

Bethany

loving with the heart of Jesus

*January 29, 2012
8:15 & 10:45 o'clock*

Sermon: "Signed and Sealed"



"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."
Matthew 28:19

Our Mission
To trust in Jesus...
love like Jesus...
grow in Jesus...
bring others to Jesus.

WELCOME TO BETHANY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

“Enter this Church not as a stranger, but as a guest of God. May the blessings of God rest upon you, both in your coming in and your going out.”

We are delighted to have you in worship. We ask that you please sign the Fellowship Pad at the end of the pew. For your convenience, we have a warm and loving nursery adjacent to the sanctuary, complete with an available paging system. We also have a Cry Room at the back of the Sanctuary (near the usher’s table) on the pulpit side with a speaker so that you can see and hear the service. If you have any questions or need literature regarding the life of Bethany Presbyterian Church, please visit the Welcome Center, located next to the sanctuary.

ORDER FOR THE PUBLIC WORSHIP OF GOD

WE GATHER BEFORE GOD

THE CHIMING OF THE HOUR

THE WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH

THE PRELUDE

“Just As I Am”

J. Spang

Please take time during the Prelude to meditate & prepare for worship.

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

*THE HYMN No. 2 “O Worship the King”

*THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy and merciful God,

in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings,
and our offenses against you.

You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your
ways,

in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love.

Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry
for all we have done to displease you.

Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light, and walk in your
ways,

for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Beginning in the fall of 1826, the minutes of the Session of Bethany only records one action – the trial of Laird v. Wilkeson. Mr. Laird is being accused of slander for telling people that Mr. Wilkeson had stolen his wheat which was stored in Mr. Isaac Walker's mill. We continue this week with the minutes of March 29th, 1827 and the continuation of the deposition of Mr. James Laird, Jr., son of the defendant:

Q by Session. *Did this conversation end before the feeding of horses commenced?*

A. *Yes, and I will now farther state that on meeting Mr. Wilkeson at Walker's Mill, after my Father had talked to him about the wheat, he told me that Father had told him that the people about Noblestown said that he (Wilkeson) had taken, some said six & some said eight bushels – and other people had told himself that he had taken as high as sixteen-*

Q. *Did you hear Wilkeson tell your Father that he would like to have some of the wheat, that was in the mill, for seed?*

A. *No I did not.*

Q by Laird, Sr. – *What kind of wheat was on the top of the mow at this time?*

A. *It was all Beardy, that was on top.*

Q. *What kind of wheat did you show Wilkeson?*

A. *Beardy*

Q. *What kind of wheat was in the mow under the beardy?*

A. *Turkey*

Q. *Had you and Esq. Nesbitt any conversation in his cornfield, about the wheat, Wilkeson had taken?*

A. *Yes – it was about the last of seeding. He asked me if we had any seed left. I answered no, but he might do as some of our neighbours had done, go to the mill and take some, or something of this kind.*

Q. *Was the persons name mentioned, who had taken wheat, or was the amount taken mentioned?*

A. *No, not that I recollect. He asked me if it was John on the Ridge and I made no reply.*

Q by Laird Sr.- *Were you present when Esq. Nesbitt came to me, at Leggets?*

A. *Yes*

Q. *State what happed between him and me.*

A. *Mr. Nesbitt asked you something about costs, that had been put into his hands. You asked him what would be the event, if a person or persons, should put property in a Mill, and another would come and take it without liberty – He replied that in that case, the person whose property was taken would come on the owner of the mill.*

Q. *Was there any mention of wheat or amount of wheat at that time?*

A. *Not that I recollect.*

Q by Session to John Nesbett, Esq, previously sworn – *Did you tell Joseph McMurrey what happed between you and Laird and his son, James, in reference to the wheat taken out of the mill soon after your interview with them?*

A. *I told him what happed between me and young James Laird but not what happed between me and his father.*

To be continued with the deposition of Mr. Walker Herriott.....

The next New Members Class will be held Sunday, March 18, 2012 at 12:30 p.m. at the church. We will provide lunch and the class will run between 3 and 4 hours. We look forward to personally meeting you at that time. If you are interested in joining the Family of God here at Bethany please note this on the Fellowship Pad along with your name, address and phone number or fill in the red card in the pew and drop it in the offering plate.

