

*** SONG OF RESPONSE**
Hymn #137: "He Came Down"

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.

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 "A Mighty Fortress" Roger C. Wilson

*** DOXOLOGY**

*** PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

All: We make our offerings, small and large, with the hope and confidence that all we offer will take root in this world and be the source of new expressions of God's love, justice and mission. May God's will be done on earth as it is in heaven through us, alongside us, despite us and for us. Amen.

*** SONG FOR SENDING**
Hymn #140: "Once in Royal David's City"

*** BLESSING**

*** CHORAL RESPONSE**

*** POSTLUDE** "Shine, Jesus, Shine"

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, February 2nd, Team 3, Stacey Lucidore.

MEMBERS IN SERVICE

LITURGISTS: Ann Lindsay; Jan. 19th Angel Jackson

FELLOWSHIP HOSTS: Families E - H; Jan. 19th Families I - L

WORSHIP WELCOME TEAM: Team 11: Morris* & Ann* Lindsay, Lana & Jason Kling, Marilyn DeHuff; Jan. 19th - Team 12: Pat & Bill Brown, Carole Legleitner, Stacey* & Brad* Lucidore (*Chairlift)

SANCTUARY COORDINATORS: Carol MacDonald; Jan. 19th Pam Decker

GRAPHICS TEAM: Robin Macherey; Jan. 19th Courtney Kiesling

SOUND BOARD: Frank Jackson; Jan. 19th Steve Kloc

CHANCEL FLOWERS:
In Loving Memory of Loved Ones, given by Cathy Misko.

PRAYER CONCERNS: Rob Backstrom, Hank Barr, Ansley Basso (Virgin), 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, Joan Sherbak, Sally Sinatra, Jean Smith, Lynne Smith (Pastor Jim's wife), Anne Unger (Pastor Cathie's sister), Sheila and Rich Vandevander, Kristi Wade, Edith Wallace, Russell York

Congregation Life
Weekly Newsletter
January 12, 2020

TODAY IS THE FIRST SMALL CHANGE COLLECTION SUNDAY FOR 2020: SHIM's three Food Pantries have served more than 2,100 clients during the fall months. This includes approximately 200 new patrons. 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.

SOUTH HILLS INTERFAITH MOVEMENT FOOD PANTRIES: As 2020 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.

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY: Never worry about money again with Financial Peace University (FPU)! It's the proven plan to help you master budgeting, beat debt and live the life of your dreams. Through nine lessons rooted in biblical wisdom, your FPU Group will learn from Dave Ramsey and his team of financial experts. Class starts January 26th, from 2:30 to 4:00 p.m. Contact Kristen Kiesling or the church office for more info or visit fpu.com/1108235 to sign up!

2020 Chancel Flowers

With the new year comes the need to update the Chancel Flower Calendar. I will be sending Chancel Flower sponsor letters; however, there are several Sundays open in January and February:

- January 26
- February 2
- February 23
- One Vase \$25.00
- Two Vases \$50.00



If you would like to sponsor chancel flower openings in January or February, please contact:

Bethel Presbyterian Church
2999 Bethel Church Road
Bethel Park, PA 15102
412/835-0405

Thank you to all those who continue to sponsor our chancel flower vases.

Carol MacDonald

TAX RELIEF FOR YOUR GIVING TO OUR CHURCH!

At the age of 70½, the IRS requires you to withdraw a certain amount from your IRA and pay ordinary income tax on it. This is called a required minimum distribution or "RMD". A portion of this required withdrawal can be transferred directly from these accounts by your financial advisor to our church and be part of your pledged giving or a special additional gift. This credit will avoid taxes on these monies and perhaps lower one's overall tax rate. Check with your financial advisor for details.

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY is on hiatus for the month of January and will resume on Wednesday, February 12th, at 10:00 a.m., continuing through Lent. Watch for future announcements to see what we will be studying.

MARY & MARTHA CIRCLE will meet Monday, January 13th, 6:30 p.m., in the McMillan Room. All ladies are invited and encouraged to attend. We share a light meal, devotional, Bible Study and lots of Christian fellowship! No reservation ever required!

UPCOMING EVENTS!

