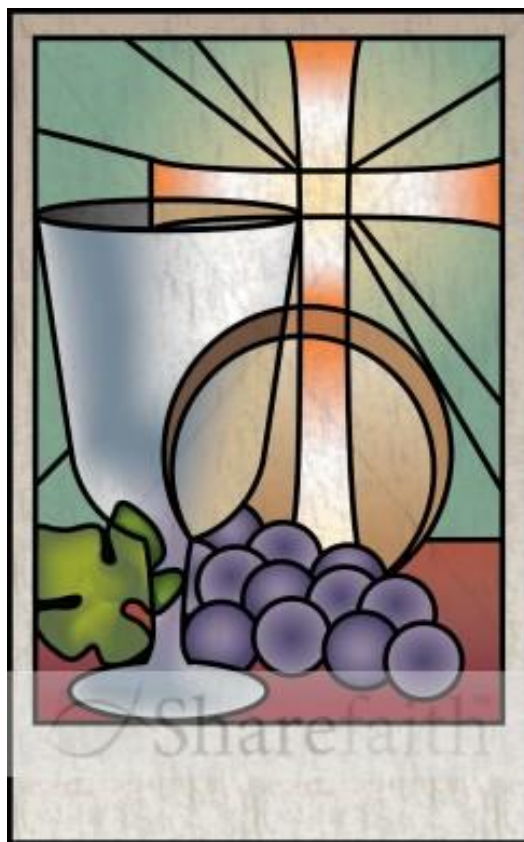


# **Bethel United Presbyterian Church**

**January 1, 2012**



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# BETHEL UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

418 Beatty Road, Monroeville, PA 15146



Communion Service

January 1, 2012

11:00 AM

*First Sunday after Christmas*

*Celebration of Worship*

*Color: White*

Rev. Nancy Titus

Office: (412) 372-4716

\*Please stand if you are able. **Bold Words—Congregational Responses**

## *PRELUDE*

## *WELCOME AND GREETING*

(Please sign and pass the attendance sheets)

## *CALL TO WORSHIP*

Leader: “I will feast the soul of the priests with abundance, and my people shall be satisfied with my goodness, declares the Lord.”

**People: Thus says the Lord: “A voice is heard in Ramah, lamentation and bitter weeping. Rachel is weeping for her children; she refuses to be comforted for her children, because they are no more.”**

Leader: Thus says the Lord: “Keep your voice from weeping, and your eyes from tears, for there is a reward for your work, declares the Lord, and they shall come back from the land of the enemy.

**All: Let us worship God!**

## *\*PRAISE TUNE*

*“O Come, All Ye Faithful” (vs. 1 & 2)*

RH #170

## *PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)*

**God of Life,**

**In Your Word, You call out to us through prophet and parable, through song and silence, through repentance and resurrection. And yet we confess that we often dismiss Scripture as being too ancient to be relevant to our modern lives. Distracted by unfamiliar symbols of shepherds and shekels, we have failed to see ourselves in the stories. Forgive us for our narrow view of Your Revelation. Enlighten us to realize that no matter when we live, our need for You is constant. Through our common worship, open our minds and hearts to Your truth, which is timeless and everlasting. Hear also the silent concerns of our hearts...**

## *SILENT PERSONAL CONFESSION*

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON:*

Leader: Christ came into the world to show us The Way, The Truth, and the Life! We have confessed our sins, let us now receive God's Grace anew. Friends, believe the Good News of the gospel.

**People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, AMEN.**

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you. Pass the peace to your pew neighbors.**

*\*ANNOUNCEMENTS*

*CHILDREN'S CORNER*

(Children up through grade four are excused to Second Helping and return during the Communion Hymn to be with parents for the Lord's Supper.)

*ANTHEM*

*"We Three Kings of Orient Are"* (vs. 2, 3 & 4)

RH #176

*SCRIPTURE:*

Hosea 11:1 and Matthew 2:1-18

*SERMON*

**"The Once and Future King"**

The Rev. Nancy Titus

*STATEMENT OF FAITH* (The Apostles' Creed)

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*\*COMMUNION HYMN* *"The Coventry Carol / Joy to the World"*

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(Children will return to their parents for the Lord's Supper.)

*INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER*

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING*

*WORDS OF INSTITUTION*

*THE LORD'S PRAYER* – (unison)

**Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.**

*OFFERING*

*OFFERTORY ANTHEM*

*“Emmanuel”*

Manion

*\*DOXOLOGY*

*“Give Thanks”*

Give thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks to the Holy One,  
Give thanks because he’s given Jesus Christ, his son. And now let the weak say  
“I am strong.” Let the poor say, “I am rich because of what the Lord has done for us.”  
Give thanks, Give thanks, Give thanks

*\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION*

*\*HYMN*

*“The First Noel” (vs. 4, 5 & 6)*

RH #156

*\*BENEDICTION*

*\*POSTLUDE*

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RH is the Red Hymnal.

BFS (“Bethel’s Favorite Songs”) is a pink paperback hymnbook, which can be found in the pew.

Welcome St. Martin’s today! This is their first Sunday worshipping in our facility.

The Annual Congregational Meeting & Luncheon will be Sunday, January 22, 2012, following the worship service. All committee reports are due in the church office on January 6, 2012.

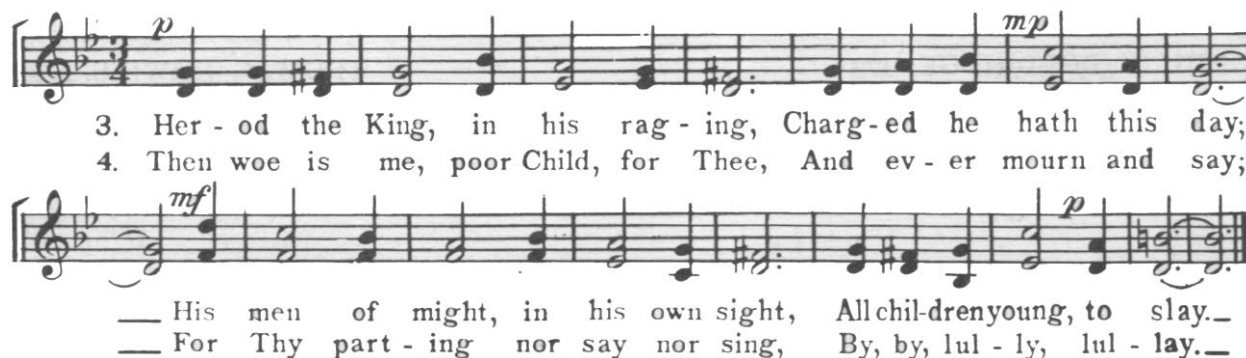
Please pick up your copy of the January newsletter today in the back of the sanctuary. There are extras for visitors.

Remember the Food Pantry when you go grocery shopping. They are always in need of low cost items such as soups, canned fruits and vegetables, spaghetti and spaghetti sauce. The Food Pantry provides for 10-20 families and can certainly use all the food we can provide! Next weekend we will collect items during worship.

# The Coventry Carol

ROBERT CROO, 1534

English Melody, 1591



3. Her - od the King, in his rag - ing, Charg - ed he hath this day;  
4. Then woe is me, poor Child, for Thee, And ev - er mourn and say;  
— His men of might, in his own sight, All chil - dren young, to slay. —  
— For Thy part - ing nor say nor sing, By, by, lul - ly, lul - lay. —

## Joy To The World (Red 161 vs 2&4)

Joy to the world the Savior reigns,  
Let men their songs employ.  
While fields and floods, rocks hills and plains,  
Repeat the sounding joy!

He rules the world with truth and grace,  
And makes the nations prove,  
The glories of His righteousness,  
And wonders of His love!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**WELCOME** to all who have come to worship. Please record your attendance on the fellowship pads at the end of the pews. If you are a visitor, please leave us your name and address.