Last Sunday, at the congregational meeting following worship, Robbie Ytterberg was approved for the Associate Pastor position. Robbie along with his wife, Abby, son Wesley and daughter Ella are anxious to begin making Pittsburgh and Bethany their church home. They currently reside in Seattle, WA. Robbie is scheduled to begin his duties here at Bethany March 1st.

JAMES: MERCY TRIUMPHS – Women’s Bible Study

On Friday, January 27 at 9:30 am we began a new and very different Bible study for women. It is a study on the life and the New Testament book of James, and the title is *Mercy Triumphs*. A Thursday evening group will begin in early February. This particular Bible study offers a 5-tiered approach, so that more women will be able to participate...and participate at the level they want/need/choose. Tier one involves coming to class and watching the teaching dvd by Beth Moore, followed by class discussion. Tier two adds a workbook, with 5 daily lessons. Tier 3 adds writing out the entire Book of James. Tier 4 brings the opportunity to complete a “What could I do to go deeper?” section (a response to many requests for increased scholarship...original languages, cultural setting, etc.). And tier 5 offers the challenge of memorizing the Book of James as you study it. We will order study books for all those who will be choosing tier 2 and higher. If you choose to come to class but not take on the daily studies, we will print out the viewer guides for you to use as you watch the DVD lesson...but you will not need a study book. It is important that we have an accurate number of participants, and know how many will need study books. The cost of the book is \$16. We will have childcare for the Friday morning class. If you have never participated in an in-depth group Bible study before, why not start now? You can choose your level of involvement. Please call the church office to let us know if you would like to participate, and if you will need a study book. If you have any questions, contact Melany Hamilton at mhamilton@bethanypresby.org; or 412-276-1013.

Soup n Sandwich – Homemade delicious chicken noodle, green pepper soup, chicken salad and ham salad sandwiches will be available after the service this morning. Free will offerings accepted.

Need Scrip? Stop at the Welcome Center after worship or at the office during the week and purchase a card(s) for Home Depot, KMart, Wal-Mart, Lowes, Target, and many more cards are available. How about going out to eat after a busy day – we have cards available for several restaurants. We even have cards for BP and Sunoco for vacation trips. You can also purchase Giant Eagle and Shop n Save cards. This is the easiest fundraiser you will ever participate in because it doesn't cost you anymore than you already spend. Thank you for supporting the mission work of the church through this program. **Carol Willhite will be in the Welcome Center after the 8:15 service and Earl Swanson after the 10:45 service.**

February is the month to provide desserts for Meals on Wheels. Ruth Doyle, Site Manager, would appreciate cupcakes, brownies, sweet breads or cake instead of cookies. Cookies are good, and we won't turn them down, but South Fayette PTA has donated a lot of cookies. A calendar is in the Welcome Center. Please sign-up. Fresh fruit, on certain days, as noted on the calendar is needed. The amount of fresh fruit is 60 pieces. Coordinate a day with a friend if you can't do it all yourself.

The Rummage Sale will be held May 5th and now is the time to start cleaning out and saving for the rummage sale.

Are you missing a baking dish? Check the kitchen.

Donate new or gently worn bras and support women in need no later than February 26th. Bras are the most needed and least donated clothing item. Bras collected will benefit Womansplace in McKeesport. A box is in the Welcome Center for your donations.

Churchwide Gathering of Presbyterian Women

Presbyterian women from around the globe will gather in Orlando, Florida, July 18–22, 2012, to celebrate through the theme “River of Hope.” Inspiring worship, Bible study, thought-provoking speakers and workshops on mission, leadership and spiritual growth will provide nurture and challenge for all who attend. This also will be a time for fun and renewal in The Sunshine State! For more information, please visit www.presbyterianwomen.org/gathering

Bonnie, Barb, Lynne, Rhonda, Carolyn & Becky are going. Are you? Join us and get your T-shirt. Call Barb at 412-221-5132 if you plan to go.



Parking for Sunday Services – The Property Team would like to reserve the front row spaces near the entrance for the elderly, for those with special needs and for visitors. Those who may have a greater need than others just might get discouraged from attending church because they have to walk so far.