- Feb. 2nd Souper Bowl Sunday
- Feb. 7th - 8th 30 Hour Famine
- Feb. 9th Skating Party
- Feb. 25th Pancake Dinner



CHANGES! CHANGES! CHANGES!

Has your contact information changed recently? New address? Phone number? Email address? If so, please be sure to let the church office know so we might better serve you. Please call Kathy Young in our church office at 412/835-0405 or email her at bethelpres@verizon.net. Thanks so much!



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



HELP US CHANGE THE GAME AND TACKLE HUNGER!

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2 11:30 AM (AFTER WORSHIP)
 Stay and enjoy a bowl of soup or take some home for later.
 Donations benefit the South Hills Interfaith Movement Food Pantry

Scout Sunday
 February 9
 10:30 am



Bethel Presbyterian Church
 2999 Bethel Church Rd.
 www.bethelpresby.org

ALL CHURCH ICE-SKATING PARTY
 Sunday, February 9 3-5 pm
 South Park Rink and Party Room

MORE DETAILS COMING SOON!

CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION

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Custodian (Evening): Rob Roche, 412/835-0405

CONGREGATIONAL CALENDAR

Sunday, January 12 (Daily Readings: Psalm 104; 150; Gen. 1:1-2:3; Eph. 1:3-14; John 1:29-34)

- Youth Group Winter Retreat**
 9:30 a.m. Sunday School/Small Groups
 10:30 a.m. Worship
 Pastor: Rev. Dr. Cathie Smith
 Guest Pastor: Rev. Dr. Jim Smith
 11:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour: Families E - H

Monday, January 13 (Daily Readings: Psalm 5; 145; Gen. 2:4-9, {10-15}, 16-25; Heb. 1:1-14; John 1:1-18)

- 11:00 a.m. Staff Schedule and Facilities Coordination Meeting
 5:45 p.m. Girl Scout Meeting
 6:30 p.m. Mary & Martha Circle
 7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 215 Meeting

Tuesday, January 14 (Daily Readings: Psalm 42; 146; Gen. 3:1-24; Heb. 2:1-10; John 1:19-28)

- 10:00 a.m. Quilters Meeting
 5:00 p.m. Soccer Shots
 7:00 p.m. Coin Club Meeting
 7:00 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting
 7:30 p.m. PW Board Meeting

Wednesday, January 15 (Daily Readings: Psalm 89:1-18; 147:1-11; Gen. 4:1-16; Heb. 2:11-18; John 1:{29-34}, 35-42)

- 6:30 p.m. Scout Committee Meeting
 7:00 p.m. Macdonald Pipers Band Rehearsal
 7:30 p.m. AA Meeting

Thursday, January 16 (Daily Readings: Psalm 97; 147:12-20; Gen. 4:17-26; Heb. 3:1-11; John 1:43-51)

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

Friday, January 17 (Daily Readings: Psalm 51; 148; Gen. 6:1-8; Heb. 3:12-19; John 2:1-12)

- 9:00 a.m. TEIS Playgroup

Saturday, January 18 (Daily Readings: Psalm 104; 149; Gen. 6:9-22; Heb. 4:1-13; John 2:13-22)

Sunday, January 19 (Daily Readings: Psalm 19; 150; Gen. 7:1-10, 17-23; Eph. 4:1-16; Mark 3:7-19)

- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School/Small Groups
 10:30 a.m. Worship
 Pastor: Rev. Dr. Cathie Smith
 11:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour: Families I - L
 11:30 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry
 12:00 p.m. Youth Group Meeting
 2:00 p.m. Tartan Day Meeting
 7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Leaders Meeting
 7:00 p.m. Cub Scout Parent Meeting



Bethel Presbyterian Church
 Worship for the Lord's Day
 Baptism of Our Lord Sunday
 January 12, 2020
 10:30 A.M.

"Changed by Christ So We Can Change the World"

** Please stand in body or spirit as you are able.*

PRELUDE "Every Promise"

RINGING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

*** SONG OF ADORATION**
 Hymn #146: "Gentle Mary Laid Her Child"

*** 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 #126: "Jesus, Jesus, O What a Wonderful Child"

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 42:1-9

ANTHEM "Here I Am, Lord" Dan Schutte, S.J.

SCRIPTURE Matthew 3:13-17

SERMON "The Baptism of the Lord"