

**THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY**

December 23rd, 2018

4th Sunday of Advent

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 Chiming of the Hour starts, you are invited to prepare yourself for the worship of God.*

**GATHERING****Ringling of the Bell**

John Pilson

**Chiming of the Hour - Westminster Chimes****Welcome & Announcements** *(please pass the friendship pad)***Prelude - Introit****\*\*Passing of the Peace**

Pastor: May the peace of Christ be with you.

*People: And also with you!***\*\*Gathering Song***"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"*

*Blest be the tie that binds  
Our hearts in Chris-tian love:  
The fel-low-ship of kin-dred minds  
Is like to that a-bove.*

**WE APPROACH GOD****\*\*Call to Worship**

Pastor: All through this season of Advent, we have encountered Hope, Peace and Joy.

*People: Today Belief and Love are the theme.*

Pastor: Today we will hear the story of surprising commitment.

*People: We will learn of Mary and God's wonderful love.*

Pastor: Today we will be challenged to believe in all that God can do.

*People: Open our hearts, Lord, that we may be ready for your love. AMEN.***\*\*Hymn of Adoration 88***"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"  
(verses 1, 5, 6, & 7)***\*\*Prayer of Adoration****Call to Confession****Prayer of Confession**

Anne Siddell

Pastor: In a few days' time we will be celebrating the birth of Christ, so let us restore our souls, and refresh our spirits.

*People: Restore us, O God, let your face shine that we may be saved.  
Amen.*

Pastor: Though we are complicit in the frenzy of consumerism, the unreality of expectations, the tension of gift giving, and the pressure to attend gatherings:

*People: Restore us, O God, let your face shine that we may be saved.  
Amen.*

Pastor: Though we would like to be more Christ-centered in our daily lives, we know we can turn to God, and be restored. So, we ask:

*People: Restore us, O God, let your face shine that we may be saved.  
Amen.***Silent Confession****Assurance of Forgiveness**

Pastor: In Christ you are forgiven!

*People: Grace abounds, we are forgiven!***\*\*Celebration of God's Grace 368***"We Fall Down"***WE HEAR GOD'S WORD****Prayer of Illumination****Lighting of the Advent Candles***"Candle of Love"*

Mac, Emily, Jonah &amp; Samuel Williams

**Congregational Response** *(sung to the tune of "Away in a Manger")*  
*A Can-dle is burn-ing, a candle of Love,  
A Can-dle to point us to heaven above.  
A baby for Christmas, a wonderful birth,  
For Jesus is bringing God's Love to our Earth*

**Advent Prayer****Conversation with the Young People/Five Cents A Meal Offering****Anthem***"God So Loved the World"*  
Bethel Choir**Old Testament Reading: Micah 5:2-5a****New Testament Reading: Luke 1:39-45****Message***"What's Love Got To Do With It"*  
Rev. Kelly-Ann Rayle**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD****\*\*Hymn of Reflection 99***"Song of Mary"***Affirmation of Faith** *(Apostles' Creed - page 35)***Gloria Patri 581****Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer***"Amen"**Amen. Amen. Amen.***Invitation to the Offering****Reception of Tithes and Offerings****Offertory***"Wassail, Wassail"*  
The Bells of Bethel**\*\*Doxology 606****\*\*Prayer of Dedication****SENDING****\*\*Hymn of Sending 693***"Though I May Speak"***\*\*Charge and Benediction****\*\*Congregational Response 113***"Angels We Have Heard on High" (refrain)*  
*Glo---ri-a in ex-cel-sis De-o!*  
*Glo---ri-a in ex-cel-sis De-o!***\*\* Postlude**

**Welcome to Bethel Presbyterian Church!**  
**Announcements - December 23rd, 2018**

•Good Morning! Whether you are a member, a friend, or a visitor, please take a moment to fill out the friendship pad at the end of your pew, and give the friendship pad to others to sign. Also, large print bulletins and hearing assists are available in the vestibule for those who may need them.

•The poinsettias in the Sanctuary are given by the congregation and friends of Bethel. See the included insert for a full listing of who gave poinsettias and who they are in honor or in memory of. If you purchased a poinsettia please remember to take it home with you following the worship service today or following the Christmas Eve service tomorrow.

