

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!

* SONG OF GRACE

Hymn #276: *“Great Is Thy Faithfulness” (Verses 1 and 3)*

Note: Thomas Chisholm wrote this hymn in 1926 as a testament to the “unfailing faithfulness of a covenant-keeping God ... who has given me many wonderful displays of His providing care, for which I am filled with astonishing gratefulness.”

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.

ANTHEM *“Praise Ye the Lord”* Gordon Young

SCRIPTURE *Matthew 14:22-34*

SONG OF PREPARATION

Hymn #322: *“Spirit of the Living God” (Sing through twice.)*

Note: This chorus was written in 1926 by Presbyterian Minister, Daniel Iverson, in response to a message on the Holy Spirit he heard at a revival. This is one of the most long-lasting and widely used choruses in Christian worship as every aspect of the song embodies simple sincerity of the believer’s heart before the Lord.

SERMON *“Fear Not”*

PRAYER OF RESPONSE

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

PRESENTING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO THE LORD

OFFERTORY *“Celtic Communion”* Arr. Mark Hayes

* DOXOLOGY

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND ILLUMINATION

All: Blessed are you, God of all creation; through your goodness we have these gifts to share. Accept and use our offerings for your glory and for the service of your kingdom. Amen.

* COMMUNION SONG

Hymn #513: *“Let Us Break Bread Together”*

Note: This spiritual was first published in the Journal of American Folklore in 1925, though it originated long before that in the West African Gullah/Geechee slave culture that developed in the coastal areas of South-Eastern colonial America. Once published, it was quickly arranged for congregational singing and has become well-known and often-sung as part of celebrations of the Lord’s Supper.

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: Most gracious God, we praise you for what you have given and for what you have promised us here. You have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. You have fed us with the bread of life and renewed us for your service. Now we give ourselves to you; and we ask that our daily living may be part of your kingdom and that our love may be your love, reaching out into the life of the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

* CLOSING SONG

Insert: *“Just a Closer Walk with Thee”*

Note: The origins of this gospel song are unknown, though it is strongly identified with the African American community in the southern United States in the early 20th century. The first known recording of the song was by the Selah Jubilee Singers in 1941.

* BLESSING

* CHORAL RESPONSE

* **POSTLUDE** *“In the Cross of Christ I Glory”* William Stickles

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, June 2nd, Team 3 – Stacey Lucidore.

MEMBERS IN SERVICE

LITURGISTS: Courtney Kiesling; May 12th Cathy Misko

FELLOWSHIP HOSTS: Families P - SL; May 12th No Fellowship due to Mother’s Day.

CHILD CARE: The Kiesling Family; May 12th Child Care rooms are open, but not staffed due to Mother’s Day.

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

SANCTUARY COORDINATORS: Carol MacDonald; May 12th Greg Smith

GRAPHICS TEAM: Robin Macherey; May 12th Courtney Kiesling

SOUND BOARD: Frank Jackson; May 12th Steve Kloc

CHANCEL FLOWERS:

In Loving Memory of Anna Eliza Bauer, Mother, given by Carol MacDonald and Pam Adomaitis.

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.

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, Bob Ericson, Cliff Fair, Jean Fishel, Ginny Flynn, Bettyjean Gamble, Linda Hackett, Dick Jones, Steve Kloc, Dick Kraft, Pat Kraft, Whitten Little, Russ Lautenschlager, 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

Congregation Life

Weekly Newsletter

May 5, 2019

Reminder!

SUMMER BETHEL LIGHT ARTICLES are due to Kathy Young by Monday, May 13th. (Our Summer Bethel Light covers June, July and August.)

SOUTH HILLS INTERFAITH MOVEMENT FOOD PANTRIES: SHIM needs donations for its cleaning supply shelves. These items include dishwashing soap, cleanser, furniture polish and window cleaner. As always, any nonperishable food donation is greatly appreciated.

RISE AGAINST HUNGER FOOD PACKING EVENT - SUNDAY JUNE 9TH: Check out the bulletin board at the bottom of the Narthex stairs. Each meal costs 34 cents ... we will be packing 10,000 meals at a cost of \$3,400. Please help by joining us on June 9th or making a contribution. Also, please pray for all those in this world who go hungry every day. We are God's hands and feet and we can end hunger!

IT’S NOT TOO LATE TO CONTRIBUTE TO BPC “2019 PET PROJECTS”: There are still plenty of opportunities for you to contribute, even just a small amount can make a big difference. Funding needed for Staff Training (\$1,000), Staff Appreciation (\$500), Supplemental Staffing (\$3,000), Small Groups (\$750), Student Ministry (\$2,750), Special Events (\$500), Special Musicians (\$2,500), Graphics/Listening (\$500), Mission Projects (\$5,000), Officer Training (\$500), Advertising (\$400). We are happy to report that Supportive Services is fully funded! Thank you.

Simply drop off your contribution to the Financial Secretary or place it in the offering plate with a note or subject line in the memo section stating your wishes.

Thank you,
Finance Committee

OUR NEXT SPARE CHANGE COLLECTION SUNDAY IS SCHEDULED FOR MAY 19TH (There is no Fellowship on May 12th due to Mother’s Day.): Please bring your spare change on the 19th and place it in the cans at Fellowship Hour to help SHIM continue to offer food to struggling families in our area. In the last month, SHIM served 1,812 clients at their food pantries.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING: Just a reminder that we will accept donations for OGHs through May 26th. “Special Thanks” to the children who filled their fish boxes!

