

SERMON "I Believe ... Amen"

COMMISSIONING OF TEACHERS AND LEADERS

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 "You Are Forever God" Pepper Choplin

* DOXOLOGY

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

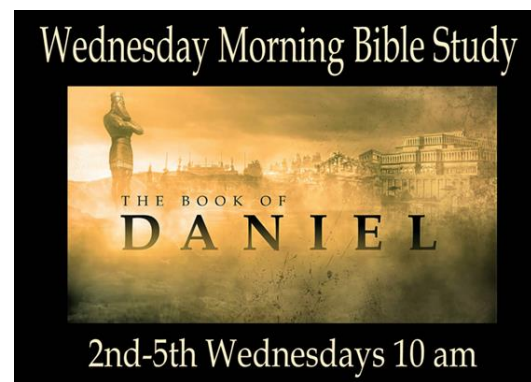
All: Blessed are you, God of all creation; through your goodness we have these gifts to share. Accept and use our offerings for your glory and for the service of your kingdom. Amen.

* CLOSING SONG Hymn #538: "Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing"

* BLESSING

* CHORAL RESPONSE

* POSTLUDE "The Solid Rock"



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, October 6th - Team 3, Stacey Lucidore.

MEMBERS IN SERVICE

LITURGISTS: Alexis Kiesling; Sept. 15th Courtney Kiesling

FELLOWSHIP HOSTS: Families A & B; Sept. 15th Families C & D

CHILD CARE: The Decker Family; Sept. 15th The Lucidore Family

WORSHIP WELCOME TEAM: Team 5: Dave Long, Carl Parise, Russ Lautenschlager, Marilyn* & Dan* Beckstrom; Sept. 15th - Team 6: Diane & Jack Miller, Barbara* & Larry* Jay (*Chairlift)

SANCTUARY COORDINATORS: Carol MacDonald; Sept. 15th Greg Smith

GRAPHICS TEAM: Robin Macherey; Sept. 15th Larry Jay

SOUND BOARD: Frank Jackson; Sept. 15th Steve Kloc

CHANCEL FLOWERS:

In Loving Memory of Sylvia Brandenburg, given by Art Brandenburg & family. In Loving Memory of Donald Alan Dare, given by Mabel Dare. In Honor of husband Robert Dare, son David Robert Dare, granddaughters Brittany and Shannon Dare and Loved Ones, given by Mabel Dare.

PRAYER CONCERNS: Rob Backstrom, Hartley Baird, Hank Barr, Betty Bauer, Gary Bittner, Carl Bonanni, Marilou Booth, Marina Bowser, Art Brandenburg, Michele Cobb, Bob Dare, Sueann DeFurio, Marilyn DeHuff, Bob Ericson, Melanie Ericson, Cliff Fair, Jean Fishel, Ginny Flynn, Bill Franciscus, Bettyjean Gamble, Linda Hackett, Steve Kloc, Dick Kraft, Pat Kraft, Russ Lautenschlager, Whitten Little, Carol MacDonald, Carol McDonald, Diane Miller, Jack Miller, Emily Parise, Donna Puglisi, Betty Ramsey, Dave Rawlings, Ann Reid, Joan Sherbak, Sally Sinatra, Jean Smith, Anne Unger, Sheila and Rich Vandevander, Ansley Virgin (Basso), Kristi Wade, Edith Wallace, Russell York, Sam Zimmerman



UPCOMING EVENTS!

- Sept. 15th Ladies 80's
Sept. 15th 3rd - 5th Grade Fellowship
Sept. 22nd Church Picnic
Sept. 29th Communion Class for Children and Parents
Oct. 12th Fall Cleanup Day
Oct. 27th Trunk or Treat

Congregation Life Weekly Newsletter September 8, 2019

TODAY IS SMALL CHANGE COLLECTION SUNDAY FOR SOUTH HILLS INTER-FAITH MOVEMENT. Fall is the time when SHIM offers Preschool, Tutoring and Mentoring Programs so they need additional volunteers. If you are interested, please contact Debi Dempsey at 412/854-9120, Ext. 106.