•Next Sunday, December 30th, we are having a hymn sing during the worship service. To help us prepare, if you have any suggestions of Christmas hymns you would like to sing, please write them on a prayer card and put them in the offering plate today.

**Christmas Eve Candlelight Service**

“An Evening of Lessons and Carols,” our traditional candlelight Christmas Eve service, will go on at 9:00 pm tomorrow evening. Come starting at 8:30 pm for a Live Nativity put on by our Youth Committee! There will be plenty of Music and Celebration as we traverse the biblical history leading to the Birth of Jesus in Bethlehem and the start of His life on Earth, the promise of our Salvation!

•The Church Office will be closed tomorrow, December 24th through Wednesday, December 26th for the Christmas holiday. The staff of Bethel wishes God’s blessings to you and your family this Christmas!

•Adrienne will be out of the office this Thursday, December 27th for vacation. Please contact Pastor Kelly-Ann or Eli if you need anything.

•Reminder! “Soup and Scripture” will be held this Thursday, December 27th from noon until 1:15 pm. Join Pastor Kelly-Ann as she studies and wrestles with the upcoming Sunday’s scripture readings! The group will meet in the Church kitchen for fellowship, discussion, and delicious soup prepared by Kelly-Ann.

•Due to the Christmas and New Year’s holiday the January Tower deadline will be this Thursday, December 27th. Please have all articles and announcements to the Church Office by noon. The January Tower will be mailed out on Tuesday, January 8th. Articles and announcements for the January Tower can be left in Adrienne’s mailbox in Memorial Hall or you can email them to her at bethelpc@gmail.com. Please remember if you turn in items after the deadline Adrienne cannot guarantee they will be included in the Tower. Thank you!

•*Offerings 2018:* It is requested that offerings for 2018 be made no later than next Sunday, December 30th. Thank you for your continued support.

•Reminder - There will be lunch and discussion regarding the 2018 Advent Study on Sunday, January 6th, following worship. Please RSVP to Pastor Kelly-Ann for this event as soon as possible if you have not already done so. Please contact Pastor Kelly-Ann if you have any questions.

•The Nominating Committee has begun accepting nominations for the Class of 2022 for Elders, Deacons, and Trustees. Nominations are due Sunday, January 6th. A nomination form is included in your bulletin and completed forms can be placed in the designated boxes in the vestibule and Memorial Hall. It is requested that every congregation member fill out one of these forms. Thank you!

**2018 Annual Reports**

The Bethel Session has set the deadline for the Annual Reports for 2018 as Sunday, January 6th, 2019. This is so the Annual Reports can be reviewed at the Congregational Meeting on January 20th. If you were a chair of a committee for 2018, please have your report and statement emailed to the Church Office ([bethelpc@gmail.com](mailto:bethelpc@gmail.com)) by the above date. All reports must be submitted by email this year (preferably in Microsoft Word or PDF). Thank you!

•Update on 2019 Pledges . . . 26 pledges for a total of \$102,020.00 have been received. Many thanks to those who pledged. If you have not already pledged, please prayerfully consider pledging now for 2019 - it is never too late! Pledge cards are available in the vestibule and Memorial Hall if you need one. Send completed cards to the church (Attn: Receiving Treasurer), or put in the Receiving Treasurer mailbox in Memorial Hall or in the offering plate any Sunday. Thank you for your generosity in helping Bethel spread the good news of Jesus Christ!

