

**THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY**

December 30th, 2018

1st Sunday after Christmas Day

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: We who knelt in the stable—

**People: Let us come and stand in the temple!**

Pastor: Let our hearts give thanks, and our hands rejoice!

**People: Let our spirits sing, and our bodies dance!**

Pastor: O children, enter the house of the Lord!

**People: Enter God's presence, and be reborn!****\*\*Hymn of Adoration 134***“Joy to the World”***\*\*Prayer of Adoration****Call to Confession****Unison Prayer of Confession**

*Lord, it's only a few days after the Christmas celebration and we are tired. People have come and gone; gatherings are winding down; we are being reminded of the “normalcy” of life returning to us. We don't want to go there just yet. We want to linger in the warmth of the season. Forgive us when we don't seem to feel your warmth in our lives all the time. Forgive us when we assign warmth only to Christmas, and then to Easter and seem to dwell on the mundane the rest of the time. Give us courage to live as people of the Light, those who find your comforting, encouraging presence in our lives at all times. Strengthen us for joyful service in your name. AMEN.*

**Silent Confession****Assurance of Forgiveness**

Pastor: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are beloved and forgiven.  
AMEN.

**People: Hallelujah, Amen!****\*\*Celebration of God’s Grace 368***“We Fall Down”***WE HEAR GOD’S WORD****Prayer of Illumination****Old Testament Reading: I Samuel 2:18-21, 26****New Testament Reading: Luke 2:41-52****Prayer for the People** *(Part 1)***The Christmas Hymn Sing****Prayer for the People** *(Part 2)***Congregational Response***Amen. Amen. Amen.**“Amen”***Responsive Christmas Litany**

Pastor: Like Hannah, the mother of Samuel, the Spirit has woven a robe for the children of God to wear:

**Men: The garment is cut on the pattern of love,****Women: Which makes the two one, and unites the many.****Men: Its sleeves are made from the cloth of compassion;****Women: Its collar, from humility.****Men: Its front is fashioned from mercy and patience;****Women: Its back, from wisdom born of grief.****Men: Its sash is forgiveness, the tie that binds;****Women: Its hem is stitched with threads of kindness.**

Pastor: The Advent Child has come, He is, was, and always will be. Let us dress in the raiment of God, the saving garment, the righteous robe adorned in love.

**WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD****\*\*Hymn of Reflection 110***“Love Has Come”***Call for the Young People****Sacrament of Baptism**

*Tucker Davidson Leonard,  
son of Jacob W. Leonard & Devyn K. Leonard*

**\*\*Apostles’ Creed** *(page 35)***\*\*Hymn of Celebration 486** *“Child of Blessing, Child of Promise”***Invitation to the Offering****Reception of Tithes and Offerings: Offertory****\*\*Doxology 606****\*\*Prayer of Dedication****SENDING****\*\*Hymn of Sending 132** *“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”***\*\*Charge and Benediction****\*\*Congregational Response***“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 30th, 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. If you ordered a poinsettia and have not yet taken it home, please do so today.

•*Celebration of Baptism* Today we welcome Tucker Davidson Leonard into the family of Christ by the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. Tucker is the son of Jake & Devyn Leonard and the grandson of Sam & Luanne Leonard.

•*Offerings 2018:* It is requested that any additional offerings for 2018 be made today. Thank you for your continued support.

•The Church Office will be closed tomorrow, December 31st and Tuesday, January 1st for the New Year. The staff of Bethel wishes you God's blessings in 2019!

•Communion will be received during the worship service next Sunday, January 6th, Epiphany of the Lord.

•Reminder - There will be lunch and discussion regarding the 2018 Advent Study next 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 next 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 is *next 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!

•*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!

**THIS WEEK AT BETHEL**

December 30th - January 5th

**Today** 9:45 Sunday School  
 11:00 Worship  
 12:15 PWCT Meeting

**Monday** New Year's Eve  
 Church Office Closed

**Tuesday** Happy New Year!  
 Church Office Closed

**Wednesday** 6:00 Worship Committee Meeting  
 7:00 Adult Choir  
 7:00 The Bells of Bethel  
 7:30 Young Life Meeting

**Thursday** 12:00 Soup & Scripture

*Next Sunday, January 6th: Epiphany of the Lord*

9:45 Sunday School  
 11:00 Worship/Communion  
 12:00 Lunch & Advent Study Discussion  
 12:15 Diaconate Meeting



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# Bethel Presbyterian Church

Joy TO THE  
 World  
 THE LORD IS  
 Come



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Bethel Prayer List - December 30th, 2018

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

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

<u>CLASS OF 2019</u> *Guy D. Brooks *Joe F. Williams	<u>CLASS OF 2020</u> Dan Gano Lee Ann Heizer	<u>CLASS OF 2021</u> Charlie Johnson Dale C. Smith
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\*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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2. I suggest this person because:

You may contact me for information about this potential nominee.

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

(please turn sheet over)