



BETHEL CHURCH

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

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Tuesday 8:00–5:00 pm

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Staff

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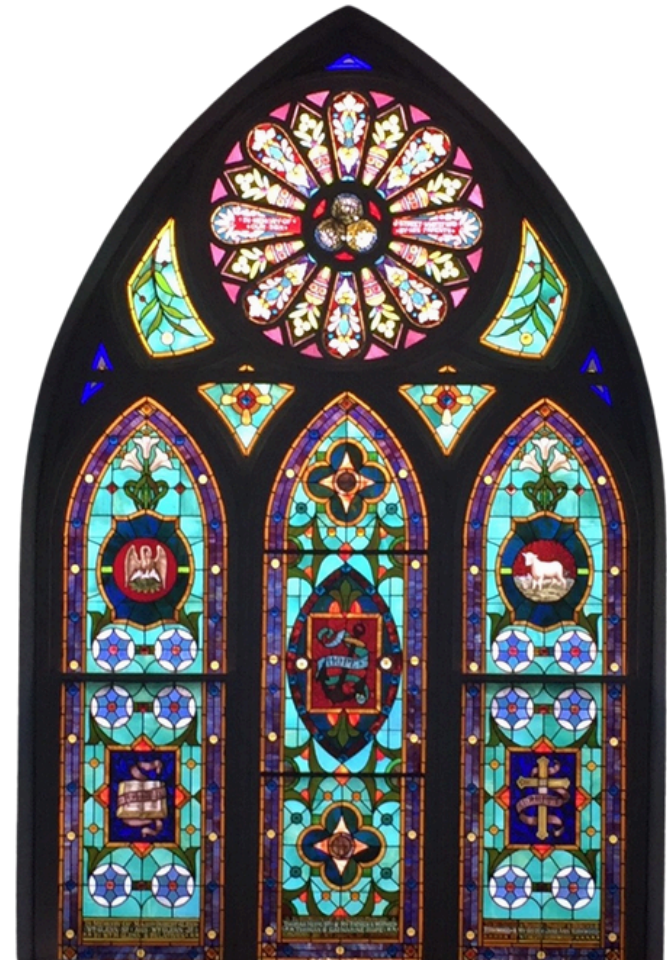


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Welcome to Bethel Presbyterian Church

October 18, 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 *Is This Heaven?* Pete Capozzoli (Trumpet)
Composition by Pete Capozzoli Grace Bauson (Harp)

Lighting of the Church Candles

Call to Worship Tim Sherwood

Leader: Who among us fears the Lord and obeys the voice of His servant?
People: Let those who walk in the darkness and have no light, trust in the Lord and rely on God.
Unison: Let us worship God. Amen.

+ Hymn #477 *Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim*

Prayer of Confession Rev. Dr. George Gray Toole

Making decisions is a frequent thing in our lives. They vary in their lasting importance. We confess that we have not always sought Your guidance as we should. Forgive us and lead us to seek Your will in all that we do, we pray.

(Silent prayer of confession)

Declaration of Pardon Rev. Dr. George Gray Toole

Leader: We thank You, O God, for Your patience with us, and particularly for Your forgiveness of us. We claim Jesus’ words, “Your sins are forgiven.”
People: May that pardon give us gratitude and lead us to live lives more aligned with Your will for us. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

+ Gloria Patri
+ The Apostles’ Creed

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 month is Dave Kirchner
Ushers this week
Bob Horn & Steve Kauffman

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



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+ Passing the Peace

The peace of Christ is with you.

And also with you.

Time with Young Disciples

Chrissie Galliher

Prayer for Illumination

Tim Sherwood

Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 9:2-7

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

New Testament Lesson

John 6:63-71

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

Sermon

Responses to Jesus - Then and Now
Rev. Dr. George Gray Toole

+ Hymn #145

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

Sharing of Joys & Concerns

Prayers of the People

Tim Sherwood

The Lord's Prayer

Offertory

Grace and Peace Pete Capozzoli (Flugelhorn)
Composition by Pete Capozzoli Grace Bauson (Harp)

+ Doxology 592

+ Prayer of Dedication

+ Hymn #106

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

+ Benediction

Rev. Dr. George Gray Toole

Postlude

Bethel Concerns

Please keep the following in your prayers this week:

- Carolyn Mattheiss, wife of Bruce Mattheiss

Bonnie Six, friend of Don Scott

Sam & Marsha Brooks

Carolyn Bowers, friend of Andi Holmes

Susan Wyatt

John & Sandy Louderback

Steve Bevard, friend of Bethel & AARP member

Mr. & Mrs. Slevin, Tom’s parents

Vicki Davis, member of the Bridge Group

Grandfather & Grandmother of RJ Wines

Grandmother of Chrissie Galliher

Susan Rogers, niece of Jack & Betty Rogers

Tom Lowe, brother of Gary Lowe

Douglas Nichols, son of Martha & Jack Nichols

Kirsten Fitzsimmons

Steve Kauffman’s brother
- Lloyd Taylor, who is in bootcamp & serving our country

