

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

January 6th, 2019
Epiphany of the Lord
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

Ringing of the Bell John Pilson

Chiming of the Hour - Westminster Chimes

Welcome & Announcements *(please pass the friendship pad)*

Prelude - Introit

WE APPROACH GOD

****Call to Worship**

Pastor: Arise; shine, for your light has come!

People: We are called out of our darkness into light.

Pastor: Lift up your eyes and look around.

People: We rejoice in the gift of light.

Pastor: Come let us worship the God of the guiding star.

****Hymn of Adoration 744** “Arise, Your Light Is Come!”

****Prayer of Adoration**

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Ever-patient God, we are a people who live in thick darkness. We stumble around bombarded by news of war and poverty, famine and genocide, injustice and oppression. The things of this world, can overwhelm and paralyze us. Help us be people of the light, shining your light of righteousness, peace, and joy into all the dark places of our lives and world. Unlock the mystery and glory of the babe born in Bethlehem. Turn our aimless wanderings into a journey of purpose guided by your star. Let the light break into our lives and our world and transform us into people of the light.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

Pastor: Thanks be to God for God’s mercy, grace, and love!

People: Praise the Lord! Amen!

****Celebration of God’s Grace 441**

“Hear the Good News of Salvation”

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

Call to the Young People

Conversation with the Young People

Prayer of Illumination

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

New Testament Reading: Matthew 2:1-12

Message “The Outsiders”
Rev. Kelly-Ann Rayle

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

****Hymn of Reflection 151** “We Three Kings of Orient Are”

Invitation to the Offering

Reception of Tithes and Offerings

****Doxology 606**

****Prayer of Dedication**

Invitation to the Lord’s Table

Great Thanksgiving, Prayers of the People, & Lord’s Prayer “Amen”

Amen. Amen. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread and Pouring of the Cup

Communion by Intinction

Anthem Bethel Choir
“Hymn of Promise”

Prayer after Communion

SENDING

****Hymn of Sending 673** “Jesus, Light of Joy”

****Charge and Benediction**

****Congregational Response** “We Three Kings of Orient Are” (refrain)
*O star of won-der, star of night, star with roy-al beau-ty bright,
west-ward lead-ing, still pro-ceed-ing, guide us to thy per-fect light!*

**** Postlude**

THIS WEEK AT BETHEL

January 6th - January 12th

Today Epiphany of the Lord
Deadline: 2018 Annual Reports
9:45 Sunday School
11:00 Worship/Communion
12:00 Advent Study - Lunch & Discussion
12:15 Diaconate

Monday 7:00 Boy Scouts
7:30 Young Life

Tuesday 9:00 January Tower Mailing
1:30 Afternoon Circle
7:00 Evening Circle
7:00 Session Meeting

Wednesday 1:15 Staff Meeting
6:00 Christian Education & Youth Comm.
7:00 Adult Choir
7:00 The Bells of Bethel
7:30 Young Life

Thursday 12:00 Soup & Scripture

Next Sunday, January 13th:
Baptism of the Lord
9:45 Sunday School
11:00 Worship



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Welcome to Bethel Presbyterian Church!
Announcements - January 6th, 2019

•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 flowers in the Sanctuary are given by Joe & Sally Williams in memory of loved ones.

•Communion will be received during the worship service today.

•Reminder - There will be lunch and discussion regarding the 2018 Advent Study today following worship.

•The Nominating Committee has begun accepting nominations for the Class of 2022 for Elders, Deacons, and Trustees. Nominations are due today. Nomination forms are available in Memorial Hall and the vestibule and once completed can be placed in the designated boxes in either of those locations. It is requested that every congregation member fill out one of these forms. Thank you!

2018 Annual Reports

The Bethel Session has set today as the deadline for the Annual Reports for 2018, because it hopes to have them ready to distribute at the Congregational Meeting on January 20th. If you were a chair of a committee for 2018, please email your report and statement to the Church Office (bethelpc@gmail.com) today. All reports must be submitted by email this year (preferably in Microsoft Word or PDF). Thank you!

