

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 Is Our God" Arr. Don Hart

* DOXOLOGY

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

All: We make our offerings, small and large, with the hope and confidence that all we do, all we offer, all we say, all we think and all we hope will take root in this world and be the source of new expressions of God's love, of God's justice, of God's character, of God's mission, of God's peace. 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 #748: "Go with Us, Lord"

* BLESSING

* CHORAL RESPONSE

* POSTLUDE

"Brother James Air"

Philip Kreckels

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, December 1st, Team 1, Barbara Jay.

MEMBERS IN SERVICE

LITURGISTS: Alexis Kiesling; Nov. 24th Cathy Misko

FELLOWSHIP HOSTS: Families I - L; Nov. 24th Families M - O

WORSHIP WELCOME TEAM: Team 3: Pat Kaczmarek, Ken Niemeier, Ted Keenan, Ruth Stotesbery*; Nov. 24th - Team 4: Cindy Fair, Mary Pursglove, Brooke Cashman, Dottie Frazier*, Nancy Carr* (*Chairlift)

SANCTUARY COORDINATORS: Greg Smith; Nov. 24th Pam Decker

GRAPHICS TEAM: Robin Macherey; Nov. 24th Larry Jay

SOUND BOARD: Steve Kloc; Nov. 24th Gail Anderson

CHANCEL FLOWERS:

In Loving Memory of Donald B. Smith, given by his family.

In Loving Memory of Norman E. Krieger II, given by his mother Beverly Fife Krieger Lacich.

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, 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, Anne Unger (Pastor Cathie's sister), Sheila and Rich Vandevander, Ansley Virgin (Basso), Kristi Wade, Edith Wallace, Russell York



Christmas Eve Services

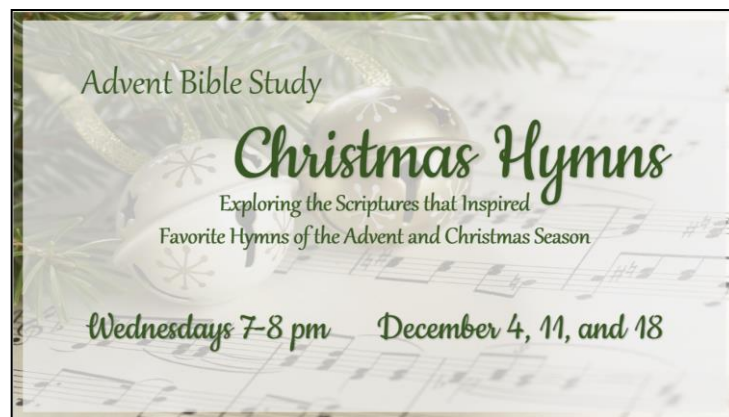
4:00 pm
For Families and Young Children

9:00 pm
Candlelight Service

A special service of story and song with an opportunity for all children to take part in the story of Christmas and share in a peaceful moment of (safe) candlelight.

A joyous and peaceful celebration with special music by the chancel choir, bell choir and a meaningful time of candlelight as the light of Christmas fills our hearts.

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Advent Bible Study

Christmas Hymns

Exploring the Scriptures that Inspired
Favorite Hymns of the Advent and Christmas Season

Wednesdays 7-8 pm December 4, 11, and 18



Festival of the Greens

3:00-5:00 pm Decorating for Advent and Christmas
5:00-6:00 pm Pot-Luck Meal- bring a dish to share
6:00-6:30 pm Carol Sing and Wreath Lighting

Sunday, November 24



Monday Nights Oct. 7-Dec. 2

Basic.

Who is God? | What is Church?

meeting at Pastor Cathie's home
7:00-8:00 pm

Congregation Life Weekly Newsletter November 17, 2019

UPDATE ON 2020 PLEDGES - 11/7/19

Pledges!

62 pledges have been received to date, totaling \$185,000. Last year we received 96 pledges, totaling \$212,000. Thank you for your pledges. They help us plan our budget for 2020!

SOUTH HILLS INTERFAITH MOVEMENT FOOD PANTRIES: The shelves at SHIM are currently quite empty. Any donation you can make would be greatly appreciated. They need jars of spaghetti sauce, cream soups and boxed stuffing. As we approach the holiday season, SHIM would like to have a pantry shelf dedicated to baking items. They need flour, sugar, vanilla, spices and any other baking products.