**CHURCH NURSERY** Parents of infants and preschoolers are invited to spend time as needed with their children in the newly renovated Bethel nursery. As well, each Sunday, young children and their parents are welcome to observe the Sunday School and Second Helping (Junior Church) activities of the Bethel children and youth. The nursery is located on the lower level.



**ORGANIST:** Thomas Sikora

**GREETERS:** Ken McNamee (Head Usher)  
Dorothy Solano



**FLOWERS** are given to the Glory of God.



**PRAYER MINISTRY:**



Note: Names in bold *below* denote those who were added this week.  
Those underlined were added the previous week.

**HOSPITALIZED:** Lois Ressler (8/11), Montifiore Hospital  
Arthur Witt (11/11), Woodhaven Care Center

**AT HOME:** Jane Callahan (9/11); Freida Clark (12/10); Josie Dalbey (8/11);  
Ruth Lewis (9/11); Jack Matheys (10/09); Viola Warden (3/11);  
Barbara Sikora (11/11); Sharon Quinn (1/11);  
Don (12/10), Crystal Kitchener's father;  
Cheryl (9/08), Dahlia Rising's daughter;  
Lloyd Boord (10/09), Alberta Horner's brother;  
Bill Donovan (3/11), Sharon Quinn's uncle

**CARE HOMES:** Hilda Buyok (Concordia Assisted Living of Fox Chapel)  
Betty Graham (Amber Woods, Room 115,  
715 Freeport Road, Cheswick, PA 15024)  
June McGreevy (Golden Heights Personal Care Home)  
Ellen Rudolph (Redstone Highlands)  
Dorothy Vogeley (Westminster Place)  
Orlanda Tamburro (Seneca Place)

Please notify the church office of any changes, additions or renewals  
to this list. In order to maintain the accuracy of this list, names will  
be automatically removed after 8 **WEEKS** unless otherwise requested.

**YOU ARE INVITED TO COFFEE/TEA TIME**

**in the Old Sanctuary at 12 Noon hosted by the  
Congregational, Care & Fellowship Committee. Please join us!**



**WELCOME CHILDREN THROUGH GRADE 4**

**COME TO 'SECOND HELPING' - 11:15 AM**

**Bible Stories, Activities, Puppets (located on the 2nd level)**

**New Year's Day 2012 Activities!!! Scavenger Hunt**



**SCHEDULE FOR THE COMING WEEK**

Today

No Church School

Jan. 1


11:00 AM - Worship Service w/ Children's sermon

11:15 AM - 'Second Helping' for the children

12 NOON - Coffee/Tea Time

Tuesday

12 NOON - WFC Luncheon & Circle Meeting

Friday - Absolute deadline for Annual Report  
Saturday 8:00 AM - Men's Prayer Breakfast  
Next Sunday . . . *Baptism of the Lord / Pantry Day . . .*  
Jan. 8 9:45 AM - Church School (children & parents, meet in the sanctuary)  
 9:45 AM - Adult Sunday School (parlor)  
11:00 AM - Worship Service w/ Children's sermon  
11:15 AM - 'Second Helping' for the children  
12 NOON - Coffee Tea/Time

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Beginning in January, the Adult Sunday School class will be studying the Gospel of John and exploring "Faith Basics" on Sunday mornings at 9:45 a.m. in the parlor.

Church office hours are Monday - Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
Bethel's email address is [bethelupchurch@verizon.net](mailto:bethelupchurch@verizon.net); website is [www.BethelUP.org](http://www.BethelUP.org)  
You may contact Pastor Nancy at 412-466-8501 (home) or [rltntct@msn.com](mailto:rltntct@msn.com).

Dana will not be in the office on January 2, 2012.

Coffee/Tea time after the worship service – extending the hospitality and welcome of Christ – enjoying refreshments and fellowship. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the back of the sanctuary to be a host in January. Thank you!

**2012 FLOWER CALENDAR** is posted in the back sanctuary. Fresh flowers are \$30 for one Sunday. If two families would like to share one Sunday, the cost will be \$15 per person. A memorial donation can be made to the church instead of using fresh flowers. Artificial arrangements will be provided. (Please mark "artificial" on the flower calendar and your check.)