



### **BETHEL CHURCH**

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#### **Office Hours**

Monday 8:30-12:30 pm; Tuesday 8:00-4:00 pm

Wednesday 1:30-7:00 pm; Thursday 8:00-4:00 pm

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

Online Giving



# Welcome to Bethel Presbyterian Church

December 7, 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

Voluntary / Lighting of the Church Candles

Lighting of the Advent Candles Nancy Mory and Nancy Berigtold

Call to Worship Andi Holmes

Leader: My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.  
**People: Surely, from now on, all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name.**

+ Hymn #3 Comfort, Comfort Ye My People

Prayer of Confession

**Lord Christ, as we look forward to celebrating your first coming at Christmas, we are often distracted by the festivities around us. We get busy with the stress and joy of family gatherings. As we look forward to your second coming, we are surrounded by the duties and expectations of everyday life. Forgive us for being too overwhelmed to prepare the way for you. Help us, in this Advent season, to live in the joy of your first coming and the hope of your second coming so that those around us may see the difference your coming makes. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

(Silent prayer of confession)

Assurance of Pardon Pastor Steve

Leader: Let us trust in the forgiveness of Jesus.  
**People: It is in God’s grace that we receive pardon.**

+ 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

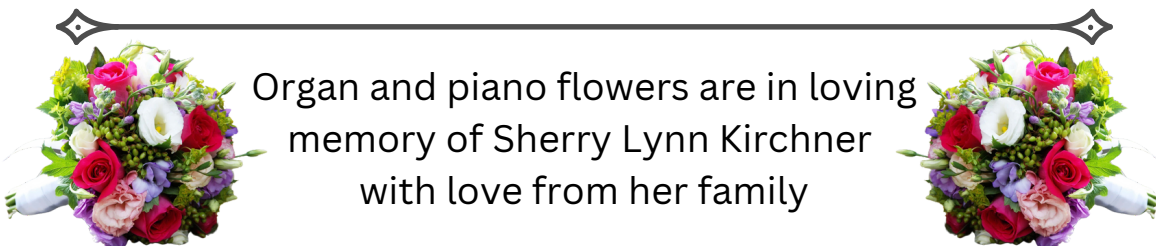
Open and Close Trustee for  
This week is Don Scott  
Ushers this week  
David & Gail Thomas

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  
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  
Thomas Smith  
Sam Brooks  
Carolyn Bowers, friend of Andi Holmes  
Susan Wyatt  
Elizabeth Dale, Aunt of Will & Sarah Behner  
Barb, friend of Steve Kauffman  
Dennis Kirkwood, recovering from knee replacement surgery  
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  
Sue Hinkley  
Mr. & Mrs. Slevin, Tom’s parents  
Dr. Julie Wright, friend of Kelly McLaughlin  
David Sparkman, brother of Sue Hinkley  
John Zdon, friend of Jane & Greg Burgess



Organ and piano flowers are in loving  
memory of Sherry Lynn Kirchner  
with love from her family

+ Passing the Peace	The peace of Christ is with you.	<b>And also with you.</b>
Time with Young Disciples		Chrissie Galliher
Prayer for Illumination		Andi Homes
First Lesson	Luke 1:5-25	
	This is the Word of the Lord. <b>Thanks be to God.</b>	
Second Lesson	Luke 1: 67-80	
	This is the Word of the Lord. <b>Thanks be to God.</b>	
Sermon	No School Like the Old School	Pastor Steve
+ Hymn #22	<i>Angels From the Realms of Glory</i>	
Sharing of Joys & Concerns		
Prayers of the People		Jason Reep
<b>The Lord’s Prayer</b>		
Communion of the People of God		
Offertory		Chancel Choir
+ Doxology 592		
+ Prayer of Dedication		
+ Hymn #20	<i>Watchmen, Tell Us of the Night</i>	
+ Benediction		Pastor Steve
Postlude		

# Announcements

## This Week at Bethel:

Last Week's attendance - 65/(34)

