



BETHEL CHURCH

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

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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 21, 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 Advent Candles
The Wines Family

Call to Worship
Nancy Mory

Leader: The great multitude in heaven sang out, “Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and power to our God!”
People: “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might belong to our God forever and ever!”

+ Passing the Peace
The peace of Christ is with you. **And also with you.**

Prayer for Illumination
Nancy Mory

A Festival of Lessons & Carols
Lived out by our Young Disciples
Hymns will be on the screen

Isaiah 9:2, 6–7

Hymn #2
Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus (verses 1–2)

Micah 5:2–5

Hymn #43
O Little Town of Bethlehem (verses 1–3)

Luke 2:4–7

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
Terri Schwarz and Dave Hinkley

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
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
Sam Brooks
Carolyn Bowers, friend of Andi Holmes
Susan Wyatt
Elizabeth Dale, Aunt of Will & Sarah Behner
Barb, friend of Steve Kauffman
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
Mr. & Mrs. Slevin, Tom’s parents
David Sparkman, brother of Sue Hinkley
John Zdon, friend of Jane & Greg Burgess
Betty Batchelor, stepmother of Bruce Batchelor
Thomas Garrison
Sarah Milich
Maddie, great-niece of Gary & Gail Lowe



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

Hymn #25 Away in a Manger (verses 1-2)

Luke 2:8-14

Hymn #32 *Hark the Herald Angels Sing* (verses 1-3)

Luke 2:15-20

Hymn #56 *The First Noel* (verses 1-3)

Matthew 2:1-11

Hymn #66 *We Three Kings* (verses 2,5)

**John 3:16 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son,
that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.**

Quiet Reflection

Hymn *Silent Night* Leah Calary & Carolina Galliher

Pastoral Prayer Pastor Steve

The Lord’s Prayer

Offertory Joey Camaty

+ Doxology #592

+ Prayer of Dedication & Blessing Young Disciples & Pastor Steve

+ Hymn #40 *Joy to the World* (all verses)

Announcements

This Week at Bethel:

Last Week's attendance - 78/(28) (from 12/07)

- December 22nd - Elkridge Harford Hunt Club event @ 11:00 am
- December 22nd - AARP meeting @ 1:00 pm
- December 22nd - Safety & Security Committee Meeting @ 7:00 pm
- December 23rd - Choir practice @ 6:00 pm
- December 23rd - Bridge Game, Fellowship Hall @ 6:30 pm
- December 24th - Christmas Eve Family Service @ 5:00 pm
- December 24th - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service @ 11:00 pm
- December 28th - NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
- December 28th - Worship Service with Rev. Renee Mackey @ 10:30 am



Thank you to the Calary Family for their lovely work in decorating the Sanctuary again this year.

2025 Church Finances	
	Through November
Tithes and Offerings	\$176,072
Investment withdrawals	\$45,710
Rentals/other income	\$77,122
Total income	\$298,905
Expenses	\$332,533
(Deficit) or Surplus	(\$33,628)



- Heather Saneman - Dec. 14th
- Marlee Akens - Dec. 14th
- Ann Edie - Dec. 15th
- Maurice Howard - Dec. 15th
- Theresa Sachs - Dec. 15th
- Kristin Comer - Dec. 18th
- Joan Murrell - Dec. 18th
- Rita Cairnes - Dec. 19th
- Abigail Lowe - Dec. 21st
- John Adair - Dec. 24th
- Susie Horn - Dec. 24th
- Jennifer Daughton - Dec. 26th
- Pete Capozzoli - Dec. 28th



Card Shower

- Brooke Seiler
- Moe Howard
- Ann Eddie

Congregational Meeting

December 21, 2025

Purpose of meeting: Annual election of officers and the Nominating Committee for 2026.