“Table Talk” Theology

“Good things happen when we sit down at the same table together and talk honestly about things that matter.”

- Pastor, writer, and pub Theologian Bryan Berghoef

People have been gathering in public spaces for ages to talk about life, philosophy, faith, and deep questions of meaning. Increasingly, faith leaders are rediscovering that off-campus outings are a safe and open space where folks of all ages, varying religious traditions, philosophical perspectives, and life experiences can explore and express their own doubts and questions and learn from one another. The format is simple: food, beverage, conversation, and God. The group will meet at 7:00 pm on the 1st Tuesday and 3rd Thursday of each month and the topic/discussion facilitators will be Steve and Kelly-Ann Rayle. The first meeting will be on Thursday, January 17th, 2019. Kindly RSVP by next Sunday, January 13th, to either Kelly-Ann or the Church Office. Location on January 17th: TBA. Before each scheduled meeting Steve Rayle will email participants, a gathering location and discussion topic based on a current news event to review and ponder. Then, Come!!! Bring your questions, your curiosities, and pull up a chair at the table! Facilitators: Steve Rayle (skrayle@yahoo.com), Kelly-Ann Rayle (bethelpcpastor@gmail.com)

•There will be a Charity Bingo event on Monday, January 14th, from 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm to benefit Martha’s Meals on Wheels for Staunton. The event will be held at Bedlam Brewing (in the former Comcast shopping center - next to Terry Court). The cards will be \$5 for 5 games and there will be prizes valued from \$25 - \$75 including gift baskets, Blackfriars Theater tickets, gift certificates, and more. Come and join the fun and support a great cause!

•The Men of the Church will be meeting on Tuesday, January 15th, at 6:30 pm for dinner and a program. For the program, Bethel welcomes Dr. Bruce Bowman, who is a local veterinarian. A wonderful speaker, he has spoken at Bethel twice before on his veterinary mission work with the indigenous people in the Himalayan mountains of Nepal. His most recent trip was to Mongolia, where he provided veterinary care for people who have basically nothing but their livestock to live off of. If you cannot make it dinner the program will begin at 7:00 pm.

•There will be a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, January 20th, following worship for the purpose of electing Church Officers to the Class of 2022 and to approve the 2019 budget.

•The Witness/Mission Committee would like to invite the congregation to a chili luncheon on January 20th, following the Congregational Meeting. The Committee will serve lunch and give a short report on the mission work Bethel has participated in over the past year. Because of the generous support the Bethel congregation and community gives each year, we are able to accomplish mission work in our community and internationally. Please come and join us for lunch on January 20th!

Riverheads Weekday Religious Education Update

The WRE experienced a groundbreaking ceremony on January 1st from 3:00 pm - 3:30 pm! Mary Alford, WRE President, and Ms. Dana Cash had tears of joy from the generous \$10,000 donation from Bethel and the wonderful flooring materials/supplies from Wade Cash.

While in 3rd grade, my daughter, Kelley Tuennermann (Hartness) was given a class assignment to write a few paragraphs about who she most admired. At the age of 8, Kelley’s essay was about Ms. Dana Cash. I think this speaks volumes for the importance of this program and the special lady teaching it.

- Karen Koogler, 1st Grade Teacher, Riverheads Elem. School

•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!

Joy Gift Offering: \$405.00

December 23rd Attendance: 123
 Weekly Budget: \$3,577.00 Received: \$7,447.00
 Five Cents A Meal Offering: \$312.00

December 30th Attendance: 102
 Weekly Budget: \$3,577.00 Received: \$4,191.00

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Lift Up in Prayer

Bethel Prayer List - January 6th, 2019

New Additions

Lane McNorton (*6th Grader at Kate Collins Middle School*)

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 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.