Bethany Red Hats Believers – Let's gather on Saturday, February 4th at 11:00 a.m. at BEEZ, Portman's Commons, behind Portman's at 3249 Washington Pike, Bridgeville. We will have our annual meeting, election of officers and dues amount and lunch. Please bring some fun ideas that we can do this year in 2012. Hope to see you all there. If you can't be there, but still want to be in the Red Hats, please respond either way to Marlene at comet246@peoplepc.com or Joy at 412-354-0458.

Cafe 'au Vineyard – The Spirit of a song in service stirred with a bold cup of real life praises and you've got Cafe 'au Vineyard. Jeff Nowak will be performing an acoustic set with Bethany friend, Jacob Kundra and others Friday, Feb. 3rd at Vineyard's cafe claim to quote, "It's more than coffee, it's an experience". The venue is located at 202 Liberty Street, Bridgeville. The evening casually brews about 8 pm. More info can be found at VineyardSWPittsburgh.com

Gifts for the Chapel Stained Glass Window Fund have been received in memory of Ruth Aspinall from Steve & Monica Aspinall, Bob & Alice Montagna and Michael Purucker & Sherrie Aspinall.

Thank you for all the cards, prayers, and support during the loss of my mother. Good friends helped to get us through our time of sorrow. Your sympathy and thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated. Tom & Carole Aspinall and Family

Fellowship of Prayer will meet Wednesday, February 1st 10:00 a.m. in the Welcome Center for fellowship and refreshments followed by a time of updating the prayer list and prayer in the Bride's Room. Those interested in praying for others are welcome to join us.

Calling all women - The 2012 Secret Sister Program is about to begin and we would love to have you join us. Won't you consider being a part of this grace-filled group of women in our church who are praying and supporting each other? Information forms are in the Welcome Center, or contact Beckie Price at 412-319-7913 to get a form or to learn more about this ministry.

The Annual Dinner and Reports Meeting will be held Sunday, February 12th in the Great Room at 6:00 p.m. Plan to attend and see and hear what has been happening at Bethany and look forward to what is coming in 2012.

Bethany Church Preschool News

Priority Registration for 2012 -2013 for Church Members – January 30

Registration forms may be picked up at the Welcome Center beginning Sunday, January 29. They must be returned by February 3, before public registration. The non-refundable registration fee of \$50 is payable with registration. Make checks payable to Bethany Church Preschool. Children must be 3 years old by Sept. 1 and be toilet trained. **Remember**, some classes fill faster than others, so be sure to register as soon as possible. We don't want to miss you!

FROM THE BETHANY CHURCH OFFICE

Attendance for Sunday, January 22 10:00 – 336

PLEASE MAKE SURE LIGHTS ARE OFF AT NIGHT WHEN YOU LEAVE. THANKS!

THIS WEEK AT BETHANY

Sunday January 29 (Psalm 66:1-20) *Soup n Sandwich Take-outs*

Pray for Jack & Georgina Townsend

8:15 A.M. – Worship – Sanctuary

9:30 A.M. – Sunday School

10:45 A.M. – Worship – Sanctuary

6:00 P.M. – Junior High Youth – Youth Room

7:15 P.M. – Senior High Youth – Youth Room

Monday, January 30 (Psalm 67:1-7)

Pray for Jan, Tammy, Lyn, Devin, Jordan & Brayden Underwood

9:30-11:30 A.M. – Preschool Registration for Church Members – Room 162

6:00 P.M. – Upward Practice – Great Room

7:00 P.M. – Auditors' Meeting – Room 245

Tuesday, January 31 (Psalm 68:1-35)

Pray for Joe, Cathy & Emma Underwood

9:15 A.M. – Staff Meeting – Rev. John's Office

5:00 P.M. – LOGOS – Movie Night

7:00 P.M. – Upward Practice – Great Room

7:00 P.M. – Upward Cheerleading Practice – Chapel

7:00 P.M. – Youth Bell Ringers – Choir Room

7:30 P.M. – Senior High Bible Study – Youth Room

Wednesday, February 1 (Psalm 69:1-36)

Pray for Drew Underwood

- 10:00 A.M. – Fellowship of Prayer – Welcome Center
- 6:00 P.M. – Upward Practice – Great Room
- 6:00 P.M. – Upward Cheerleading Practice – Chapel
- 7:00 P.M. – Adult Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room
- 7:00 P.M. – Young Adults Bible Study – Youth Room
- 8:30 P.M. – **NO** Bethany Ringers – Choir Room

