

\* **SONG OF GRACE**  
"Gloria Patri"

## 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.

**ANTHEM** "O Saviour Sweet" Arr. Clarence Dickinson

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**SCRIPTURE** Psalm 139:1-18, 23-24

**SERMON** "Yertle the Turtle"

## INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

## PRESENTING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO THE LORD

**OFFERTORY** "Is Not This Bread?" Glenn L. Rudolph

## \* DOXOLOGY

## \* PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND ILLUMINATION

**All:** Compassionate God, we offer these gifts as signs of our time and labor. Receive the offering of our lives and feed us with your grace, that in the midst of death, all creation might feast on your unending life in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

## \* SONG OF RESPONSE

Hymn #442: "Just as I Am, without One Plea"

## 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 Jesus Christ, you have put your life into our hands; now we put our lives into yours. Take us, renew and remake us. What we have been is past; what we shall be, through you, still awaits us. Lead us on. Take us with you. Amen.

## \* SONG FOR SENDING

Hymn #543: "God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me" (Verses 1, 4 and 5)

## \* BLESSING

## \* CHORAL RESPONSE

\* **POSTLUDE** "Postlude in G Minor"

## WORSHIP NOTES

**MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR MARTHA VAN HORN:** A Memorial Service for friends and family of Martha has been scheduled for Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, 3:00 p.m., at Bethel Presbyterian Church. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

**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 5<sup>th</sup>, Team 1, Barbara Jay.

## MEMBERS IN SERVICE

**LITURGISTS:** Alexis Kiesling; Mar. 8<sup>th</sup> Courtney Kiesling

**FELLOWSHIP HOSTS:** Families E - H; Mar. 8<sup>th</sup> Families I - L

**WORSHIP WELCOME TEAM:** Team 6: Diane & Jack Miller, Barbara\* & Larry\* Jay; Mar. 8<sup>th</sup> - Team 7: Sueann & Don DeFurio, Angus MacDonald, Lisa Wilfong\*, Pam Rawlings\* (\*Chairlift)

**SANCTUARY COORDINATORS:** Carol MacDonald; Mar. 8<sup>th</sup> Greg Smith

**GRAPHICS TEAM:** Ben Smith; Mar. 8<sup>th</sup> Larry Jay

**SOUND BOARD:** Steve Kloc; Mar. 8<sup>th</sup> Gail Anderson

## CHANCEL FLOWERS:

In Loving Memory of Kathryn Hultz and Albert Hultz, given by their family.

**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, Marilyn DeHuff, Pete Edwards, Ginny Flynn, Bill Franciscus (Marilyn DeHuff's son), Bettyjean Gamble, Steve Kloc, Dick Kraft, Pat Kraft, Carol MacDonald, Carol McDonald, Jack Miller, Emily Parise, Dave Rawlings, Pam Rawlings, George Ritchie, Joan Sherbak, Sally Sinatra, Jean Smith, Lynne Smith (Pastor Jim's wife), Anne Unger (Pastor Cathie's sister), Sheila and Rich Vandevander, Edith Wallace, Russell York



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to listen to on our website!!

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parts of the worship service, too!

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## Congregation Life Weekly Newsletter March 1, 2020

**OUR NEXT MONTHLY SMALL CHANGE COLLECTION SUNDAY FOR SHIM IS SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 8<sup>TH</sup>.** Please bring your change to deposit in the containers during Fellowship Hour. This is a great way to assist our neighbors in need during this Lenten Season. Currently, South Hills Interfaith Movement is in the midst of raising money to benefit the Food Pantries.

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



We wish to thank our church family for the many thoughts, prayers, cards and well wishes we received during Jack's recent surgery. We are truly blessed to be a part of such a caring congregation.

*Jack and Diane Miller*

**2020 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 2020 is **\$34.79 for each confirmed member** of the congregation, totaling more than **\$8,800**. You can do your part and pay the \$34.79 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



**JOIN US!** The Bethel Park Cub Scout Pack 215 will be hosting its Annual Spaghetti Fundraiser Dinner on Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, at Bethel Presbyterian Church, from 4:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. All proceeds benefit Pack 215 activities throughout the year. Adult dinner tickets are \$10; child tickets are \$5.