HOLIDAY-A-FAIR: Last year the congregation was very generous in helping Holiday-A-Fair with donating gift baskets that you made for our raffle. Today we are putting out items during Fellowship Hour to help you with your baskets or hopefully give you inspiration to create one. We even have lots of baskets for you to use! Please consider helping us out again. Our basket raffle was such a success because of you! If you have any questions about creating baskets, please call Lana Kling at 412/835-4672 or talk to any PW Board Member.

FOSTER LOVE PROJECT: There are two volunteer opportunities in September with this organization located in the old Dormont Presbyterian Church that services foster families. On Saturday, September 14th, help is needed to remove the summer clothing and stock the fall/winter clothing. On Monday, September 16th, in the evening, help is needed unloading a truck of donations at the church in Dormont. Please sign up at https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508094CAFA622A7FC1-2019 if you are interested.

SOUTH HILLS INTERFAITH MOVEMENT FOOD PANTRIES: In order to fully stock the shelves at the Food Pantry, SHIM is requesting donations of jars of spaghetti sauce, canned pineapple and baking items. They also need plastic grocery bags so clients can take their produce home. All donations are appreciated and can be left at the Marshall Road entrance.



FOOD DRIVE: PW is sponsoring a Food Drive for South Hills Interfaith Movement. Please consider helping our local residents who are in need. Check the poster at the Marshall Road entrance for suggestions. Thank you for your help!

Debbie May General PW Mission Coordinator

"WALK WHERE JESUS WALKED": On Wednesday, September 11th, you will "walk where Jesus walked" as Keren Fauth tells about her trip to the Holy Land with videos, maps, pictures and, of course, Keren's enthusiasm. She has so much to share that we will meet at 9:30 a.m. in the McMillan Room. Everyone is welcome.

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY will start September 18th, 10:00 a.m., in the McMillan Room. We will be reading Daniel with a Lion, a Fiery Furnace and Writings on the Wall. Everyone is welcome - all you need to bring is your Bible.

ELDER AND DEACON NOMINATION CONSIDERATIONS: The Bethel Presbyterian Church Nominating Committee is meeting to discern the 2022 slate of Elder and Deacon nominations. Your input is welcome! Please consider the qualifications listed on the Bulletin insert and submit names you prayerfully feel are qualified individuals (you may also include yourself for consideration). Your submissions can be sent to Kath Young in the church office or any member of the Nominating Committee: Marilyn Beckstrom, Larry Jay, Linda Jones, Leanne Parise, Joanne Wells, Lisa Wilfong or Pastor Cathie.



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

MARY & MARTHA CIRCLE will meet on Monday, September 9th, 6:30 p.m., in the McMillan Room (across from the church office). Everyone is invited to attend. No reservation required. Nothing to bring. Just show up and you will be warmly received! We share a light meal, devotion, Bible Study and lots of Christian fellowship. Our Bible Study this year is "Love Carved in Stone" - a new look at the Ten Commandments. We have approximately 20 ladies who currently attend whenever possible ... we look forward to seeing new faces this season!!

"Come as you are ... stay as long as you can ... leave when you must."

Monday Nights Oct. 7-Dec. 2
Basic.
 Who is God? | What is Church?
 meeting at Pastor Cathie's home
 7:00-8:00 pm

Bethel Presbyterian Church Picnic
 Sunday, September 22
 3:30-6:30 pm
 at Woodland Crest Shelter in South Park
 Pot-Luck Dinner and Games for All Ages
 Watch for sign-ups coming soon!

Coming to the Table
 Children in kindergarten and above are invited to this special workshop with Pastor Cathie.
 We'll learn what communion is and what it means, and we'll get ready to join the church family at the family feast Jesus gave us!
 RSVP to the church office or to Pastor Cathie.
 Sept. 29
 2-3 pm

CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION

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Custodian (Evening): Rob Roche, 412/835-0405

CONGREGATIONAL CALENDAR

Sunday, September 8 (Daily Readings: Psalm 103; 150; 1 Kings 12:21-33; Acts 4:18-31; John 10:31-42)

- 9:30 a.m. Rally Sunday, Sunday School/Small Groups
- 10:30 a.m. Worship, Rally Sunday
 Baptism: Lillian Rae Schoenberger
 Pastor: Rev. Dr. Cathie Smith
 (child care provided for infants up to 5 years of age)
- 11:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour: Families A & B
- 12:00 p.m. Youth Group Kick Off