Michelle Laret & family, friend of Donna Jones

Lois Backus, friend of Marsha Brooks

Jerry Gladwell, friend of Marsha Brooks

Lou Wyman, friend of Marsha Brooks

Tony Tomasello & family upon the death of their son, Nick

Amy Anzalone Barnett, family of the Louderbacks

Isa & Rhiannon, daughters of Jennifer & Andrew Thomson

Whitney Christmas, friend of Steve Kauffman

Dick & Ruth Walker

Don Scott

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

Church Finances	
	Through September
Tithes and Offerings	\$180,415
Rentals/other income	\$55,837
Total income	\$236,252
Expenses	\$198,307
(Deficit) or Surplus	\$37,946
2026 Budget	\$339,660

4TH ANNUAL

BLITZEN BINGO

DECEMBER 5, 2026

TICKETS - \$25, \$30 AT DOOR

DOORS OPEN - 5PM & GAMES START - 6 PM

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4135 Norrisville Rd

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Bingo Round Prizes

\$50 Gift card to local stores or restaurant

Bucket Auction, Door prizes 50/50 Raffle

Food & Bingo supplies for purchase

Only 100 tickets available

Contact 410-692-5282 or

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Christ Our King Presbyterian Church



PACKING DAY

8:30 am & 9:30 am

NOVEMBER

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Christ Our King Presbyterian Church, Knox Presbyterian Church, and Grace Presbyterian Church have joined efforts once again to provide Thanksgiving Boxes of food to families in need living in Harford County, Baltimore City, and surrounding areas.

There will be 2 shifts of volunteers to fill 800 boxes of food, with each shift filling at least 400 boxes. There will be a limit of 50 volunteers for each shift.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D49AFA729A1FFC34-65187510-giving#/>



Brian Calary - Oct. 23rd

Samantha Fielder - Oct. 24th

Douglas Smith, III - Oct. 24th



Eddie & Debbie Calary - Oct. 18th

Andrew & Jennifer Thomson - Oct. 20th

Card Shower

Support & Encouragement

Sam Brooks - Thinking of You
4035-A Federal Hill Rd.
Jarrettsville, MD 21084



Sue Hinkley
Special Birthday - October 5th
3202 Clay Ct.
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 - 59/\(21\)](#)

October 19th - Women's Bible Study @ 10:00 am

October 19th - Eagle Scout Review @ 6:30 pm

October 20th - AARP Trip (using parking lot)

October 20th - Bridge Game, Fellowship Hall @ 6:00 pm

October 20th - Christian Education Meeting @ 7:00 pm

October 20th - Worship & Music Committee Meeting @ 4:30 pm

October 21st - Elkridge Harford Hunt Club, Bethel fields @ 8:00 am

October 22nd - PNC Meeting @ 7:00 pm

October 22nd - Session meeting @ 7:00 pm

October 24th - Mom Swap, Fellowship Hall @ 10:00 am

October 25th - Sunday School @ 9:30 am

October 25th - Worship Service @ 10:30 am



November 1st - All Saints' Luncheon

November 8th - New Member Class, Foyer @ 9:00 am

November 8th - Harvest Home donations due

November 14th - Trustees Clean Up Day

November 18th - Sunday School Thanksgiving Dinner

November 21st - The Giving Boxes Packing Day

November 29th - Advent Luncheon

December 5th- Blitzzen Bingo

December 6th - Shoe Tree donations due

December 12th - Wreaths Across America

December 20th - Children's Christmas Program

DONATE TO OUR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS SHOE TREE

Help support Mason-Dixon
Community Services
through our annual Shoe
Tree outreach.

The tree will be located at
the back of the church.
Take an envelope from the
tree and place your
donation inside and
return it in the offering.

Your generosity will
help bring warmth,
comfort, and hope to
those in need this holiday
season.



Donations will be collected Nov. 1 - Dec. 6

The poster features a warm, autumnal theme with illustrations of pumpkins, mushrooms, berries, and leaves in shades of orange, red, and brown. The title 'HARVEST Home' is prominently displayed in the center, with 'HARVEST' in a bold, serif font and 'Home' in a cursive script.

HARVEST Home

Share the blessings of the harvest by bringing donations to the Sanctuary on Sunday, **November 8th**. Items will be delivered to Mason-Dixon Community Services to help local families with Thanksgiving meals and essential supplies.

They are especially in need of:

- Items for a traditional Thanksgiving dinner
- Paper products
- Personal hygiene items

Thank you for giving with a loving heart

MAY YOUR KINDNESS & GENEROSITY BE A BLESSING TO OTHERS, AND TO YOU AS WELL



EXPERIENCE THE THRILL OF ELKRIDGE HARFORD HUNT CLUB

October 21, 2026

8:00 a.m. start

@ Bethel Presbyterian Church

**Everyone of all ages
are welcome!**

****No parking in the large lot to the right of the church***

**For more information,
call the office at 410-692-5282**



NEW MEMBERS CLASS

**November 8, 2026
9:00 a.m.**

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.