December 8th - Women's Bible Study @ 10:00 am

December 8th - AARP Board Meeting @ 1:00 pm

December 9th - Mission Meeting @ 3:45 pm

December 9th - Worship & Music Meeting @ 4:30 pm

December 9th - Choir Practice @ 6:00 pm

December 9th - Bridge Game, Fellowship Hall @ 6:30 pm

December 10th - Outreach Meeting @ 6:00 pm

December 10th - Finance Meeting @ 7:00 pm

December 11th - Session Meeting @ 7:00 pm

December 13th - Wreaths Across America @ 12:00 pm

December 14th - Sunday School @ 9:15 am

December 14th - Christmas Pageant/Lessons/Carols @ 10:30 am

December 14th - Congregational Meeting @ 11:45 am

December 14th - Scout Pack 809 Meeting @ 1:30 pm

December 14th - 4-H Meeting @ 6:00 pm



- Elkridge Harford Hunt Club event - December 22nd
- Family Christmas Service - December 24th
- Candlelight Christmas Service - December 24th
- NO SUNDAY SCHOOL - December 28th
- Worship Service with Rev. Renee Mackey - December 28th



The nationwide Wreaths Across America event is **Saturday, December 13, 2025, ceremony begins at 12 noon.**

Parishioners planning to attend should **arrive between 11:30 and 11:45**, gather near the flagpole, and are asked not to park along the cemetery driveway.

Parishioners who wish to place a wreath on a veteran marker for their family member will be invited to do so during the ceremony.

Scouts of America Troop 265 thanks the parishioners for their support to help provide wreaths for all the veterans' graves at Bethel.

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





# 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.

December 2025						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> 10am BWG Bible Study 7pm Deacons Holiday Party	<b>2</b> 6pm Choir Practice 6:30pm Bridge Game 7pm Trustees Mtg.	<b>3</b> 8pm Fellowship Mtg.	<b>4</b> AARP using parking lot	<b>5</b> AARP using parking lot 8am Set up for bingo	<b>6</b> 5pm Blitzten Bingo
<b>7</b> Communion 9am Breakfast Bunch 9:15 am Sunday school 10:30am Worship	<b>8</b> 10am BWG Bible Study 1pm AARP Board Mtg	<b>9</b> 3:24pm Mission Meeting 4:30pm Worship & Music Mtg 6pm Choir Practice 6:30pm Bridge Game	<b>10</b> 6pm Outreach Mtg. 7pm Finance Mtg.	<b>11</b> 7pm Session Mtg.	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 12pm Wreaths Across America
<b>14</b> 9:15 am Sunday school 10:30am Worship / Lessons & Carols 11:45am Congregational Mtg 1:30pm Troop 809 Mtg 6pm 4-H Mtg	<b>15</b> 10am BWG Bible Study	<b>16</b> 6pm Choir Practice 6:30pm Bridge Game 7pm Christian Education Mtg.	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 7pm Session Mtg.	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> 9am Breakfast Bunch 9:15 am Sunday school 10:30am Worship	<b>22</b> 11am Hunt Club Event 1pm AARP Mtg.	<b>23</b> 6pm Choir Practice 6:30pm Bridge Game	<b>24</b> 5pm Family Service 11pm Candlelight Service	<b>25</b> 6pm Outreach Mtg. 7pm Finance Mtg.	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> 10:30am Worship with Rev. Renee Mackey	<b>29</b> 10am BWG Bible Study	<b>30</b> 6pm Choir Practice 6:30pm Bridge Game	<b>31</b>			



- Brooke Seiler – Dec. 7th
- Dick Walker – Dec. 7th
- RJ Wines – Dec. 7th
- Carolina Galliher – Dec. 9th
- Steve Saneman – Dec. 9th



### **Card Shower**

- Brooke Seiler
- Moe Howard
- Ann Eddie



## *Sounds of the Season*

*December 14, 2025*

*4:00 p.m.*

*Grove Presbyterian Church*

*50 E. Bel Air Avenue, Aberdeen, MD*



**A free Christmas concert – and you're invited!**

*Presented by:*

*The Grove Presbyterian Church Choir*

*Zoe Coppola, harp and piano*

*Elizabeth LaDana, flute*



**Special Guest Musicians:**  
**Hunt Valley Woodwind Quintet**