

Bethel United Presbyterian Church

January 3, 2010



Holy Communion

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BETHEL UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

418 Beatty Road, Monroeville, PA 15146



Communion Service
January 3, 2010
11:00 AM

Second 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

Pastor: Remember the former things, those of long ago; I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me.

People: I make known the end from the beginning, from ancient times, what is still to come. I say: My purpose will stand, and I will do all that I please.

Pastor: I am bringing my righteousness near; it is not far away; and my salvation will not be delayed. I will grant salvation to Zion, my splendor to Israel.

All: Let us worship God!

**PRAISE TUNE*

"We Three Kings of Orient Are"

Red Hymnal #176

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of Promise and Prophecy,

We read in Your Word the prophecy that runs through Scripture, weaving together the promise of Salvation fulfilled in Jesus Christ. And yet, we confess that prophecy seems mysterious and elusive to us. We find ourselves more comfortable trusting in wisdom from our own experience, than in centuries old insights declaring woe or deliverance. And yet, we know that the truth of Your Word speaks to us today. The prophets call us to pay attention; to discern Your hand at work in the world and yet we find ourselves distracted. Forgive us for neglecting to be watchful. Enable us to discern Your wisdom and to seek the leading of Your Spirit in the people and events that surround us. Hear also the silent concerns of our hearts

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SILENT PERSONAL CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS:

Pastor: The prophet declares: Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. A voice cries out, "The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together!" The Lord has spoken, therefore, believe that the prophecy has been fulfilled; God sent His Son so that we might have life and have it in abundance! Friends, believe the Good News:

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 Matthew 2:1-12 "*The Visit of the Magi*"

(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 "What Child Is This" Red Hymnal #159

SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 44:24-28 and Mark 13:28-37

SERMON "Diamond or Cubic Zirconia" 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* "Be Still, My Soul" Red Hymnal #374

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

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

BREAKING THE BREAD AND SHARING THE CUP

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 "Watching and Waiting" Christopher

**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* "Joy to the World!" Red Hymnal #161

**BENEDICTION*

**POSTLUDE*

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

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: Cathy Montecupo (Head Usher)
Virginia Gregowich, June Hayes



FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God.

YOU ARE INVITED TO COFFEE / TEA TIME

in the Old Sanctuary at 12 NOON

hosted by The Kitchener family. Please join us!



PRAYER MINISTRY:

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

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



AT HOME: Lucille Irwin (12/09); Beverly Kepple (12/09); Jack Matheys (10/09); 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.



WELCOME CHILDREN THROUGH GRADE 4

COME TO 'SECOND HELPING' - 11:15 AM

Bible Stories, Activities, Puppets (located on the 2nd level)
Complete New Year's Labyrinth Activity With the Friendship Family Team



SCHEDULE FOR THE COMING WEEK

<u>Today</u>	9:45 AM - Sunday School (children & parents, meet in the sanctuary)
Jan. 3	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
Tuesday	12 NOON - Women For Christ Luncheon and Circle Meeting 7:00 PM - Barbershop Chorus
Saturday	8:00 AM - Men's Prayer Breakfast 7:00 PM - AA Meeting
<u>Next Sunday</u>	... <i>Baptism of the Lord / Pantry Day</i> ...
Jan. 10	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 - Coffee/Tea Time



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!

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 rltnc@msn.com.

Dana will not be in the church office on Monday, January 4, 2010.

Please turn in your Annual Report to Dana by January 4th, 2010. The absolute deadline is January 15th, 2010. The Annual Meeting will be Sunday, January 31st, 2010, following the worship service.

Please pick up your 2010 church offering envelopes in the back of the sanctuary.

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!

2010 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.)

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!



Today we come to the Lord's Table to remember that Christ is present with us and to celebrate his sacrifice to free us from our sins into new life. All who have been water in the Name of the Father, the Son, and The Holy Spirit, and trust Christ as Lord and come to participate, regardless of denomination. Baptized children who are being instructed Sunday School teachers are also welcome.

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.

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.