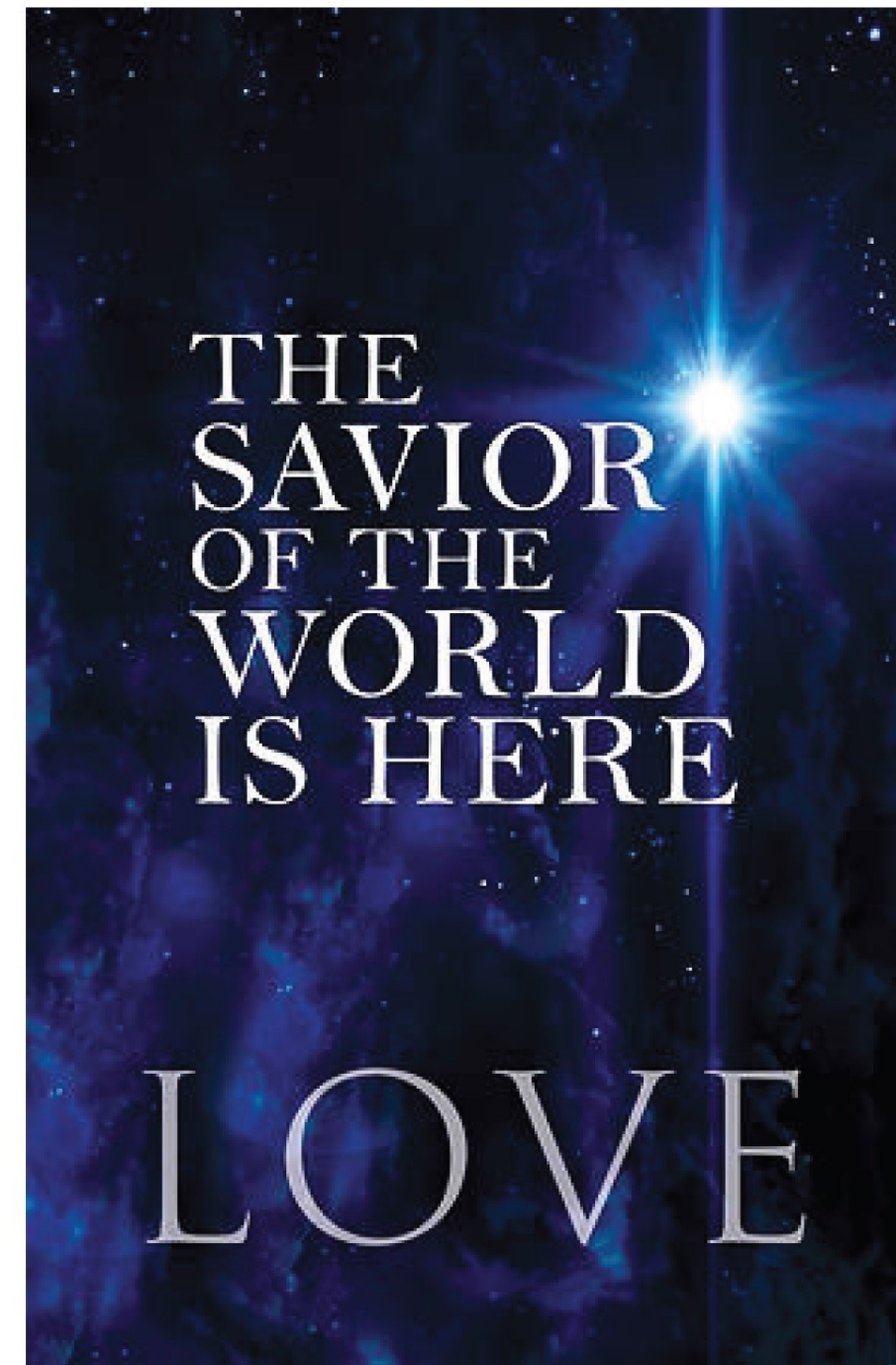
•*Offering Envelopes for 2019:* ATTENTION OFFERING ENVELOPE USERS – Numbered offering envelopes are now available in the vestibule for those who used offering envelopes in 2018. If you do not currently use envelopes but would like to or have been using them but no longer want them, please contact the Church Office with your request.

•There is still time to purchase a “Glory to God” hymnal in memory or in honor of someone. Order forms and envelopes are available in the vestibule.

•If you would like to join Bethel Presbyterian Church, please feel free to contact Pastor Kelly-Ann. She would love to hear from you!