**THE NAOMI CIRCLE** will meet Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m., at the Bethel Park Retirement Center. 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](http://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](http://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 20<sup>th</sup> of each month combining all online and paper orders received by the 15<sup>th</sup> 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, March 1** (Daily Readings: Psalm 84; 150; Dan. 9:3-10; Heb. 2:10-18, John 12:44-50)

9:30 a.m. World Day of Prayer  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School/Small Groups  
10:30 a.m. Worship, Lent 1, One Great Hour of Sharing Kick-Off  
Communion - Team 4  
Pastor: Rev. Dr. Cathie Smith  
11:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour: Families E - H  
11:30 a.m. Lenten Luncheon  
12:00 p.m. Youth Group  
7:00 p.m. Cub Scout Committee Meeting

**Monday, March 2** (Daily Readings: Psalm 119:73-80; 145; Gen. 37:1-11; 1 Cor. 1:1-19; Mark 1:1-13)

1:00 p.m. Membership Committee Meeting  
6:00 p.m. Boy Scout JLC Meeting  
7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 215 Meeting  
7:15 p.m. Nominating Committee Meeting

**Tuesday, March 3** (Daily Readings: Psalm 34; 146; Gen. 37:12-24; 1 Cor. 1:20-31; Mark 1:14-28)

10:00 a.m. Quilters Meeting  
5:00 p.m. Soccer Shots  
6:30 p.m. Committee Night - CE/Mission/ Supportive Services/Worship

**Wednesday, March 4** (Daily Readings: Psalm 5; 147:1-11; Gen. 37:25-36; 1 Cor. 2:1-13; Mark 1:29-45)

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

**Thursday, March 5** (Daily Readings: Psalm 27; 147:12-20; Gen. 39:1:23; 1 Cor. 2:14-3:15; Mark 2:1-12)

4:00 p.m. Kinder Karate  
6:30 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal  
7:45 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

**Friday, March 6** (Daily Readings: Psalm 22; 148; Gen. 40:1-23; 1 Cor. 3:16-23; Mark 2:13-22)

**Saturday, March 7** (Daily Readings: Psalm 43; 149; Gen. 41:1-13; 1 Cor. 4:1-7; Mark 2:23-3:6)

11:00 a.m. Cub Scout Parent Meeting  
4:30 p.m. Cub Scout Spaghetti Dinner

**Sunday, March 8** (Daily Readings: Psalm 84; 150; Gen. 41:14-45; Rom. 6:3-14; John 5:19-24)

9:30 a.m. Sunday School/Small Groups  
10:30 a.m. Worship, Lent 2  
Pastor: Rev. Dr. Cathie Smith  
11:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour: Families I - L  
11:30 a.m. Lenten Luncheon  
12:00 p.m. Youth Group

**IN APPRECIATION:** We want to thank our members who prepare the communion bread. If you would like to join our team, please contact Kathy Young in the church office.



**Bethel Presbyterian Church**  
**Worship for the Lord's Day**  
**Celebration of the Lord's Supper**  
**March 1, 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** "A Lenten Melody"

**RINGING OF THE BELL**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**\* SONG OF ADORATION**  
Hymn #183: "Come to Me, O Weary Traveler"

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

One: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known and from you no secrets are hid.

**All: Search me, O God, and know my heart; try me and know my thoughts. See if there is any wicked way in me and lead me in the light everlasting.**

**Moment for Silent Prayer**

One: God of mercy, whose Son, Jesus Christ, longs to gather us in the wide embrace of his love, we confess that we have been wayward children.

**All: We have disobeyed your commands; our ears have been deaf to your call; our hearts have been cold to your love. In thought, in word and in deed, we have hurt others and dishonored your name. In your great mercy, receive us yet again as your well-beloved children, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

One: People of God, hear the good news of the gospel: Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the tree that we might die to sins and live for righteousness. By his wounds we are healed. In the assurance of this grace, we can boldly claim the truth of the gospel. What is it that we believe?

**All: I 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. I 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.**

One: This we can know; this we can trust. In Jesus Christ, we have been forgiven and are freed to live for him.

**All: Thanks be to God!**