

SERMON "The Rightful Ruler"

\* SONG OF RESPONSE
Hymn #363: "Rejoice, the Lord Is King!"

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.

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 "Rejoice, the Lord Is King" Craig Courtney

\* DOXOLOGY

\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

All: We praise you, O God, for you have given yourself to us in Jesus Christ. You have filled us to overflowing with good things. Receive our offering of gratitude and joy, in the name of the coming Christ. Amen.

\* SONG FOR SENDING
Hymn #37: "Let All Things Now Living"

\* BLESSING

\* CHORAL RESPONSE

\* POSTLUDE "Rejoice, the Lord Is King"

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: Cathy Misko; Dec. 1st Cathy Misko

FELLOWSHIP HOSTS: Families M - O; Dec. 1st Families P - SL

WORSHIP WELCOME TEAM: Team 4: Cindy Fair, Mary Pursglove, Brooke Cashman, Dottie Frazier\*, Nancy Carr\*; Dec. 1st - Team 5: Dave Long, Carl Parise, Russ Lautenschlager, Marilyn\* & Dan\* Beckstrom (\*Chairlift)

SANCTUARY COORDINATORS: Pam Decker; Dec. 1st Carol MacDonald

GRAPHICS TEAM: Larry Jay; Dec. 1st Ben Smith

SOUND BOARD: Gail Anderson; Dec. 1st Frank Jackson

CHANCEL FLOWERS: In Loving Memory of Russell & Lucile Burroughs & James & Mary Hamilton, given by Randy & Mary Helen Burroughs. In Loving Memory of Mr. & Mrs. Hamilton S. Brown, Clarence S. Brown and Rev. William J. Brown, given by Mrs. William J. Brown.

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, 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, Ann Reid, Joan Sherbak, Sally Sinatra, Jean Smith, Lynne Smith (Pastor Jim's wife), Anne Unger (Pastor Cathie's sister), Sheila and Rich Vandevander, Ansley Basso (Virgin), Kristi Wade, Edith Wallace, Russell York

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2019 ANNUAL REPORT: Please be sure all Annual Report information is forwarded to Kathy Young by December 31st. Thank you for your cooperation!

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.

UPDATE ON 2020 PLEDGES - 11/7/19



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!

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.

OCTOBER 2019 PLEDGES

Table with 2 columns: Pledges YTD, Budgeted Pledges YTD, Difference. Values: \$171,400, \$175,830, -\$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.

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

Christmas Eve Services flyer with details for 4:00 pm and 9:00 pm services.

Advent Bible Study Christmas Hymns flyer for Wednesdays 7-8 pm.

Festival of the Greens flyer for Sunday, November 24.

Monday Nights Oct. 7-Dec. 2 Basic. meeting at Pastor Cathie's home.

Christmas Palooza! flyer for Sunday, Dec. 8th 3:00-5:00 pm.





A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU to our Quilters Group for donating our new blue friendship pads!

## 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 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

**Monday, November 25** (Daily Readings: Psalm 62; 145; Joel 3:1-2, 9-17; 1 Peter 1:1-12, Matt. 19:1-12)

- 5:45 p.m. Girl Scout Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. BASIC Study
- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 215 Meeting
- 7:30 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal

**Tuesday, November 26** (Daily Readings: Psalm 12; 146; Nahum 1:1-13; 1 Peter 1:13-25; Matt. 19:13-22)

- 10:00 a.m. Quilters Meeting
- 4:00 p.m. Staff Program Coordination Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Mission Committee Meeting

**Wednesday, November 27** (Daily Readings: Psalm 96; 147:1-11; Obad. 15-21; 1 Peter 2:1-10; Matt. 19:23-30)

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

**Thursday, November 28** (Daily Readings: Psalm 116; 147:12-20; Zeph. 3:1-13; 1 Peter 2:11-15; Matt. 20:1-16)

Church Office Closed  
Child Care Closed  
Preschool Closed

**Friday, November 29** (Daily Readings: Psalm 84; 148; Isa. 24:14-23; 1 Peter 3:13-4:6; Matt. 20:17-28)

Church Office Closed  
Child Care Closed  
Preschool Closed

**Saturday, November 30** (Daily Readings: Psalm 63; 149; Micah 7:11-20; 1 Peter 4:7-19; Matt. 20:29-34)

**Sunday, December 1** (Daily Readings: Psalm 24; 150; Amos 1:1-5, 13-2:8; 1 Thess. 5:1-11; Luke 21: 5-19)

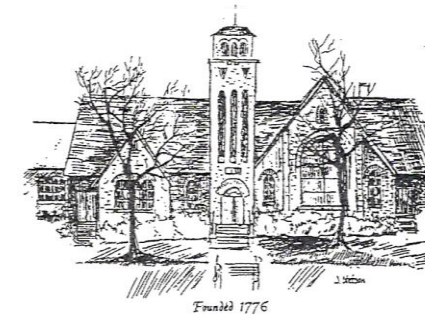
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School/Small Groups
- 10:30 a.m. Worship, Advent 1  
Communion Sunday - Team 1  
Pastor: Rev. Dr. Cathie Smith
- 11:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour: Families P - SL
- 11:30 a.m. Stocking Packing
- 7:00 p.m. Cub Scout Committee Meeting



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](http://www.bethelpresby.org/sermons)



**Bethel Presbyterian Church**  
Worship for the Lord's Day  
Christ the King Sunday  
November 24, 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** "Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending"

**THE RINGING OF THE BELL**

**\* CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of Glory may come in.

**All: Who is this King of Glory?**

One: The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle! Lift up your heads, O gates, that the King of Glory may come in.

**All: Who is this King of Glory?**

One: The Lord of hosts, he is the King of Glory. Come, let us worship the King!

**\* SONG OF ADORATION**  
Hymn #364: "Lift Up the Gates Eternal"

**\* CALL TO HUMILITY**

**\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**All: Righteous God, you have crowned Jesus Christ as Lord of all. Yet we hesitate to bow to him, slow to acknowledge his rule. We give allegiance to the powers of this world, caring more for ourselves than for justice and love. In your mercy, forgive us. Raise us by your Spirit to acknowledge him as our only Ruler, that we may be loyal ambassadors of his kingdom of reconciling love. Amen.**

**\* ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

**\* SONG OF PRAISE**  
Hymn #647: "Give Thanks"

*(As we sing the last verse, children may come forward for their special time.)*

**TIME WITH THE CHILDREN**

**SONG OF PREPARATION**  
Hymn #451: "Open My Eyes, That I May See" (Verses 1 and 2)

*(As we sing, children may return to their seats.)*

**SCRIPTURE** Luke 1:68-79

**ANTHEM** "Majesty"

Jack Schrader

**SCRIPTURE** Jeremiah 23:1-6