

RECEIVING OUR STAR GIFTS

PRAYER OF EXPECTATION AND COMMITMENT

All: God of light and love; as we hold these stars in our hands, may we be filled with expectation for how you will work in our lives in the coming year. As we carry these stars home, may we be filled with renewed commitment to following how you will lead us. As we see these stars each day, may we be filled with your strength, courage and wisdom to walk in your light. Amen.

* SONG OF COMMITMENT

Hymn #150: "As with Gladness Men of Old"

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE *Matthew 2:1-23*

SERMON "Seeing the Star"

ANTHEM "Shine, Jesus, Shine" Arr. Tom Fettke

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

PRESENTING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO THE LORD

OFFERTORY "Christ Is with Us" Don Besig

* DOXOLOGY

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

* COMMUNION SONG

Hymn #147: "The First Nowell" (Verses 1, 2, 4, 5, 6)

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING, INTERCESSIONS AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

One: May the Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

One: 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: Lord, we have eaten your bread and we have shared your cup. Send us out now into your world to joyfully proclaim the good news of your great love, to be beacons of your hope and instruments of your peace. Amen.

* CLOSING SONG

Hymn #127: "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"/"Jesus, the Light of the World"

* BLESSING

* CHORAL RESPONSE

* **POSTLUDE** "All Beautiful the March of Days"

WORSHIP NOTES

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY to the Reid family on the loss of Ann Reid. Please keep the family in your prayers.

SINCERE CONDOLENCES to the Lewis family on the loss of William Lewis (former member). Please keep the family in your prayers.

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: Courtney Kiesling; Jan. 12th Ann Lindsay

FELLOWSHIP HOSTS: Families C & D; Jan. 12th Families E - H

WORSHIP WELCOME TEAM: Team 10: Monica, Chris, Miranda & Leah Day, Jerry Wade*, Mike Schultz*; Jan. 12th - Team 11: Morris* & Ann* Lindsay, Lana & Jason Kling, Marilyn DeHuff (*Chairlift)

SANCTUARY COORDINATORS: Greg Smith; Jan. 12th Carol MacDonald

GRAPHICS TEAM: Ben Smith; Jan. 12th Larry Jay

SOUND BOARD: Gail Anderson; Jan. 12th Frank Jackson

CHANCEL FLOWERS:

In Loving Memory of Roy & Virginia Burford & Douglas Emerick, given by Mary & Roy Burford.

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



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 January 5, 2020

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.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12TH, WILL BE 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.

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 or 401K accounts 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS!

Jan. 10th - 12th Youth Retreat
Feb. 2nd Souper Bowl Sunday
Feb. 7th - 8th 30 Hour Famine
Feb. 9th Skating Party
Feb. 25th Pancake Dinner

THE NAOMI CIRCLE will meet Wednesday, January 8th, 10:00 a.m., at the Bethel Park Retirement Center (across the street from the church). Please bring your Bible!

SUPPORT OUR YOUTH GROUP!

We are excited to roll out an easy way to help support our Youth Group as they prepare to attend the Montreat Youth Conference and the Inter-generational Mission Trip this summer!



Through our partnership with SCRIP, church members, family members and friends can purchase gift cards from over 750 different stores, online retailers, hotels, movie theaters, restaurants, cruise lines and more.

Each gift card is purchased at face value, but a percentage of the amount comes back to the Youth Group from the company. For example, say you buy a \$25 gift card to Eat n' Park. You pay \$25, you get a \$25 gift card and the Youth Group receives \$2.25.

You can get gift cards to use for your weekly and regular shopping and use them instead of cash or debit cards. For example, if you bought \$150 in gift cards from Giant Eagle and used them for your groceries and gas for the week, the Youth Group would receive \$6. Or you can get cards to give as gifts or for your vacations or date nights or all kinds of special occasions - even your trip to Disney!

Here's all you need to do:

- **If you prefer to do your shopping for cards online:** Go to shopwithscrip.com and create an account. You'll need our enrollment code (5911E89D65629). You will be asked child's name and group. You can ignore these questions unless you are a parent of one of our Youth Group members. Once you are enrolled, your account will be verified and you will be ready to begin ordering. If you go to shopwithscrip.com on your phone, you will receive a prompt that allows you to place a link on your home screen like an app for quick access and ordering.
- **If you prefer to fill out a paper order and let us order the cards for you:** Get an order form from the church office, fill it out and return it to the office.

A group order will be placed by the 20th of each month combining all online and paper orders received by the 15th and we'll have the cards in the office ready for you just a few days later!

This is an exciting and easy way that we can all help support our Youth Group! Thank you for your support!

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CONGREGATIONAL CALENDAR

Sunday, January 5 (Daily Readings: Psalm 99; 150; 1 Kings 3:5-14; Col. 3:12-17; John 6:41-47)

- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School/Small Groups
- 10:30 a.m. Worship
Communion Sunday – Team 2
Pastor: Rev. Dr. Cathie Smith
- 11:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour: Families C & D
- 12:00 p.m. Youth Group
- 7:00 p.m. Cub Scout Committee Meeting

Monday, January 6 (Daily Readings: Psalm 72; 145; Isa. 49:1-7; Rev. 21:22-27; Matt. 12:14-21)

- 1:00 p.m. Membership Committee Meeting
- 6:00 p.m. Boy Scout JLC Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 215 Meeting

Tuesday, January 7 (Daily Readings: Psalm 46 or 97; 146; Deut. 8:1-3; Col. 1:1-14; John 6:30-33, 48-51)

- 9:30 a.m. Preschool, Miss Verna Visit
- 10:00 a.m. Quilters Meeting
- 1:00 p.m. Preschool, Miss Verna Visit
- 6:30 p.m. Committee Night
- 7:00 p.m. Supportive Services Meeting

Wednesday, January 8 (Daily Readings: Psalm 46 or 47; 147:1-10; Exod. 7:1-7; Col. 1:15-23; John 7:37-52)

- 10:00 a.m. Naomi Circle
- 7:00 p.m. Macdonald Pipers Band Rehearsal
- 7:30 p.m. AA Meeting

Thursday, January 9 (Daily Readings: Psalm 46 or 47; 147:12-20; Isa. 45:14-19; Col. 1:24-2:7; John 8:12-19)

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

Friday, January 10 (Daily Readings: Psalm 46 or 47; 148; Jer. 23:1-8; Col. 2:8-23; John 10:7-17)

Youth Group Winter Retreat

Saturday, January 11 (Daily Readings: Psalm 46 or 47; 149; Isa. 55:3-9; Col. 3:1-17; John 14:6-14)

Youth Group Winter Retreat

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

- 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 E - H



Bethel Presbyterian Church
Worship for the Lord's Day
Epiphany Sunday
January 5, 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 "We Come to This Table"

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

SONG OF PRAISE
 Hymn #152: "What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright" (Verses 1-3)

*** ACT OF CONFESSION, FORGIVENESS AND FAITH**

One: God of light and love, we confess that we have sinned against you and one another in both our actions and our inactions.

All: We recognize that in Jesus our light has come, yet often we choose to walk in the shadows and ignore the light.

One: Gracious God, forgive our sins and remove from us the veil of darkness which shrouds our lives.

All: Illumine us by your Word, so we may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory. Amen.

Moment for Silent Prayer

One: We believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord.

All: He was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary and suffered under Pontius Pilate. He was crucified, dead and buried.

One: 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,

All: 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.

One: This we can know; this we can trust. In Jesus Christ, the light has come into the world and we have been forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God!

*** GLORIA PATRI**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

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.