

**THIS WEEK AT
BETHEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

January 29th - February 4th

Today 9:45 Sunday School
 11:00 Worship
 12:00 Congregational Appreciation
 Luncheon & CAT Results
 Meeting

Monday 7:00 Boy Scouts

Wednesday 6:30 Cub Scouts (*Fellowship Hall*)
 7:00 Adult Choir
 7:00 The Bells of Bethel

Thursday Groundhog Day

Next Sunday, February 5th: Souper Bowl of Caring
 9:45 Sunday School
 11:00 Worship/Boy Scout Sunday
 12:15 Diaconate Meeting
 12:15 PWCT Meeting

Serving During The Worship Service Today

Greeters Bob & Louise Hoy

Worship Service Assistant Mo Kyle

Offering Barb Gough Charlie Johnson
 Brian Lee Marty Simmers

Nursery Joe & Sally Williams

**Our Staff
and
Leaders**

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THE SESSION

<u>Class of 2017</u>	<u>Class of 2018</u>	<u>Class of 2019</u>
Kenneth Miller	William Brubeck	John Davis
David Schooley	Daniel Gano	Tabitha Moore
Kathy Swisher	Rhonda Johnson	Robert Olson
Jill Webb	Marion Simmers	Mac Williams

THE DEACONS

<u>Class of 2017</u>	<u>Class of 2018</u>	<u>Class of 2019</u>
Tammy Barbour	Wade Cash	Ellen Fitzgerald
Barbara Gough	Briana Lawhorne	D. W. Miller
Charlie Johnson	Brian Lee	Alex Sproul
Marty Simmers	Joe F. Williams	Dale Thompson

THE TRUSTEES

<u>Class of 2017</u>	<u>Class of 2018</u>	<u>Class of 2019</u>
Kenny Olson	Guy D. Brooks	Dan Gano
Dale C. Smith	Joe F. Williams	Lee Ann Heizer

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Cindy Almarode, Moderator Stephanie Rivers, Co-Moderator & Secretary
Sarah Frances Ralston, Treasurer

Circle Leaders

Afternoon Circle - Barbara Gough & Jackie Law
Evening Circle - Irene Elliott & Louise Hoy

MEN OF THE CHURCH

Mac Williams, President

Bethel Presbyterian Church supports the PCUSA worldwide missionaries.

Please pray for our missionaries:

Rev. Michael & Rachel Weller and the people of Ethiopia
www.pcusa.org/michael-and-rachel-weller



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Mission Statement

*We strive to live peacefully with all and
respect one another while loving and serving
the Lord; our doors and mission are
open to all.*

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY
January 29th, 2017
4th Sunday after Epiphany
11:00 am
• Please feel free to stand as you are able.

Thank you for worshipping with us today. We consider your presence with us a blessing from God. You are encouraged to greet one another in friendship and love. When the prelude starts, you are invited to prepare yourself for the worship of God.

Prelude
Welcome (please pass the friendship pad) Mo Kyle
Prayer of the Day

Preparation for the Word

The Call to Worship (John 8:12; Matthew 5:14,16)
Leader: Jesus said, "I am the light of the world."
People: We are gathered in your house, O God, to celebrate the light.
Leader: Jesus said, "Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life."
People: We praise you, Lord Jesus, for illuminating our path and helping master our fear of the dark, even of the dark tunnel of death.
Leader: Jesus said, "You are the light of the world...let your light shine before others so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven."
People: Spirit of God, empower our witness to the Light, in this service of worship and in our whole beings, as women and men claimed by the Light. Amen.
All: Let us worship God!

•Hymn 455 “All Creatures of Our God and King”

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (unison)
God of eternal hope, you place a light into every darkness and a star in every sky, and yet we prefer to walk in the darkness of despair and worry. We confess that we cover over the light of possibility with a flurry of worry. We walk bent over with care and concern and miss the reach of the stars. We confess that we fear the worst and distrust the best. We forge ahead on our own, not noticing your outstretched hand. We forget that there is never a moment that you are not with us, that your Son was called Immanuel, which means "God with us."

Lord, forgive us for you bring a candle of hope, the light of peace and the radiance of joy to us. We thank you, Lord, that you shine a light on our path and walk with us through the valleys. Amen.

Moment of Silent Confession

Kyrie 572 “Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us”
Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Assurance of Pardon (Respond with Alleluia, Amen!)

•Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks #106 (refrain)
Alleluia, Alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, Alleluia! Give praise to His Name.

•The Peace
Leader: . . . The peace of Christ be with you all!
People: And also with you.

•Gloria Patri (#579)

Proclamation of the Word

Prayer for Illumination
Old Testament Lesson: Psalm 27:1-6, 13-14 (page 487)
Mo Kyle

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? When evildoers assail me to devour my flesh— my adversaries and foes— they shall stumble and fall. Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war rise up against me, yet I will be confident. One thing I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after: to live in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in his temple. For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will set me high on a rock. Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the LORD. I believe that I shall see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living. Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD!

Children’s Sermon

Anthem “This Little Light of Mine” Adult Choir
(Arr. Bob Moody, 2017)

New Testament Lesson: Matthew 5:13-16 (page 4)
“You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. “You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.
Leader: This is the word of the Lord!
People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon “How to Make a Difference with Christ! Making a Lasting Difference!” Rev. Merle L. Fisher

Response to the Word

•Apostles’ Creed (page 14 - Traditional)
•Hymn 275 “God of Our Life”
Minute for Mission “iCARE” Cliff Gilchrest
Announcements/Joys & Concerns Mo Kyle

Prayers of the People/The Lord’s Prayer

Amen #583 - Amen. Amen. Amen.

The Offering of Tithes & Gifts
Offertory
•Doxology (#592)
•Prayer of Dedication

•Hymn 525 “Here I Am, Lord”

•Charge and Benediction

•Congregational Response
“Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound” #280 (verse 4)
The Lord has prom-ised good to me,
His Word my hope se-cures;
He will my shield and por-tion be
As long as life en-dures.

Postlude