Thursday, February 2 (Psalm 70:1-5)

Pray for Stan & Ruth Underwood

- 9:15 A.M. – Quilting – Room 144
- 12:00 P.M. – Thursday Knitters – Room 224
- 6:00 P.M. – Upward Practice – Great Room
- 6:00 P.M. – Upward Cheerleading Practice – Chapel
- 6:30 P.M. – Adult Bible Study – Room 224
- 7:00 P.M. – Women's Bible Study – Room 244
- 7:00 P.M. – Dartball – Fellowship Hall
(Orioles @ Marlins Indians @ Redsox)
- 8:00 P.M. – Adult Basketball – Great Room

Friday, February 3 (Psalm 71:1-24)

Pray for Tim & Lois Underwood

- 9:30 A.M. – Women's Bible Study on James – Room 244
- 1:00 P.M. – Friendship Bible Study – Room 240
- 6:00 P.M. – Upward Practice – Great Room
- 7:30 P.M. – Friday Night Group – Room 224

Saturday, February 4 (Psalm 72:1-20)

Pray for Ed & Naomi Unghajer

- 9:00 A.M. – Upward Game Day – Great Room / Kitchen
- 11:00 A.M. – Red Hats – Beez Restaurant

Sunday February 5 (Psalm 73:1-28) *Service of Remembrance*

Pray for Tom, Peggy & Michael Unghajer

- 8:15 A.M. – Worship – Sanctuary
- 9:30 A.M. – Sunday School
- 10:45 A.M. – Worship – Sanctuary

THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING WHO ARE SERVING THE LORD

Lay Readers: 8:15 – Karen Talerico

10:45 – Lisa Jo Colwell

Ushers: 8:15 – Dianne Fiorentini, Claudia Ziegler, Roger Cox, Art Wells

10:45 – Bill and Libby Just & Ed and Meredith Stewart

Fellowship Greeters: 8:15 – The Ushers
10:45 – Eda Woodward.

Good News Greeters: 8:15 – Karen Talerico
10:45 – Don & Deb Kaminski

Nursery: 8:15 – Joe & Tera Brickner
10:45 – Jenny Smith, Sandra Fricker

Two, Three & Four Year Olds – Room 149
10:45 – Kathryn Martinec, Liz Suppo

Four & Five Year Olds – Children’s Worship & Wonder 10:45 – Room 144
Jack & Nikki O’Brien, Paula Naples, Sarah Paviol, Meghan Shildt

At the Welcome Center: 8:15 – Ed VanEman **10:45** – Mike Suchoza

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Free Income Tax Assistance will be available at The Bible Chapel, 300 Gallery Drive, McMurray, beginning Wednesday, February 1st through April 17th from 8:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. There are no appointments, only walk-ins. Closed Good Friday. See the bulletin board in the Welcome Center for further information.

Baby bottles are on the table in the Welcome Center for you to take home and put your loose change in (paper money & checks also accepted) for use at the Pregnancy Resource Center of the South Hills. See insert.

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*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*THE RESPONSE “Gloria Patri”

THE CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

THE SACREMENT OF BAPTISM **10:45**

*THE HYMN No. 677 **10:45** “Child of Blessing, Child of Promise”
Vs. 1 & 2

WE GIVE TO GOD

THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

THE OFFERTORY

8:15 “Sweet Rivers of Redeeming Love” D. Hustad
10:45 “Bless the Lord, O My Soul” Ippolitoff/Ivanof

*THE RESPONSE “The Doxology”

*THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION

WE LISTEN TO GOD’S WORD

THE SCRIPTURE READINGS:

New Testament: Mark 1:4-11

New Testament: Acts 19:1-7

Lay Reader

See page 1551 in pew Bible

See page 1726 in pew Bible

L: *“The word of the Lord”*

P: ***“Thanks be to God”***

THE SERMON “Signed and Sealed” Rev. Melany Hamilton

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (in unison)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come

to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

*THE HYMN No. 679 “Baptized in Water”

*THE BENEDICTION

*THE RESPONSE 10:45

“God Be With You”

Tomer

*THE POSTLUDE “Lord, Keep Us Faithful in Your Word”

P. Manz

*All who are able and willing, please stand