



BETHEL CHURCH

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Office is CLOSED on Fridays

Staff

Pastor/Moderator: Rev. Steve Nofel

Music Director/Organist: Kirsten Fitzsimmons

Children's Youth & Family Program Coordinator: Chrissie Galliher

Office Manager: Kelly McLaughlin

Church Treasurer: Bruce Batchelor

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Welcome to Bethel Presbyterian Church

November 23, 2025

Worship Service 10:30 a.m.



Our worship begins with the entering of the Light of Christ.
Please silence all electronics and be prayerfully attentive to the quiet presence of God.
+ indicates standing; congregational readings/responses are shown in bold print.

Gathering and Welcome

The grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ is with you. **And also with you.**

Announcements

Minute for Church Greg Burgess / Safety & Security

Voluntary / Lighting of the Candles

Call to Worship Laurie Falkner

Leader: The Lord is a great God who says: “I am the Alpha and Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.”
People: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!

+ Hymn #473 For the Beauty of the Earth

Prayer of Confession

Righteous God, you have crowned Jesus Christ as Lord of all. We confess that we are slow to acknowledge his rule. We give allegiance to the powers of this world, and fail to be governed by justice and love. In your mercy, forgive us. Raise us to acclaim him as ruler of all, that we may be loyal ambassadors, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ.

(Silent prayer of confession)

Assurance of Pardon Pastor Steve

Leader: Believe the Good News of the Gospel.
People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

+ Gloria Patri

+ The Apostles’ Creed

Church Leadership

Elders (Session)

Meet 3rd Thursday each month

2025	2026	2027
Margie Fielder	Pete Capozzoli	Marsha Brooks
Carmie Messenger	Bob Dennison	Dave Hinkley
Gary Lowe	Charles Henry	Krista Batchelor

Deacons

Meet 1st Monday each month

2025	2026	2027
Donna Jones	Pat Chlebda	Rebecca Smith
Terri Schwarz	Rebecca Comaty	Jane Burgess
MaryLee Swift	Jen Seiler	Laurie Falkner
Pam Sherwood	Gail Lowe	

Trustees

Meet 1st Tuesday each month

2025	2026	2027
Dave Kirchner	Tim Sherwood	Jan Berlage
Sam Fielder	Brian Calary	Bruce Batchelor
Bob Horn	Bruce Mattheiss	Greg Burgess
Steve Kauffman	Craig Messenger	R. Donald Scott

Open and Close Trustee for
This week is Tim Sherwood
Ushers this week
Steve Kauffman & Terri Schwarz

The 2025 Per Capita fee per congregation member is **\$42.00**
Please be sure to submit your portion
by the end of the year.
Please write per capita in memo of check. Thank you!

Bethel Concerns

Please keep the following in your prayers this week:

- Kay Geisler, friend of Gail Lowe
- Kathy Mullins Jones, friend of Kristin Comer
- Chuck King, friend of Nancy & Jack Mory
- Carolyn Mattheiss, wife of Bruce Mattheiss
- Gail Lowe
- Tucker Edwards, 11 yr. old fighting cancer, friend of Avalyn Comer
- Jeff Frith, neighbor of Dave Hinkley
- Patty Mory, sister of Jack Mory
- Bonnie Six, friend of Don Scott
- Kristen Hamann & family on the death of their son
- Thomas Smith
- Chrissie Galliher
- Sam Brooks
- Carolyn Bowers, friend of Andi Holmes
- Susan Wyatt
- Elizabeth Dale, Aunt of Will & Sarah Behner
- Barb, friend of Steve Kauffman
- Dennis Kirkwood
- The Eberwein family on the death of Ginny
- Eric Benson & family on the death of Eric’s mother, Anne O’Neill
- John Louderback
- Steve Bevard, friend of Bethel & member of AARP



Please continue to use the prayer cards in the back of the pews for prayer requests. You may also email the office.