*December 16th* Attendance: 80  
 Weekly Budget: \$3,577.00 Received: \$9,775.00

*General Fund Monthly Report*  
 Estimated Budget through November 30th, 2018: \$168,166.00  
 Actual Receipts: \$158,230.00 Actual Expenses: \$154,519.00



4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Advent

**BETHEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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# Lift Up in Prayer

Bethel Prayer List - December 23rd, 2018

## THIS WEEK AT BETHEL

December 23rd - December 29th

**Today** 4th Sunday of Advent  
9:45 Sunday School  
11:00 Worship/5 Cents A Meal Offering

**Monday** Christmas Eve  
Church Office Closed  
8:30 Live Nativity  
9:00 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

**Tuesday** Merry Christmas!  
Church Office Closed

**Wednesday** Church Office Closed

**Thursday** 12:00 Soup & Scripture  
12:00 January Tower Deadline  
(Adrienne on vacation)

*Next Sunday, December 30th:*

9:45 Sunday School  
11:00 Worship  
12:00 PWCT Meeting

### CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Kelly-Ann Rayle, Stated Supply Pastor  
(434) 327-7330 (cell) bethelpcpastor@gmail.com  
Office Days & Hours: Tu 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm  
Wed 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm Th 11:00 am - 2:00 pm

Adrienne Barker, Office Manager  
(540) 886-6041 bethelpc@gmail.com  
Office Days & Hours: Monday - Thursday 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Elijah English, Music Director  
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Rhonda Johnson, Clerk of Session

JoAnn Pendley, Handbell Choir Director Sara Ann Lamb, Organist

Ken Wilkinson, Receiving Treasurer Lori Miller, Disbursing Treasurer

### New Additions

Bernice English (*Eli's grandmother*)  
Family & Friends of Luther "Lou" Trott (*family friend of Justin & Adrienne Barker*)

### Congregation Members

Betty Cash	Jarod Davis & Family
Karen Koogler	Sara Ann Lamb
Evelyn LaPorte	Jeannie Lee
Margaret Liptrap	John Pilson
Alice Wooddell	

### Family & Friends of the Church & Congregation

Mildred Barmore	Catherine Bryan
Reese Burdette	Dawn Carter
Ronnie Davis	Martha Dubyk
Kenny Earman	Don Hanger
Laurin Henderson & Family	Gail Hord
Jack	John Jennings & Family
Bill Klitzman	Matt Koogler
David Law	Olivia Lewis & Family
Meade Loomis	Pam Massie
Preston McCallister	Meredith McCallister
Maggie Peterson	Roy L. Pilson
Van Pirkey	Carly Pond
Bob Robinson & wife Shirley	Devin Scott
Tara Perrotti & Family	Michael Somers
Parker Staples	Jay Theado
Bill & Marguerite Whitaker	

### Sympathy & Condolences

Family & Friends of Wallace Pilson  
Family & Friends of Wallace Wood

### Community, Country, & World

All Military Leaders & Personnel  
Police, Firemen, and EMS workers and volunteers  
Michael & Rachel Weller, Missionaries in Ethiopia

*Please call Tammy Barbour at (540) 471-0450, Barb Gough at (540)255-6521, or the Church Office at (540) 886-6041 with any additions or updates.*



Bethel Presbyterian Church  
Nomination of Church Officers

It is time to start the process of electing officers for the Class of 2022, so they can attend training in February and be ready for ordination/installation in March. Every member is urged to participate by suggesting potential candidates to the Nominating Committee. Nominees should be persons whose lives among us demonstrate their faith, dedication, honesty, good repute, brotherly and sisterly love, and good judgment to serve this congregation of diverse people.

After receiving your advice and after much prayer, the Nominating Committee will nominate four elders, four deacons, and two trustees for a three-year term to fill positions that will be vacant at the end of February. The nominees will be announced and then the congregation will meet on January 20th to elect church officers for the Class of 2022.

The Nominating Committee is requesting that every member of the congregation participate in this process! Help identify potential officers with your suggestions. Do not worry that they may have already been suggested. Support the Nominating Committee with your prayers as they work to discern those whom God is calling to service at Bethel.

Complete the information on the other side of this sheet and return it to the "Nominations Box" located in the vestibule and Memorial Hall by Sunday, January 6th, 2019.