Monday, September 9 (Daily Readings: Psalm 5; 145; 1 Kings 13:1-10; Phil. 1:1-11; Mark 15:40-47)

- 9:00 a.m. Preschool First Day for 4's & T Classes
- 1:00 p.m. Church Staff Meeting
- 1:00 p.m. Membership Committee Meeting
- 5:30 p.m. CE Committee Meeting
- 6:00 p.m. Mission Committee Project - Cooking for the Table
- 6:30 p.m. Mary & Martha Circle
- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 215 Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Cemetery Board Meeting

Tuesday, September 10 (Daily Readings: Psalm 42; 146; 1 Kings 16:23-34; Phil. 1:12-30; Mark 16:1-8, {9-20})

- Mission Committee - Serving at the Table
- 9:00 a.m. Preschool First Day for 3's Classes
- 10:00 a.m. Quilters Meeting
- 5:00 p.m. Soccer Shots
- 7:00 p.m. Coin Club Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting
- 7:30 p.m. PW Board Meeting

Wednesday, September 11 (Daily Readings: Psalm 89:1-18; 147:1-11; 1 Kings 17:1-24; Phil. 2:1-11; Matt. 2:1-12)

- 9:30 a.m. Bible Study
- 7:00 p.m. Macdonald Pipers Band Rehearsal
- 7:30 p.m. AA Meeting

Thursday, September 12 (Daily Readings: Psalm 97; 147:12-20; 1 Kings 18:1-19; Phil. 2:12-30; Matt. 2:13-23)

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

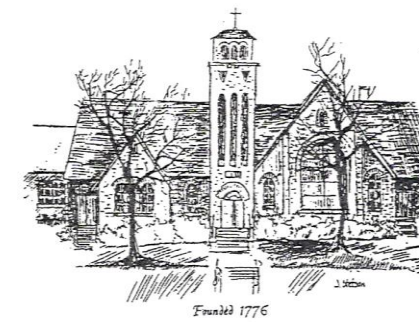
Friday, September 13 (Daily Readings: Psalm 51; 148; 1 Kings 18:20-40; Phil. 3:1-16; Matt. 3:1-12)

- 9:00 a.m. Preschool First Day for Time for 2's Classes
- 9:00 a.m. TEIS Playgroup

Saturday, September 14 (Daily Readings: Psalm 104; 149; 1 Kings 18:41-19:8; Phil. 3:17-4:7; Matt. 3:13-17)

Sunday, September 15 (Daily Readings: Psalm 19; 150; 1 Kings 19:8-21; Acts 5:34-42; John 11:45-57)

- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School/Small Groups
- 10:30 a.m. Worship, Ladies 80's Celebration
 Pastor: Rev. Dr. Cathie Smith
 (child care provided for infants up to 5 years of age)
- 11:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour: Families C & D
- 11:30 a.m. PW's Ladies 80's Luncheon
- 12:00 p.m. Youth Group
- 2:00 p.m. 3rd - 5th Grade Fellowship
- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Leaders Meeting



Bethel Presbyterian Church
Worship for the Lord's Day
Rally Sunday
September 8, 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

*** SONG OF ADORATION**
 Insert: "Standing on the Promises" (Verses 1 and 2)

*** CALL TO CONFESSION**

*** PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

All: God of mercy, grace and goodness: We are sorry for so much—for words we cannot bear to say, for memories we cannot bear to relive, for thoughts we cannot bear to admit. But you know our hearts.

Relieve us of our burdens, we pray. Bind our hearts not to the unbearable, but rather to you so that in all ways we may live in the joy of your salvation and the delight of your loving embrace.

*** ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

*** SONG OF GRACE**
 Insert: "Standing on the Promises" (Verses 3 and 4)

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.

SERVICE OF BAPTISM: LILLIAN RAE SCHOENBERGER

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.

BAPTISMAL HYMN
 Insert: "I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry"

FIRST READING *Romans 10:9-17*

ANTHEM *"Seek First the Kingdom of God"* Mary McDonald