+ Passing the Peace	The peace of Christ is with you.	And also with you.
Time with Young Disciples		Chrissie Galliher
Prayer for Illumination		Laurie Falkner
First Lesson	Jeremiah 23:5-6	
	This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.	
Second Lesson	Luke 23:26-43	
	This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.	
Sermon	The Lord Our Righteousness	Pastor Steve
+ Hymn #543	<i>Abide With Me</i>	
Sharing of Joys & Concerns		
Prayers of the People		Laurie Falkner
The Lord’s Prayer		
Offertory	<i>Sing to the Lord of Harvest</i>	Bethel Men’s Choir
+ Doxology 592		
+ Prayer of Dedication		
+ Hymn #554	<i>Let All Things Now Living</i>	
+ Benediction		Pastor Steve
Postlude		



Zoom Sunday Study

November 2, 16, 23, 30

7pm – 8pm

Led by Pastor Steve Nofel

Based on the book, “Experiencing God: Unlock Your Distinct Way of Connecting with God” by Trey Dixon.

“This short, easy to read book highlights how we can feel God's presence in our daily lives. It helps you discover your touchpoints in this spiritual quest by introducing the ten primary pathways to experiencing God: Worship and Immersing in His glory.”

Dixon explores ten ways to connect with God.

- Prayer:** Engaging in personal dialogue with the God.
- Community:** Finding strength and fellowship among believers.
- Scripture:** Seeking guidance and comfort in God’s words.
- Giving:** Expressing love through generosity.
- Serving:** Acting as our Lord’s hands and feet in the world.
- Nature:** Observing God’s majesty in the world around us.
- Creating:** Reflecting God’s beauty through our creativity.
- Teaching:** Sharing and gaining wisdom.
- Tradition:** Honoring our spiritual heritage

All are welcome. Be on the lookout for links to purchase the book, the Zoom link and a short survey to get our conversation started.

November 2025						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
23 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Worship 7pm Zoom Sunday Study	24 10am BWG Bible Study 1pm AARP Meeting 7pm Safety & Security Mtg.	25 6pm Choir Practice 6:30pm Bridge Game	26 2pm Salem Lutheran service	27 	28	29
30 10:30am Worship 11:30am Advent Luncheon 4pm Jarrettsville Tree Lighting 7pm Zoom Sunday Study						
December 2025						
7 Communion 9am Breakfast Bunch 9:15 am Sunday school 10:30am Worship	1 10am BWG Bible Study 7pm Deacons Holiday Party	2 6pm Choir Practice 6:30pm Bridge Game 7pm Trustees Mtg.	3 6pm Choir Practice 6:30pm Bridge Game	4 AARP using parking lot	5 AARP using parking lot 8am Set up for bingo	6 5pm Blitzzen Bingo
14 9:15 am Sunday school 10:30am Worship / Lessons & Carols 11:45am Congregational Mtg 1:30pm Oaaci 809 Mtg 6pm 4-H Mtg	8 10am BWG Bible Study 1pm AARP Board Mtg	9 3:24pm Mission Meeting 4:30pm Worship & Music Mtg 6pm Choir Practice 6:30pm Bridge Game	10 7pm Finance Mtg.	11	12	13 12pm Wreaths Across America
21 9am Breakfast Bunch 9:15 am Sunday school 10:30am Worship	15 10am BWG Bible Study	16 6pm Choir Practice 6:30pm Bridge Game 7pm Christian Education Mtg.	17	18 7pm Session Mtg.	19	20
28 10:30am Worship with Rev. Renee Mackey	22 10am BWG Bible Study 11am Hunt Club Event 1pm AARP Mtg.	23 6pm Choir Practice 6:30pm Bridge Game	24 5pm Family Service 11pm Candlelight Service	25 6pm Outreach Mtg. 7pm Finance Mtg.	26	27

Announcements

This Week at Bethel:

[Last Week's attendance](#) - 82/(20)

