

**THIS WEEK AT
BETHEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

February 5th - February 11th

Today Souper Bowl of Caring
 9:45 Sunday School
 11:00 Worship/Boy Scout Sunday
 12:15 Diaconate
 12:15 PWCT Meeting

Monday Church Office Closed
 7:00 Boy Scouts

Wednesday 6:00 Christian Education Committee Meeting
 6:30 Cub Scouts
 7:00 Adult Choir
 7:00 The Bells of Bethel

Friday 6:30 Pinewood Derby Check-In

Saturday 9:30 Shenandoah Presbytery Meeting at Sunnyside Retirement Center; Harrisonburg, VA
 9:45 Pinewood Derby

Next Sunday, February 12th:

9:00 *Communications Committee Meeting*
 9:45 *Sunday School*
 11:00 *Worship*
 12:15 *Worship Committee Meeting*
 7:00 *Session Meeting*

Serving During The Worship Service Today

Greeter Ellen Fitzgerald

Worship Service Assistant Kathy Swisher

Offering Tammy Barbour Wade Cash
 Ellen Fitzgerald Joe F. Williams

Nursery Joe & Tabby Moore

Children's Church Leader Briana Lawhorne

**Our Staff
and
Leaders**

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Rhonda Johnson, Clerk of Session Bob Moody, Adult Choir Director
 JoAnn Pendley, Handbell Choir Director Sara Ann Lamb, Organist
 Ken Wilkinson, Receiving Treasurer Lori Miller, Disbursing Treasurer

THE SESSION

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

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

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

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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

February 5th, 2017

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Boy Scout Sunday

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)*

Kathy Swisher

Prayer of the Day

Preparation for the Word

The Call to Worship

Leader: We worship you, dependable Lord, whose love to us is from everlasting to everlasting.

People: *We worship you, unpredictable Lord, whose mercies to us are new every morning, fresh every evening.*

Leader: Stab us awake!

People: *Make us alert!*

Leader: For we do not know what today may bring.

People: *We do not know what challenges will confront us*

Leader: or what opportunities you will give us.

People: *Help us in this worship service to prepare ourselves to serve you in the routine events and in the surprising events of our lives.*

•Hymn 473

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession *(unison)*

Eternal Lord, we confess to you the sins of our past. We have wasted time on things of secondary importance and neglected those things that matter most. We have been both too hasty and too indecisive, too busy and too idle. We have not seized the opportunities that you have given us, and we persist in telling ourselves that there is plenty of time to act when we should have acted long ago.

Forgive us, gracious God, and help this day to mark a new beginning for us, so that we may enter the future cleansed of all our past sins and empowered to serve you with trust and vigor. 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: Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 *(page 586)*

Kathy Swisher

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to throw away; a time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace.

Children's Sermon

Anthem "What If It Were Today"

Adult Choir

Camp Meeting Song (Leila Naylor Morris, 1862-1929)

New Testament Lesson: Matthew 25:1-13 *(page 26)*

"Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your

oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord!

People: *Thanks be to God!*

Sermon "Be Prepared"

Rev. J. Malcolm Brownlee

Response to the Word

•Apostles' Creed *(page 14 - Traditional)*

•Hymn 379

"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

Ministry Report: "Boy Scouts"

Wayne Swisher

Announcements/Joys & Concerns

Kathy Swisher

Prayers of the People/The Lord's Prayer

Amen #583 - Amen. Amen. Amen.

The Offering of Tithes & Gifts

Boy Scout Troop 13

Offertory

•Doxology (#592)

•Prayer of Dedication

•Hymn 376

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

•Charge and Benediction

•Congregational Response "Go with Us, Lord" #535

*Go with us, Lord, and guide the way
Through this and ev-ery com-ing day,
That in Your Spir-it strong and true
Our lives may be our gift to you.*

Postlude

=====music notes=====

Our opening hymn is one of several that the scouting organizations suggest for a Scout Sunday observance. Our anthem composer Leila (Mrs. C.H.) Morris (1862-1929) was born in Pennsville, Morgan County, Ohio. She and her husband were active in the Methodist Church and at the camp meetings in Sebring and Mt. Vernon, Ohio. She wrote hymns as she did her housework. Although she became blind at age 52 she continued to write hymns on a 28-foot long blackboard that her family had built for her. She is said to have written 1000 texts and many tunes including "Sweeter as the years go by."