



Welcome to Bethel Presbyterian Church

February 15, 2026

Worship Service 10:30 a.m.



BETHEL CHURCH

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

4135 Norrisville Road
White Hall, MD 21161

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Office Hours

Tuesday 8:00-5:00 pm

Thursday 8:00-5:00 pm

Staff

Music Director/Organist: Kirsten Fitzsimmons

Children's Youth & Family Program Coordinator: Chrissie Galliher

Office Manager: Kelly McLaughlin

Church Treasurer: Bruce Batchelor

Online Giving



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*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: Lord God, we come to thank you for all your blessings and honor you with our hymns of praise. Make us aware of your presence among us and accept our worship, we pray.

People: Make us one people through the gift of Jesus Christ, your Son, and renew in our lives a strong purpose to our discipleship in Jesus Christ. Amen.

+ Hymn #147

Blessing and Honor

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Dr. George Gray Toole

Almighty God, you love us, but we have not loved you in full. You call but often we do not listen. We have gone along with evil, with prejudice, warfare, and greed. Help us to face up to ourselves, so that as you move toward us in mercy, we may repent, turn to you, and receive forgiveness you offer in Jesus Christ. Amen.

(Silent prayer of confession)

Assurance of Pardon

Rev. Dr. George Gray Toole

Leader: Who is in a position to condemn us?

People: Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen.

+ Gloria Patri

+ The Apostles' Creed

Church Leadership

Elders (Session)

Meet 3rd Thursday each month

2026

Pete Capozzoli
Bob Dennison
Charles Henry

2027

Marsha Brooks
Dave Hinkley
Krista Batchelor

2028

Margie Fielder
Robert Horn
R. Donald Scott

Deacons

Meet 1st Monday each month

2026

Pat Chlebda
Rebecca Comaty
Jen Seiler
Gail Lowe

2027

Rebecca Smith
Jane Burgess
Laurie Falkner

2028

Pam Sherwood
Lisa Calary
Gail Thomas
Amy Ford

Trustees

Meet 1st Tuesday each month

2026

Tim Sherwood
Brian Calary
Bruce Mattheiss
Craig Messenger

2027

Jan Berlage
Bruce Batchelor
Greg Burgess

2028

Steve Kauffman
Steve Comaty
Sam Fielder
Dave Kirchner
Gary Lowe

Open and Close Trustee for
This month is Brian Calary
Ushers this week
Sam & Marsha Brooks

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'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

churchoffice@bethel-md.org
410-692-5282

+ Passing the Peace

The peace of Christ is with you. **And also with you.**

Time with Young Disciples

Chrissie Galliher

Installation of Elders, Deacons and Recognition of Trustees

Prayer for Illumination

Steve Kauffman

First Lesson

Psalm 106:1-5

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

Second Lesson

Matthew 13:44-46

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

Sermon

Antiques in the Attic? Rev. Dr. George Gray Toole

+ Hymn #387

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

Sharing of Joys & Concerns

Prayers of the People

Steve Kauffman

The Lord's Prayer

Offertory

+ Doxology 592

+ Prayer of Dedication

Rev. Dr. George Gray Toole

+ Hymn #417

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

+ Benediction

Rev. Dr. George Gray Toole

Postlude

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
Thomas Garrison
Sarah Milich
Maddie, great-niece of Gary & Gail Lowe
Travis Johnson, nephew of Pat & Chris Chlebda
Kathy Mullins Jones
Art Gompf, friend of Steve Kauffman
David Rose
Kathleen Cody, friend of Gail & Dave Thomas
Vicki Davis, member of the Bridge Group
Debbie Cary, friend of Judy Bolke
The family of Jim Butcher
Garry & Martha Smithson
Linda Cummings, friend of Andi Holmes
Grandfather & Grandmother of RJ Wines
Sue Hinkley



Organ flowers are in loving memory of
Frank & Sandy Hughes
with love from Jenny & Malcom



Bethel Church Spaghetti Dinner

Saturday - March 28th
5:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Mark your calendars for this fun filled evening
hosted by the Bethel Men's Association

They will be preparing delicious Italian cuisine
accompanied by the entertainment of
Karaoke Music with Susie Horn

Adults - \$15 per person Children 12 & Under - \$10
Carry out is available

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The Bethel Women's Group Presents

MOVIE NIGHT

Saturday, February 21, 2025

Potluck Dinner at 5:00 PM

Movie Begins at 6:00 PM

Join us for an evening filled with cinematic delight!
This is a community-wide event—everyone is welcome!
A family-friendly experience suitable for all ages!

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For more information, contact

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Gail Thomas - Feb. 16th

Gregory Thomas - Feb. 16th

Celia Morrow - Feb. 17th

Shelby Jones - Feb. 20th



Dave & Sue Hinkley - Feb. 16th

Card Shower

Rev. Dr. George Toole - Feb. 1st

4230 Harford Creamery Road
White Hall, MD 21161



Ruth Walker - Feb. 24th
4528 Norrisville Road
White Hall, MD 21161

The Louderbacks - Thinking of You
4114 Crown Hill Road
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.

Announcements

This Week at Bethel:

Last Week's attendance - 93/(33)

- February 16th - Women's Bible Study @ 10:00 am
- February 17th - Choir Practice @ 6:00 pm
- February 17th - Bridge Game, Fellowship Hall @ 6:00 pm
- February 17th - Christian Education Meeting @ 7:00 pm
- February 18th - Ash Wednesday Service @ 6:00 pm
- February 19th - Session Meeting @ 7:00 pm
- February 21st - Dinner & a Movie @ 5:00 pm
- February 15th - Sunday School @ 9:30 am in CE Wing
- February 15th - Worship Service @ 10:30 am

UPCOMING EVENTS

- March 8th - Congregational Luncheon & Meeting @ 11:30 am
- March 28th - Spaghetti Dinner @ 5:00 p.m.
- April 2nd - Maundy Thursday
- April 19th - Congregational Luncheon & Meeting @ 11:30 am
- May 16th - Bon Appetit Bingo
- May 17th - Children's Day
- May 31st - Graduate Sunday
- July 8-10th - Vacation Bible School



Congregational Meetings & Luncheons

Dates & Topics

February 15: *What is Bethel's History?*

March 8: *Where is Bethel Now?*

April 19: *Where does God want Bethel in the Future?*

Time

Lunch immediately following the worship service

Please plan to stay and participate.
Your voice and presence are important!