Election of Officers

A. Elder Candidates

- 1. Margie Fielder
- 2. Bob Horn
- 3. Don Scott

B. Deacon Candidates



- 1. Pam Sherwood
- 2. Lisa Calary
- 3. Gail Thomas

C. Board of Trustees

- 1. Steve Kauffman
- 2. Steve Comaty
- 3. Sam Fielder
- 4. Dave Kirchner

D. Nominating Committee

- 1. Carmie Messenger
- 2. Kirk Jones
- 3. Tom Slevin

December 2025						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
21 9am Breakfast Bunch 9-15 am Sunday school 10-30am Christmas Pageant 10-30am Lessons/Carols 11-45am Congregational Mtg.	22 11am Hunt Club Event 1pm AARP Mtg.	23 6pm Choir Practice 6:30pm Bridge Game	24 5pm Family Service 11pm Candlelight Service	25 	26	27
28 10-30am Worship with Rev. Renee Mackey	29 10am BWG Bible Study	30 6pm Choir Practice 6:30pm Bridge Game	31			
January 2026						
4 COMMUNION 9-15am Sunday School 10-30am Worship Service	5 10am BWG Bible Study 7pm Deacon Mtg.	6 6pm Choir Practice 6:30pm Bridge Game 7pm Trustee Mtg.	7	8 	9	10
11 9am Breakfast Bunch 9-15am Sunday School 10-30am Worship Service 6pm 4-H Mtg.	12 10am BWG Bible Study 1pm AARP Board Mtg.	13 4pm Mission Mtg. 4:30pm Worship Committee Mtg. 6pm Choir Practice 6:30pm Bridge Game	14 6pm Outreach Mtg. 7pm Finance Mtg.	15 7pm Session Mtg.	16	17
18 9-15am Sunday School 10-30am Worship Service	19 10am BWG Bible Study	20 6pm Choir Practice 6:30pm Bridge Game	21	22	23	24 AARP trip

Christmas Flower Tributes



In Loving Memory of

Our brother, Billy, by Gary & Gail Lowe
Our loving parents by Gary & Gail Lowe
Talmadge C. Rose & Leonora D. Rose by the Rose Family
“Hap” (Harold) & Frances Smith by the Rose Family
Jarrett & Phyllis Wiley by Mark, Lynne, Ben, Kirsten & Sam
Joseph Clarkson, Jr. by Steve & Amy Kauffman
Joseph Clarkson, IV by Steve & Amy Kauffman
Judith Yesilyurt by Steve & Amy Kauffman
Pat Denbrow by George, husband, Lisa & Jeff
Roger & Dorothy Sexton by Betty & Jack Rogers and Nancy &
Michael Alexander
Our brother, Major Robert P. Brokaw, by George & Donna Toole
Terri Dannettel by Nancy Alexander & Betty Rogers
Ken & Betty Wade by Jack & Nancy Mory
Joe & Pay Mory by Jack & Nancy Mory
Our parents, Ruth & Cliff Smith and Ella Mae & Raymond Thomas,
by Gail & David Thomas
Our sisters & brothers, Ruth Ann, Patti, Buzz, Lewis & Bill, by
Gail & David Thomas
Richard & Elizabeth Henderson, Arthur Henderson, & Paul Ragonese,
by The Henderson & Comer families
My wife, Betty Saneman, by Steve Saneman
Betty Saneman, by Chuck, Kelley, Bailey, Reilly & Brandon
Jayne Lyons, by Chuck, Kelley, Bailey, Reilly & Brandon
Our parents, Ruth & Edwin Calary, and our nephew, Donnie Laye
by Eddie & Debbie Calary
Our parents, Beverly & Ted Schmidt, by Eddie & Debbie Calary

Christmas Flower Tributes



In Honor of

Our family who bless us every day, Amy, Reuben, Sara, Chris, Clara,
Henry, Lyla & Violet, by Gail & David Thomas
Our children, Brian & Lisa Calary, and Jennifer & Andrew Thomson
by Eddie & Debbie Calary
Our grandchildren, Leah & Brandon Calary, and Rhiannon & Isla
Thomson, by Eddie & Debbie Calary