November 24th - Women's Bible Study @ 10:00 am

November 24th - AARP meeting @ 1:00 pm

November 24th - Safety & Security Committee meeting @ 7:00 pm

November 25th - Choir Practice @ 6:00 pm

November 25th - Bridge Game, Fellowship Hall @ 6:30 pm

November 26th - Salem Lutheran Thanksgiving Eve Service @ 2:00 pm

November 30th - NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

November 30th - Worship Service, Sanctuary @ 10:30 am

November 30th - Advent Luncheon @ 11:45 am

November 30th - Jarrettsville Tree Lighting @ 4:00 pm

November 30th - Zoom Sunday Study @ 7:00 pm

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Blitzen Bingo - December 6th
- Wreaths Across America (Troop 265) - December 13th
- Christmas Pageant - December 14th
- Family Christmas Service - December 24th
- Candlelight Christmas Service - December 24th
- NO SUNDAY SCHOOL - December 28th
- Worship Service with Rev. Renee Mackey - December 28th

2025 Church Finances

	Through October
Tithes and Offerings	\$158,528
Investment withdraws	\$41,710
Rentals/other income	\$69,471
Total income	\$269,710
Expenses	\$302,343
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Shoe Tree

This Christmas season, we invite you to help support Mason-Dixon Community Services through our annual Shoe Tree outreach! Our Shoe Tree, that will be located in the back of the church, will be decorated with empty envelopes representing children in our community who are in need of shoes. Simply take an envelope from the tree, place your monetary donation inside, and return it in the offering plate during worship. All donations will be used to purchase new shoes for local children and families served by Mason-Dixon Community Services.

Your generosity will help bring warmth, comfort, and hope to those in need this holiday season.

Donations will be collected starting **November 16th**.

Thank you for sharing God's love in such a meaningful way!



Join us!

Bethel Carolers wanted for the

JARRETTSVILLE COMMUNITY *Tree Lighting*

Sunday | 30 | November
4pm - 6 pm | 2025

Family event - Children and Adults - No talent necessary
Just your enthusiasm!

We will sing for about 30 minutes
Details regarding what time are forthcoming.
Call Andi Holmes 410-343-3277 (landline - no text)

Free cookies and hot chocolate, Santa, The Grinch & Fireworks!
Sponsored by Jarrettsville Lions Club



- David Kirchner - Nov. 24th
- Dylan Sambor - Nov. 27th
- Betty Rogers - Nov. 28th
- Donna Jones - Nov. 30th

Card Shower



- Marylyn Bradford
- George Denbow
- Lillian Skidmore
- Polly Winskowski
- Shirley Gillis
- Dr. Moe Howard



- Maurice & Ruth Howard - Nov. 25th
- George & Donna Toole - Nov. 27th

Christmas Joy



Sunday, December 7, 2025

The Christmas Joy Offering provides assistance to current and retired church workers and their families in their time of need, and develops our future leaders at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color.

Advent Luncheon



Sunday, November 30, 2025

Join us after the Worship Service for:

*Soup, BBQ & bread

*Advent Devotional

*A sing-along with your favorite carols

*Music provided by Mary Lee Swift

Please sign up for food in the foyer

RSVP to Church office by Nov 23rd



Saturday, December 13th marks this year's **Wreaths Across America** event. Scouts BSA Troop 265 will once again lead the ceremony and place wreaths on the graves of over 170 veterans resting in Bethel's cemetery.

The Scouts invite and deeply appreciate your support in sponsoring a wreath for \$17.00, helping ensure that every veteran is remembered and honored this Christmas season.

The deadline to sponsor a wreath for inclusion in this year's ceremony is November 30th.

Details about the December event schedule will be shared as the date approaches.

To sponsor, please use the provided link, QR code, or paper form (located in the foyer), and be sure to include Bethel's location code: MDBPCC.

Thank you for your continued generosity and support in honoring our heroes.

<https://wreathsasscrossamerica.org/pages/170763/Overview>



3rd Annual Blitzen Bingo

December 6th

Tickets \$25 ; \$30 At Door

Doors open at 5pm

Game starts at 6pm

Bingo round prizes : \$50 Gift card to a local store or restaurant

Door prizes will be awarded and 50/50 Raffle

Food & Bingo supplies will be available for purchase

Only 100 tickets available for purchase; contact
churchoffice@bethel-md.org or 410-692-5282

To purchase via venmo send to Bethel Presbyterian:
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