

**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

[www.pcusa.org/michael-and-rachel-weller](http://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

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."*