CALLING ALL GRADUATES! Do you know of anyone connected to Bethel Presbyterian who is graduating school this year? Whether it is high school, college, trade school, grad school ... or anything else we may not have thought of ..., please let us know by May 19th so we can recognize him/her in worship! Please contact Kathy Young in the church office with the details (name of graduate, type of graduation, etc.). Thank you!

MARCH 2019 PLEDGES

Pledges YTD	\$50,990
Budgeted Pledges YTD	\$52,749
Difference	-\$1,759

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.



April 28	Changes, Ages, and God's Enduring Purpose
May 5	The "Builders" - Fear Not
May 12	"Generation Z" - God's Wide Welcome
May 19	The "Busters" - Never Alone
May 26	The "Boomers" - Truth and Power
June 2	The "Bridgers" - Unfiltered
June 9	"Peas and Carrots"

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CONGREGATIONAL CALENDAR

Sunday, May 5 (Daily Readings: Psalm 93, 150, Dan. 4:1-18, 1 Peter 4:7-11, John 21:15-25)

- 9:15 a.m. Sunday School/Small Groups
- 10:30 a.m. Worship, Communion Sunday, Team 2
 Pastor: Rev. Cathie Smith
 Guest Preacher: Jessica Kotila
 (child care provided for infants up to 5 years of age)
- 11:30 a.m. Fellowship: Families P - SL
- 2:00 p.m. PW Japanese Tea

Monday, May 6 (Daily Readings: Psalm 97, 145, Dan. 4:19-27, 1 John 3:19-4:6, Luke 4:14-30)

- 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

Tuesday, May 7 (Daily Readings: Psalm 98, 146, Dan. 4:28-37, 1 John 4:7-21, Luke 4:31-37)

- 9:00 a.m. Preschool, Muffins with Mom
- 10:00 a.m. Quilters Meeting
- 12:30 p.m. Preschool, Muffins with Mom
- 5:00 p.m. Soccer Shots
- 6:00 p.m. Christian Education Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Supportive Services Meeting

Wednesday, May 8 (Daily Readings: Psalm 99, 147:1-11, Dan. 5:1-12, 1 John 5:1-12, Luke 4:38-44)

- 9:00 a.m. Preschool, Muffins with Mom
- 10:00 a.m. Bible Study
- 12:30 p.m. Preschool, Muffins with Mom
- 7:00 p.m. Macdonald Pipe Band Rehearsal
- 7:30 p.m. AA Meeting
- 7:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Study

Thursday, May 9 (Daily Readings: Psalm 47, 147:12-20, Dan. 5:13-30, 1 John 5:13-20, {21}, Luke 5:1-11)

- 9:00 a.m. Preschool, Muffins with Mom
- 12:30 p.m. Preschool, Muffins with Mom
- 5:00 p.m. Kinder Karate
- 6:30 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal
- 7:45 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Friday, May 10 (Daily Readings: Psalm 96, 148, Dan. 6:1-15, 2 John 1-13, Luke 5:12-26)

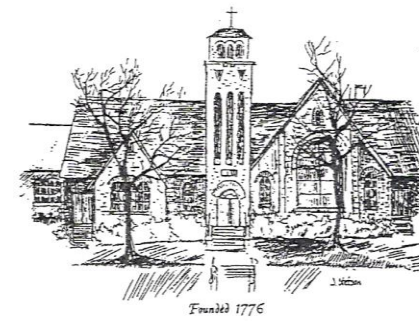
- 9:00 a.m. TEIS Playgroup

Saturday, May 11 (Daily Readings: Psalm 92, 149, Dan. 6:16-28, 3 John 1-15, Luke 5:27-39)

- Mission Committee Hosts Family Promise Dinner at John McMillan Presbyterian Church
- 9:00 a.m. Boy Scout Pepperoni Roll Distribution

Sunday, May 12 (Daily Readings: Psalm 93, 150, Gen. 18:22-33, 1 Peter 5:1-11, Matt. 7:15-29)

- 9:15 a.m. Sunday School/Small Groups
- 10:30 a.m. Worship
 Pastor: Rev. Cathie Smith
 Guest Preacher: Jessica Kotila



Bethel Presbyterian Church
Worship for the Lord's Day
Celebration of the Lord's Supper
May 5, 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 *Improvisations on the Day's Hymns*

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: This is the day that the Lord has made.
All: On this day, we gather with thanksgiving in our hearts, for God's love is ever constant in our lives.

One: This is the day that the Lord has made.
All: On this day, we gather with praise on our lips, for grace upon grace has been poured into our lives.

One: This is the day that the Lord has made
All: And we will rejoice and be glad in it!

*** SONG OF ADORATION**
 Hymn #469: "Morning Has Broken"

Note: Morning Has Broken was first published in 1931. The words were written by English author Eleanor Farjeon and were inspired by the village of Alfriston in East Sussex and set to a traditional Scottish Gaelic tune. It was written when a publisher noted the need for a song that gives thanks to God for each day.

WELCOME

THROUGH ALL GENERATIONS: THE BUILDERS

*** SONG OF PRAISE**
 Hymn #420: "God of Grace and God of Glory" (Verses 1, 4 and 5)

Note: Written in 1930 by Baptist Pastor, Harry Emerson Fosdick, during the Great Depression - an economic disaster that drained the nation of life and hope. This song is a prayer for God to bestow power, wisdom and courage on the church, "for the facing of this hour."

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

All: God of all ages, who from generation to generation has heard the cries of your children humbly seeking forgiveness and has welcomed sinners back into your embrace, hear the thoughts of our hearts, examine our motives and forgive us our faults. We ask this through your Son who died and rose that we might know the true cost of forgiveness. 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.