Thank you for your prayerful support!  
The Bethel Nominating Committee

SESSION

<u>CLASS OF 2019</u>	<u>CLASS OF 2020</u>	<u>CLASS OF 2021</u>
*Bill Brubeck	John Davis	Derek Almarode
Dan Gano	Tabitha Moore	Dean Caldwell
*Rhonda Johnson	Robert Olson	Patricia Quick
Marion Simmers	Mac Williams	Kathy Swisher

DEACONS

<u>CLASS OF 2019</u>	<u>CLASS OF 2020</u>	<u>CLASS OF 2021</u>
Wade Cash	Ellen Fitzgerald	Katie McElveen
Briana Lawhorne	D. W. Miller	Joe Moore
Brian Lee	Alex Sproul	Linda Tenney
*Joe F. Williams	Dale Thompson	Drury Whitaker

TRUSTEES

<u>CLASS OF 2019</u>	<u>CLASS OF 2020</u>	<u>CLASS OF 2021</u>
*Guy D. Brooks	Dan Gano	Charlie Johnson
*Joe F. Williams	Lee Ann Heizer	Dale C. Smith

*\*Designates those ineligible for re-election to the same office but may be eligible for any other office.*

Suggestions for the Nominating Committee for the Class of 2020.  
*Please complete both #1 and #2 for each nominee.*

1. I suggest (name) \_\_\_\_\_  
for the nomination to the office of  
(Circle one) elder          deacon          trustee

2. I suggest this person because:

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for the nomination to the office of  
(Circle one) elder          deacon          trustee

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2. I suggest this person because:

You may contact me for information about this potential nominee.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

*(please turn sheet over)*

***Christmas Bethel Emergency Relief Fund Donations (BERF)  
& Christmas Poinsettias  
December 2018***

***BERF Donations Given In Honor Of . . .***

**The Glory of God**  
Given By: Bill & Sally Brubeck

***BERF Donations Given In Memory Of . . .***

**Mr. & Mrs. Joel W. Hamilton**  
Given By: Mr. & Mrs. Thomas F. Heizer

**Mr. & Mrs. Carlisle Neff  
Catherine Quick  
Wesley Quick**  
Given By: Allen & Pat Quick

**Loved Ones**  
Given By: Doris True

**E. Theodore Webb  
Helen B. Webb  
Theodore W. Webb**  
Given By: Jill Webb

***Poinsettias Given In Honor Of . . .***

**Ellen Fitzgerald**  
Given By: Barbara Gough

**Family**  
Given By: Joy Moody

**Dr. Lynn & Eloise Moore**  
Given By: Family

**Richard & Sue Whitesell**  
Given By: Their Children & Granddaughter

***Poinsettias Given In Memory Of . . .***

**Danny & Louale Almarode**  
Given By: Their Children & Granddaughter

**Nathaniel Lane Almarode**  
Given By: His Parents & Sister

**Laurence & Ann Arehart**  
Given By: Family

**Henry & Ruth Brown  
Richard & Jean Dickinson**  
Given By: Mac, Emily, Jonah & Samuel Williams

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***Poinsettias Given In Memory Of . . . (continued)***

**Elizabeth Crosby**  
Given By: The Damico Family

**James Crosby**  
Given By: The Damico Family

**Mary Williams Dransfield**  
Given By: The Williams Family

**Chuck Goodson**  
Given By: Bobby Goodson

**Doug Goodson**  
Given By: Bobby Goodson

**Gary Goodson**  
Given By: Bobby Goodson

**James F. Heizer, My Loving Husband  
Wayne Edward Heizer, My Son**  
Given By: Betty M. Heizer

**Elmer Kyle & Betty Kyle Ott (Steve's parents)  
R.W. & Moggie Moffett (Mo's parents)**  
Given By: Steve & Mo Kyle

**Charles E. Lamb**  
Given By: Sara Ann Lamb

**Bob Moody**  
Given By: Joy Moody

**Family**  
Given By: Joy Moody

**Mr. & Mrs. John T. Pilson  
Wallace Pilson, My Brother**  
Given By: John R. Pilson

**Hugh Ralston, My Husband**  
Given By: Sarah Frances Ralston

**Mr. & Mrs. M. B. Swisher  
Don Swisher  
Wayne Swisher**  
Given By: Bettie Swisher

**Mary Belle Ware**  
Given By: Marion & Marty Simmers

**Jim & Charlotte Williams**  
Given By: The Williams Family

**John Wooddell**  
Given By: His Loving Wife, Alice Wooddell