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal

Tuesday, December 3 (Daily Readings: Psalm 33; 146; Amos 3:1-11; 2 Peter 1:12-21; Matt. 21:12-22)

- 10:00 a.m. Quilters Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Supportive Services Meeting

Wednesday, December 4 (Daily Readings: Psalm 50; 147:1-11; Amos 3:12-4:5; 2 Peter 3:1-10; Matt. 21:23-32)

- Preschool, Sarris Candy Delivery
- 11:00 a.m. Naomi Circle (11:00 a.m. Meeting, 12:00 p.m. Christmas Lunch)
- 7:00 p.m. Advent Study
- 7:00 p.m. Cemetery Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Macdonald Pipers Band Rehearsal
- 7:30 p.m. AA Meeting

Thursday, December 5 (Daily Readings: Psalm 18:1-20; 147:12-20; Amos 4:6-13; 2 Peter 3:11-18; Matt. 21:33-46)

- 1:00 p.m. Pittsburgh Presbytery Meeting (at John McMillan Presbyterian Church)
- 5:00 p.m. Kinder Karate
- 6:30 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal
- 7:45 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Friday, December 6 (Daily Readings: Psalm 102; 148; Amos 5:1-17; Jude 1-16; Matt. 22:1-14)

- 9:00 a.m. TEIS Playgroup
- 1:00 p.m. Preschool, Miss Verna Visit
- 6:00 p.m. Boy Scout Sleepover

Saturday, December 7 (Daily Readings: Psalm 90; 149; Amos 5:18-27; Jude 17-25; Matt. 22:15-22)

- 12:00 a.m. Boy Scout Sleepover

Sunday, December 8 (Daily Readings: Psalm 24; 150; Amos 6:1-14; 2 Thess. 1:5-12; Luke 1: 57-68)

- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School/Small Groups
- 10:30 a.m. Worship, Advent 2
Pastor: Rev. Dr. Cathie Smith
- 11:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour: Families SM – Z
- 3:00 p.m. Christmas Palooza
- 5:00 p.m. Bell Choir at Bethel Park Retirement
- 7:00 p.m. Cub Scout Parent Meeting



Bethel Presbyterian Church
Worship for the Lord's Day
Celebration of the Lord's Supper
December 1, 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 "People Look East"

RINGING OF THE BELL

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLES

CALL TO WORSHIP

*** SONG OF EXPECTATION**
 Hymn #104: "O Lord, How Shall I Meet You"

*** CALL TO HUMILITY**

*** PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

All: Faithful God, your promises stand unshaken through all generations. And yet we struggle to trust in your promises, to find our hope in you. Renew us in hope that we may be awake and alert as we watch for the glorious return of Jesus Christ, our judge and Savior, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*** ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

*** THE APOSTLES' CREED**

All: We believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; 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. 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. Amen.

Liturgist: This we can know. This we can trust. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and freed to live for him.

All: Thanks be to God!

*** SONG OF PRAISE**
 Hymn #87: "Comfort, Comfort Now My People"

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

Please sign the friendship pad (the blue folder) and pass along to others in your row, greeting others by name after worship.