



BETHEL CHURCH

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

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Online Giving



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Welcome to Bethel Presbyterian Church

January 25, 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 Bob Horn

Leader: Send out your light and truth and let them lead us.
People: We come to worship you, O God, with songs of praise and lives of dedication to Christ.

+ Hymn #376 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

Prayer of Confession

O God of surprises, you have come to us with a bold love in Jesus and infused our lives with expectation. Yet, we are attracted by the lesser things of this world. Physical possessions beyond our actual needs capture our attention. The praise of others sometimes becomes more important than our being worthy of your praise. Occasionally, our hymns become mere words rather than expressions of our praise. Forgive us and by your pardon make our upside-down lives right side up again. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

(Silent prayer of confession)

Assurance of Pardon Rev. Dr. George Gray Toole

Leader: We gratefully acknowledge the healing forgiveness your pardon provides.
People: Being forgiven, restored, and empowered by God’s kindness, we go forth in Christ’s service.

+ Gloria Patri

Church Leadership

Elders (Session)

Meet 3rd Thursday each month

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

Deacons

Meet 1st Monday each month

2026	2027	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	2027	2028
Tim Sherwood	Jan Berlage	Steve Kauffman
Brian Calary	Bruce Batchelor	Steve Comaty
Bruce Mattheiss	Greg Burgess	Sam Fielder
Craig Messenger		Dave Kirchner
		Gary Lowe

Open and Close Trustee for
This week is Steve Kauffman
Ushers this week
Terri Schwarz & Nancy Mory

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
Tucker Edwards, 11 yr. old fighting cancer, friend of Avalyn Comer
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
The family of Betty Batchelor
Thomas Garrison
Sarah Milich
Maddie, great-niece of Gary & Gail Lowe
Travis Johnson, nephew of Pat & Chris Chlebdia
Kathy Mullins Jones
Fred Miller, friend of Steve Kauffman
Art Gompf, friend of Steve Kauffman
David Rose
Kathleen Cody, friend of Gail & Dave Thomas
Vicki Davis, member of the Bridge Group
Kinslee Quair, granddaughter of Kelly McLaughlin



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. **And also with you.**

Time with Young Disciples

Chrissie Galliher

Prayer for Illumination

Bob Horn

First Lesson

Psalm 63:1-8

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Second Lesson

John 1:35-42

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Flabbergasted and Super Excited

Rev. Dr. George Gray Toole

+ Hymn (page 3 of bulletin)

I Come to the Garden Alone

Sharing of Joys & Concerns

Prayers of the People

Bob Horn

The Lord’s Prayer

Offertory

+ Doxology 592

+ Prayer of Dedication

+ Hymn #371

Lift High the Cross

+ Benediction

Rev. Dr. George Gray Toole

Postlude

I Come to the Garden Alone

In the Garden



1. I come to the gar-den a-lone, while the
2. He speaks, and the sound of his voice is so
3. I'd stay in the gar-den with him though the



dew is still on the ros-es; and the
sweet the birds hush their sing-ing, and the
night a-round me be fall-ing, but he



voice I hear, fall-ing on my ear, the Son of God dis-mel-o-dy that he gave to me with-in my heart is
bids me go; through the voice of woe his voice to me is

Refrain



clos-es.
ring-ing. And he walks with me, and he talks with me, and he
call-ing.



tells me I am his own, and the joy we share, as we




tar-ry there, none oth-er has ev-er known.

January 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25 9am Breakfast Bunch 9-11am Sunday School 10-30am Worship Service	26 10am BWG Bible Study 1pm AARP Mtg.	27 6pm Choir Practice 6:30pm Bridge Game	28	29	30	31
AARP Trip						

February 2026

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1 9am Breakfast Bunch 9-11am Sunday School 10-30am Worship Service	2 10am BWG Bible Study 7pm Deacons Mtg.	3 6pm Choir Practice 6:30pm Bridge Game	4	5	6	7
AARP Trip						
8 9-11am Sunday School 10-30am Worship Service 11:30am Coffee Hour 6pm \$-H Mtg.	9 10am BWG Bible Study 1pm AARP Board Mtg.	10 3:45pm Mission Mtg. 4:30pm Worship & Music 6pm Choir Practice 6:30pm Bridge Game 7pm Trustee Mtg.	11 6pm Outreach Mtg. 7pm Finance Mtg.	12	13	14 
15 9am Breakfast Bunch 9-11am Sunday School 10-30am Worship Service	16 10am BWG Bible Study	17 6pm Choir Practice 6:30pm Bridge Game 7pm Christian Education Mtg.	18	19 7pm Session Mtg.	20	21
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Announcements

This Week at Bethel:

Jan. 11th attendance - 95/(31)

January 24th - February 5th - AARP using our parking lot during trip

January 26th - Women's Bible Study @ 10:00 am

January 26th - AARP Meeting @ 1:00 pm

January 27th - Choir Practice @ 6:00 pm

January 27th - Bridge Game, Fellowship Hall @ 6:30 pm

February 1st - Breakfast Bunch @ 9:00 am

February 1st - Sunday School @ 9:30 am in CE Wing

February 1st - Worship Service @ 10:30 am



February 8th - Scout Sunday with luncheon

May 17th - Children's Day

May 31st - Graduate Sunday

July 8-10th - Vacation Bible School

2025 Church Finances

	Through December
Tithes and Offerings	\$203,011
Investment withdrawals	\$49,710
Rentals/other income	\$89,330
Total income	\$342,051
Expenses	\$351,174
(Deficit) or Surplus	(\$9,123)



- Jack Rogers - Jan. 22nd
- Jack Saneman - Jan 24th
- Bonnie Behner - Jan. 25th
- Cole Reep - Jan. 26th
- Felix Wines - Jan. 26th
- Tara Berlage - Jan. 29th

Card Shower

Sophia Smith - Jan. 10th
4337 Madonna Road
Street, MD 21154



Jack Rogers - Jan. 22nd
3747 Salem Church Rd.
Jarrettsville, MD 21084

**The Deacon's Committee has provided a selection of notecards in the foyer for anyone who would like to send a card.*



- Samuel & Margie Fielder - Jan. 27th



**2026
VACATION
BIBLE SCHOOL**

**July 8 - 10th
More details coming soon!**



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



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