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Welcome to Bethel Presbyterian Church

November 29, 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 Steve Kauffman

Voluntary *Oh Come, Little Children & Silent Night* Steel Pandemic

Lighting of the Advent Candles MaryLee Swift & Joe Ostowski

Call to Worship Steve Kauffman

Leader: God of the past, who has created and nurtured us, we are here to thank You.
People: God of the future, who is always ahead of us, we are here to thank You.
Leader: God the persent, who is here in the midst of us, we are here to thank You.
People: God of our salvation, perpare us to receive Your Behlehem gift this Advent Season.
Unison: Let us worship God. Amen.

+ Hymn #2 *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus* Peter Capozzoli

Prayer of Confession Rev. Dr. George Gray Toole

Leader: O God, we thank You for our glorious gift of Jesus. It is He who *is* the Good News for which we have yearned.
People: You change our lives by Your death for us and by the forgiveness of our sins. Yet too often we do not show our newness to those around us. We forget to show kindess to others. We surrender to the world's values. We have promises that we have not kept. Forgive us, cleanse us by Your pardon. We pray.

(Silent prayer of confession)

Declaration of Pardon Rev. Dr. George Gray Toole

Leader: By receiving Jesus' words, "Your sins are forgiven," with true repentance, pardon is ours.
People: Refocus our lives, so that they may be lived to Your glory, O God. With new peace, and the strength You give, we shall live refreshed lives as disciples of Christ. We thank you in Jesus' name. Amen.

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 Tim Sherwood
Ushers this week
Tim & Pam Sherwood

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!

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

+ Gloria Patri		
+ The Apostles' Creed		
+ Passing the Peace	The peace of Christ is with you.	**And also with you.**
Time with Young Disciples		
Prayer for Illumination		Steve Kauffman
Old Testament Lesson	Psalm 80:1-7	
	This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**	
New Testament Lesson	Revelation 1:4-6	
	This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**	
Sermon	Deep Hope and Strong Predications Rev. Dr. George Gray Toole	
+ Hymn #8	*Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates*	Peter Capozzoli
Sharing of Joys & Concerns		
Prayers of the People		Steve Kauffman
The Lord's Prayer		
Offertory	*Jesu Bambino & Mary's Boychild*	Steel Pandemic
+ Doxology 592		
+ Prayer of Dedication		
+ Hymn #9	*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*	Peter Capozzoli
+ Benediction		Rev. Dr. George Gray Toole
Postlude	*Little Drummer Boy & Winter Wonderland*	Steel Pandemic

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
Whitney Christmas, friend of Steve Kauffman
Dick & Ruth Walker
Don Scott
Jeff Kirchner, brother of Dave Kirchner
Donna Furches, daughter of Norma Kirkwood
Roger Bishop
Aaron Cree Family, friend of Dennis Kirkwood
Clay Miller Family, upon his death
Jack Healy, friend of Dave Hinkley

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





On December 19, 2026, at 12:00 pm, Troop 265 will be helping Bethel Presbyterian Church Cemetery to remember and honor our veterans by laying remembrance wreaths on the graves of our country's fallen heroes.

Please help us honor and remember as many fallen heroes as possible by sponsoring remembrance wreaths, volunteering on Wreaths Day, or inviting your family and friends to attend with you.

Use the address below to link to the donation page:
https://wreathsacrossamerica.org/pages/152763/overview/
Last day to order is December 2, 2026

Thank you so much for supporting
The MD0309P - Boy Scout Troop 265
and Wreaths Across America!





Donna Jones - Nov. 30th
Kristen Kirkwood Feldmann - Dec. 3rd
Lisa Calary - Dec. 4th



None



Card Shower

Support & Encouragement

Dick Walker - Thinking of You
4528 Norrisville Rd.
White Hall, MD 21161

Carol Morrow - Thinking of You
4101 Autumn Dr.
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 - 85/(27)

November 30th - Women's Bible Study @ 10:00 am
December 1st - Bridge Game, Fellowship Hall @ 6:00 pm
December 1st - Trustees' Meeting @7:00 pm
December 2nd - Wreaths Across America orders due
December 3rd - AARP Trip - using parking lot
December 3rd - PNC Meeting @ 7:00 pm
December 4th - Christmas Wreaths/Flower Pickup @ 12:00 - 3:00 pm
December 5th - Blizten Bingo @ 5:00 pm
December 6th - Breakfast Bunch @ 9:00 am
December 6th - Sunday School @ 9:30 am
December 6th - Worship Service @ 10:30 am
December 6th - Shoe Tree donations due
December 6th - Chrstimas Wreaths/Flower Pickup after church

UPCOMING EVENTS

December 19th - Wreaths Across America
December 20th - Children's Christmas Program
December 24th - Christmas Eve Service @ 6:00 pm

As we prepare for the 12/01 Bethel Kitchen inspection by Harford County, we kindly request **no items be**:

MOVED - REMOVED - RELOCATED - READJUSTED - REARRANGED in the kitchen.

Also, any personal items remaining in the kitchen should be taken after the luncheon on Sunday 11/29.

