



BETHEL CHURCH

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

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Office Hours

Tuesday 8:00–5:00 pm

Thursday 8:00–5:00 pm

Staff

Music Director/Organist: Kirsten Fitzsimmons

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Office Manager: Kelly McLaughlin

Church Treasurer: Bruce Batchelor

Online Giving



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Welcome to Bethel Presbyterian Church

January 4, 2026

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 Steve Kauffman

Leader: God is great!
People: Our hearts are glad because having trusted in God he has delivered our Savior, who is Christ our Lord. Let us worship God. Amen.

+ Hymn #40 Joy to the World

Prayer of Confession

O God, as we look back to the last year, we confess that we are not proud of our record. Our mistakes are glaring and the things we have left undone are remembered with ache. We now ask for your forgiveness of our sins. Our hearts have been blind and our opinion of ourselves has been inflated. We seek your healing pardon and the guiding of the Holy Spirit in this new year. We ask it all in the name of Jesus our Lord and Savior. Amen.

(Silent prayer of confession)

Assurance of Pardon Rev. Dr. George Toole

Leader: Through Jesus the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to us,
People: In Christ we have redemption through his blood according to the richness of his grace. Amen.

- + Gloria Patri
- + The Apostles’ Creed
- + Passing the Peace The peace of Christ is with you. And also with you.

Church Leadership

Elders (Session)

Meet 3rd Thursday each month

2026	2027	2028
Pete Capozzoli	Marsha Brooks	Margie Felder
Bob Dennison	Dave Hinkley	Robert Horn
Charles Henry	Krista Batchelor	R. Donald Scott

Deacons

Meet 1st Monday each month

2026	2026	2028
Pat Chlebda	Rebecca Smith	Pam Sherwood
Rebecca Comaty	Jane Burgess	Lisa Calary
Jen Seiler	Laurie Falkner	Gail Thomas
Gail Lowe		Amy Ford

Trustees

Meet 1st Tuesday each month

2026	2026	2028
Tim Sherwood	Jan Berlage	Steve Kauffman
Brian Calary	Bruce Batchelor	Steve Comaty
Bruce Mattheiss	Greg Burgess	Sam Fielder
Craig Messenger		Dave Kirchner

Open and Close Trustee for
This week is Steve Kauffman
Ushers this week
Matt & Jenny Seiler

The 2026 Per Capita fee per congregation member is **\$45.00**
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
The family of Betty Batchelor
Thomas Garrison
Sam Fielder
Sarah Milich
Maddie, great-niece of Gary & Gail Lowe
Travis Johnson, nephew of Pat & Chris Chlebda
Kathy Mullins Jones



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

Time with Young Disciples	Chrissie Galliher	
Prayer for Illumination	Steve Kauffman	
First Lesson	Jeremiah 31:31-34	
This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.		
Second Lesson	Matthew 5:3-12	
This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.		
Sermon	Sleep in The Open	Rev. Dr. George Toole
+ Hymn #37	<i>Infant Holy, Infant Lowly</i>	
Sharing of Joys & Concerns		
Prayers of the People	Steve Kauffman	
The Lord’s Prayer		
Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper		
Offertory	Chancel Choir	
+ Doxology 592		
+ Prayer of Dedication		
+ Hymn #388	<i>O Jesus, I Have Promised</i>	
+ Benediction	Rev. Dr. George Toole	
Postlude		

February 8th – Coffee Hour, by Boy Scouts

January 2026						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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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
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AARP Trip						



NEW MEMBERS CLASS

We are excited to announce a New Member Class coming up at the end of January!

If you feel led to learn more about our church family or are considering becoming a member, we would love to have you join us.

To sign up or ask any questions, please call the church office at 410-692-5282.



- Bettie Clark – Jan. 6th
- Elizabeth Henderson – Jan. 7th
- Amy Ford – Jan. 7th
- Mackenzie Platt – Jan. 7th
- Sophia Smith – Jan. 10th
- Rachel Mitchell – Jan. 10th



Card Shower

- Jack Rogers
- Sophia Smith



Thank You

Dear Bethel Presbyterian,

We are truly overwhelmed by the generosity of your church members. Your continued support during the holiday season and throughout the year is sincerely appreciated.

Sincerely, Jane Skrzypiec
Mason-Dixon Community Services, Inc.



**NEW
UPDATE**

Office hours update: With no pastor currently on staff, the church office will be open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. We appreciate your patience and support during this transition.



Bethel's Helping Hands

Community Outreach with Heart

Bethel's Helping Hands is a caring, needs-based ministry created to support our neighbors who may be facing extra burdens right now. Whether due to age, health, limited resources, or simply being unable to manage certain tasks alone, we want to offer practical help with a compassionate heart.

Ways We Can Help

- Light household chores
- Small home or yard tasks
- Simple maintenance needs
- Organization projects
- Other small acts of care that make life a little easier

If you, or someone you know, could be blessed by this ministry, please reach out. Every request is received with kindness, respect, and confidentiality. We are honored to serve you.

Because Community Means Caring for One Another

Contact
Us

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