YOU ARE INVITED! Will you be alone for Thanksgiving? You can join others from the community at Ma and Pop's Country Kitchen for a free Thanksgiving Dinner. Please see the flyer on the Bulletin Board by the office for details.



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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OCTOBER 2019 PLEDGES

Pledges YTD	\$171,400
Budgeted Pledges YTD	<u>\$175,830</u>
Difference	-\$4,430

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. If you missed your pledges and offerings for a few weeks, 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.

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.**

MANY, MANY THANKS TO ALL WHO MADE THE WONDERFUL TREATS FOR OUR HOLIDAY-A-FAIR BAKE SALE: Not only were the goodies abundant, but they created a beautiful sight as they spread across and covered all four tables! You bakers are THE BEST!

Many Thanks!
Marilyn Beckstrom

UPCOMING EVENTS!

- Nov. 24th Hanging of the Greens and Potluck
Dec. 1st Stocking Packing for Veterans
Dec. 8th Christmas Palooza
Dec. 24th Christmas Eve Services

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.

Calling all Crafters and Semi-Crafters!



Many of our Christmas ornaments, which were so lovingly made by church members, a long time ago, are in need of repair. Some simply need a new wire loop added to them, some need a full restringing of beads. If you would be willing to take one or more ornaments home and give them some TLC see Pastor Cathie!

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CONGREGATIONAL CALENDAR

Sunday, November 17 (Daily Readings: Psalm 67; 150; Ezra 7:{1-10}, 11-26; Acts 28:14b-23; Luke 16:1-13)

- 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 I - L
11:30 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry
4:00 p.m. Youth Group - Friendsgiving
7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Leaders Meeting

Monday, November 18 (Daily Readings: Psalm 57; 145; Ezra 7:27-28, 8:21-36; Rev. 20:7-15; Matt. 17:1-13)

- 8:30 a.m. Life Line Screening
6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Pack Meeting
7:00 p.m. BASIC Study
7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 215 Meeting

Tuesday, November 19 (Daily Readings: Psalm 54; 146; Ezra 9:1-15; Rev. 21:1-8; Matt. 17:14-21)

- 10:00 a.m. Quilters Meeting
6:00 p.m. Deacons Bake Pumpkin Bread
7:00 p.m. Downsizing Seminar
7:00 p.m. Session Meeting

Wednesday, November 20 (Daily Readings: Psalm 65; 147:1-11; Ezra 10:1-17; Rev. 21:9-21; Matt. 17:22-27)

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

Thursday, November 21 (Daily Readings: Psalm 143; 147:12-20; Neh. 9:1-15; {16-25}; Rev. 21:22-22:5; Matt. 18:1-9)

- 1:00 p.m. American Sewing Group
5:00 p.m. Kinder Karate
6:30 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal
7:45 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

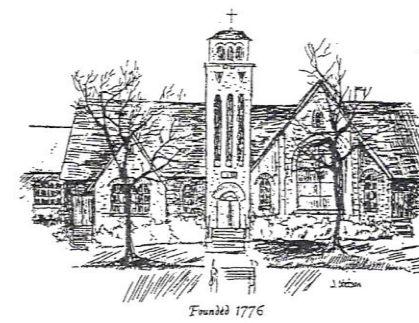
Friday, November 22 (Daily Readings: Psalm 88; 148; Neh. 9:26-38; Rev. 22:6-13; Matt. 18:10-20)

- 9:00 a.m. TEIS Playgroup

Saturday, November 23 (Daily Readings: Psalm 122; 149; Neh. 7:73b-8:3, 5-18; Rev. 22:14-21; Matt. 18:21-35)

Sunday, November 24 (Daily Readings: Psalm 108; 150; Isa. 19:19-25; Rom. 15:5-13; Luke 19:11-27)

- 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 M - O
3:00 p.m. Hanging of the Greens and Potluck



Bethel Presbyterian Church
Worship for the Lord's Day
November 17, 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 "A Mighty Fortress"

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

*** SONG OF ADORATION**
Hymn #275: "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

*** CALL TO HUMILITY**

*** PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

All: Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are and direct what we shall be so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*** ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

*** SONG OF PRAISE**
Hymn #463: "How Firm a Foundation"

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 12:1-6

ANTHEM "Thy Word" Jack Schrader

SCRIPTURE Luke 12:13-21

SERMON "Are We Fools?"

*** SONG OF RESPONSE**
Hymn #716: "God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"

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.



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!

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