



### **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

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Office is CLOSED on Fridays

#### **Staff**

Music Director/Organist: Kirsten Fitzsimmons

Children's Youth & Family Program Coordinator: Chrissie Galliher

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# Welcome to Bethel Presbyterian Church

December 28, 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

Call to Worship Ruth Walker

Leader: God promised to gather us up, to bring us together, although we may be scattered across the land.  
**People: We sing together the greatness of God.**  
Leader: God promised us comfort, a release from terror, and a respite from the pain that follows us on earth.  
**People: We sit together, marveling at the abundance of God.**

+ Hymn #22 Angels from the Realms of Glory

Prayer of Confession

**God as we contemplate the dizzying contrasts of the past year, guide us to concentrate on the golden moments that illuminated our lives; the challenging hikes through your awe-inspiring creation combined with the towering attempts to receive grace in the midst of internal struggle. You hear the cries of our hearts in our pain and bring hope out of our despair. Forgive our lack of trust in you. May we see your hand both in the joy and in the sorrow of life. Amen.**

(Silent prayer of confession)

Assurance of Pardon Rev. Dr. Renee Mackey

The news we have hungered for fills our lives. The One who is our hope has arrived. A savior has been born for us! The Christ child has redeemed us. Amen.

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

+ Gloria Patri

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  
Tim & Pam Sherwood

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:**

Carolyn Mattheiss, wife of Bruce Mattheiss  
Patty Mory, sister of Jack Mory  
Tucker Edwards, 11 yr. old fighting cancer, friend of Avalyn Comer  
Jeff Frith, neighbor of Dave Hinkley  
Bonnie Six, friend of Don Scott  
Sam Brooks  
Carolyn Bowers, friend of Andi Holmes  
Susan Wyatt  
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  
Sam Fielder  
Sarah Milich  
Maddie, great-niece of Gary & Gail Lowe  
Travis Johnson, nephew of Pat & Chris Chlebda



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

+ The Apostles’ Creed		
+ 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		Ruth Walker
Holy One, your Word comes to us; Jesus Christ, Immanuel. Holy Wisdom, speak to us in the Word read and proclaimed. Hearing, may we dream your dreams and faithfully follow wherever you lead. Amen.		
First Lesson	Jeremiah 31:15-17	
	This is the Word of the Lord.	<b>Thanks be to God.</b>
Second Lesson	Matthew 2:13-23	
	This is the Word of the Lord.	<b>Thanks be to God.</b>
Sermon	The Cry is Heard	Rev. Dr. Renee Mackey
+ Hymn #40	<i>Joy to the World</i>	
Sharing of Joys & Concerns		
Prayers of the People		Ruth Walker
<b>The Lord’s Prayer</b>		
Offertory		Chancel Choir
+ Doxology 592		
+ Prayer of Dedication		
+ Hymn #9	<i>O Come All Ye Faithful</i>	
+ Benediction		Rev. Dr. Renee Mackey
Postlude		

# Announcements

## This Week at Bethel:

Last Week's attendance - 133/(32)

- December 29th - Women's Bible Study @ 10:00 am
- December 30th - Choir Practice @ 6:00 pm
- December 30th - Bridge Game, Fellowship Hall @ 6:30 pm
- January 4th - COMMUNION
- January 4th - Breakfast Bunch @ 9:00 am
- January 4th - Sunday School @ 9:15 am
- January 4th - Worship Service @ 10:30 am





- Mills Ford - Dec. 30th
- Michael Alexander - Dec. 31st
- Barbara Shaul - Jan. 1st



## Card Shower

- Brooke Seiler
- Moe Howard
- Ann Eddie

December 2025						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>21</b> 9am Breakfast Bunch 9:15 am Sunday school 10:30am Christmas Pageant 10:30am Lessons/Carols 11:45am Congregational Mtg.	<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> 	<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>	<b>1</b> 	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
January 2026						
<b>4</b> COMMUNION 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service	<b>5</b> 10am BWG Bible Study 7pm Deacon Mtg.	<b>6</b> 6pm Choir Practice 6:30pm Bridge Game 7pm Trustee Mtg.	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b> 9am Breakfast Bunch 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service 6pm 4-H Mtg.	<b>12</b> 10am BWG Bible Study 1pm AARP Board Mtg.	<b>13</b> 4pm Mission Mtg. 4:30pm Worship Committee Mtg. 6pm Choir Practice 6:30pm Bridge Game	<b>14</b> 6pm Outreach Mtg. 7pm Finance Mtg.	<b>15</b> 7pm Session Mtg.	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b> 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service	<b>19</b> 10am BWG Bible Study	<b>20</b> 6pm Choir Practice 6:30pm Bridge Game	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> AARP trip