

Bethel United Presbyterian Church

November 15, 2009



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BETHEL UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

418 Beatty Road, Monroeville, PA 15146



Worship Service
November 15, 2009
11:00 AM

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Celebration of Worship
Color: Green

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

Pastor: Who among you is wise and understanding? Let him show by his good behavior his deeds in the gentleness of wisdom.

People: Where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there is disorder and every evil thing.

Pastor: But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, reasonable, full of mercy and good fruits, unwavering, without hypocrisy.

All: Let us worship God!

**PRAISE TUNE*

“Lord, Speak to Me, that I May Speak”

Red Hymnal #298

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Gracious God,

You show us through Your Son, what it means to be gentle and humble in heart. Yet, we persist in being aggressive, prideful, and vengeful. We seek power and control for ourselves, rather than trusting in Your guidance and wisdom. We resist submitting to Your will, while we sulk and insist upon our own way. Forgive us our rebellious attitude and instill in us a teachable Spirit! Fill us with a love so great, that it overwhelms our lesser instincts; inspire us to respond with the meekness of Christ. Hear also the silent concerns of our hearts . . .

SILENT PERSONAL CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS:

Leader: Our Lord shows us the more excellent Way of love. Even when we fail to follow Him, He is always there to lead us back to the righteous path; to hear our confession and cleanse our hearts. 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*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND MORNING PRAYER

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.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Children are excused to Second Helping

ANTHEM

“God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength”

Red Hymnal #381

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 40:11 and 1st Peter 3:13-16

SERMON

“Meek or Mighty?”

The Rev. Nancy Titus

**HYMN*

“Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!” (vs. 1 & 3)

Red Hymnal #139

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“You Are My Hiding Place”

Insert

**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*

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” (vs. 1 & 2)

Red Hymnal #91

**BENEDICTION*

**POSTLUDE*

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

BETHEL SESSION		
Moderator – Rev. Nancy Titus Clerk – Shelby Doloughty 412-638-0870		
<u>CLASS OF 2009</u>	<u>CLASS OF 2010</u>	<u>CLASS OF 2011</u>
Holly McCullough Shelby Doloughty	Edward Culbertson Catherine Montecupo	Douglas Kitchener Gordon Sauers
<u>DEACONS:</u> Elizabeth Goldbach, Joan Gibson, Elizabeth Graham, Eleanor Jack ('09)		

In their ministry, the Deacons seek to show Christ's care and compassion. Please feel free to call on them. Joan Gibson (724) 325-4344, Betty Goldbach (412) 372-7281, Betty Graham (724) 325-1321, or Eleanor Jack (412) 372-4383.

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 (Ages infant to 4 years) Nursery care is provided as a part of the children's Sunday School class (beginning at 9:45 a.m.) and 'Second Helping' (during the worship service). The nursery is located on the lower level.



ORGANIST: Thomas Sikora

GREETERS: Shelby Doloughty (Head Usher)
Eleanor Jack, Gordon Sauers



FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in remembrance of Tom & Alberta Horner's wedding anniversary.

PRAYER MINISTRY:

**Do not underestimate
the power of prayer!**



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

AT HOME: Daisy Beatty (10/09); Debra Bowes (9/09); Beth Lathom (8/09);
Jack Matheys (10/09); Nancy Matheys (10/09); Lois Ressler (8/09);
Sharon Quinn (7/09); Ann Thompson (7/09); Pearl Montgomery (7/09);
Elaine Tomicek (6/09); Chuck (8/09), Virginia Gregowich's brother;
Cheryl (9/08), Dahlia Rising's daughter; Father Cuthbert, Eleanor Jack's son (5/09)
Lloyd Boord (10/09), Alberta Horner's brother

CARE HOMES: Hilda Buyok (Sunrise Assisted Living)
Beulah (Dolly) Krusey (Redstone Highlands, Apt. A208)
June McGreevy (Golden Heights Personal Care Home)
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.

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 November and December. Thank you!



WELCOME CHILDREN THROUGH GRADE 4

COME TO 'SECOND HELPING' - 11:15 AM

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

Avoiding Temptation: Science! With the Becky McNamee Team

SCHEDULE FOR THE COMING WEEK

<u>Today</u>	9:45 AM - Sunday School (children & parents, meet in the sanctuary)
Nov. 15	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
Monday	7:30 PM - Monroeville Chorus
Tuesday	7:00 PM - Barbershop Chorus
Saturday	8:00 AM - Clean-Up 7:00 PM - AA Meeting
<u>Next Sunday</u>	... <i>Christ the King Sunday</i> ...
Nov. 22	9:45 AM - Sunday 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 - Congregational Meeting Coffee/Tea Time hosted by Tracy Dugos & Holly McCullough

Our Adult Sunday Class is beginning an exciting new study entitled: "Genesis and the Twelve Tribes." Sometimes people can find studying the Old Testament a bit intimidating, but have no fear, Pastor Nancy is here! Genesis reveals that 'in the beginning' God's plan for creating covenant relationships with us, and among us, is clear. By studying the people and events of Genesis (including the special role of the 12 Tribes) we will find a compelling witness to the struggle of faith and God's plan for our salvation. Even if you are not in the habit of coming to Sunday School, please consider joining us in the parlor at 9:45 a.m., and begin anew. God can do amazing things with a teachable spirit!

There will be a Congregational Meeting for election of officers following the worship service next Sunday, November 22, 2009.

Pledge Cards are to be returned on November 29th, Consecration Sunday.

Church office hours are Mon., Tues., Wed. & Thurs. 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Bethel's email address is bethelupchurch@verizon.net; website is www.BethelUP.org

You may contact Pastor Nancy at 412-466-8501 (home) or rltntct@msn.com.

The fourth Tuesday of every month will be "All Committee Night," which means all the regular committees will meet at the church from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. If you are not currently a member of a committee, we would like you to consider joining us. It is a great way to contribute your gifts, talents, and voice to our church family!



**PUT YOUR CHRISTMAS CARD AND
CHRISTMAS STAMP MONEY TO GOOD USE**

You won't miss the Christmas card display at the back of the sanctuary. This is your opportunity to help someone in need this Christmas. Just take one of the cards provided (or use one of your own) and sign your Christmas blessings to the members of Bethel. Then put your donation to the Benevolence Fund inside the card and place it in the donation box. Your Christmas cards will be displayed and your donation will brighten this holiday for someone who needs help. You can't imagine how much these donations mean to the people we distribute them to! THANK YOU!

What better way to use the money you will save on cards and stamps than to help someone who is in a difficult situation? The Christmas season is the time to remember Jesus and the way he lived his life. We should help one another.

**Blessings,
The Deacons**

2009 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.)

The deadline for submission of December newsletter articles is Tuesday, November 17, 2009. Please turn in your article to Dana by this date.