

# *Bethany*

*...loving with the heart of Jesus*

## ***“Why Do We Need the Church?”***

*Rev. John Hamilton*

*“All who believed were together...”*

Acts 2:44

November 12, 2017

*Our Mission*

*To trust in Jesus...love like Jesus...  
grow in Jesus...bring others to Jesus*

## WE GATHER BEFORE GOD

The Chiming of the Hour

The Welcome and News of the Church  
Blanket Sunday Announcement

The Prelude            *“Lord Be Present Now”*

G. Bohm

The Call to Worship

\*The Hymn No. 40    *“For the Beauty of the Earth”*

\*The Prayer of Confession

*Lord, we gather before You aware of our need  
...and trusting in your presence.*

*We gather aware of our weakness  
...and trusting in your power.*

*We gather aware of the reality of death  
...and trusting in your life.*

*We gather aware of our sin  
...and trusting in your mercy*

*Lord, we gather totally dependent upon You. Thank You for the  
strength, mercy and life You give to us.*

*Through your Son we pray...*

\*Silent Prayer of Confession

\*Assurance of Pardon

\*The Response            *“Glorify Thy Name”*

*Father, we love you, we worship and adore you,  
glorify thy name in all the earth; glorify thy name, glorify thy name,  
glorify thy name in all the earth.*

*Jesus, we love you...*

*Spirit, we love you...*

## WE GIVE TO GOD

The Children's Message

A Mission Testimony: Tapestries of Life, Mike Segeleon

The Presentation of our Tithes and Offerings

The Offertory

8:15 – *"I Love You, Lord"* D. Wagner

10:45 – *"The Hope We Have in Jesus"* B. Nix

\*The Response *"The Doxology"*  
*"Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost, Amen."*

\*The Prayer of Dedication

A Veterans Day Prayer and the Lord's Prayer see ivory insert

\*The Hymn No. 728 *"God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand"*

## WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

The Prayer of Illumination

The Scripture Reading:

Old Testament Lesson: Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 page 1039

New Testament Lesson: Acts 2:42-47 page 1694

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

The Sermon                    “Why Do We Need the Church?”  
   Rev. John Hamilton

**WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD**

The Prayer of Commitment... Silent Prayer

\*The Hymn No. 581 “*Called as Partners in Christ’s Service*”

\*The Benediction

\*The Benediction Response (10:45) “*Threefold Amen*” C. Gregor

The Postlude                    “*Praise the Almighty*”                    P. Manz

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**The next Kids Night Out is November 17th!**

A colorful poster for 'Kids Night Out at Bethany'. The background is white with falling confetti. At the top, a boy on the left and a girl on the right are climbing ropes. In the center, the text 'Kids Night Out' is written in large, colorful letters (K: red, i: green, d: blue, s: orange, N: blue, i: blue, g: blue, h: blue, t: blue, O: blue, u: blue, t: blue). Below this, 'AT BETHANY' is written in smaller, grey, spaced-out letters. Underneath that, 'Dinner / Bible Lesson / Sports / Crafts / Movie' is written in blue. A dark blue banner contains the text 'FREE for Kids in K - 5th Grades' in white. At the bottom, it says '6 - 8pm on the 3rd Friday from September through May' and 'Get More Info and Register at [bethanypresby.org/KidsNightOut](http://bethanypresby.org/KidsNightOut)'. At the very bottom, there are three wooden crosses on a grassy field.

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# WELCOME TO BETHANY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**We are delighted to have you in worship with us today!**

Our worship services this Sunday are at 8:15am, 10:45am and 6:00pm.

Today is Blanket Sunday

**A Nursery** is adjacent to the Sanctuary for infants through 2 years of age, and has a paging system available.

**A Cry Room** with windows and speaker is at the rear of the Sanctuary (near the usher's table) on the pulpit side.

**Child Care (2<sup>nd</sup> Hour)** for ages 2 and 3 is available in room 149.

**Worship and Wonder**, available for children age 4 thru 2<sup>nd</sup> grade during our 10:45am service. Children will be escorted by our teachers after the offering to the class, which is held in Rm 144. Parents can pick up their children in the classroom after church.

**Coffee, cookies/donuts and fellowship** are in the Welcome Center

**Please sign the Fellowship Pad** at the end of the pew and pass it on.

Sound amplification devices are available to those who might need or want to use them.

Our ushers are available to help with any needs that you have during worship.

*Please turn off cell phones before worship. Thank you.*

\*on the Worship bulletin indicates all who are able, please stand.

*Flowers: Flowers are in memory of Walter and Edith King from Betty Durocher.*

*Flowers are also in loving memory of my father Lloyd Drost from Dawn and Harold.*

## CARING FOR ONE ANOTHER

Earl "Bud" Marlett – recovering at home after surgery

Dean Karns – recovering after heart catherization

## THANKS TO THOSE SERVING THE LORD THIS MORNING

**Ushers: 8:15** – Robert Fulton, Lee Restich

**10:45** – Terry Kohlmyer, Celina Gastgeb

**Worship & Wonder:** Peggy Walsh & Courtney Ramous

**2<sup>nd</sup> Hour:** John & Becky Yanak

**Scrip Table:** Nikki O'Brien, Carl & Tammie Suppo

**Nursery: 8:15** – Catherine Price

**10:45** – Lynne Suchoza, Tara Krieger & Jenny Smith

## NEWS FOR THE BODY OF CHRIST

### 2017 Bethany Thanksgiving Project:

For the fourth year, Bethany is teaming with our friends from Crossroads U.M. Church to prepare and deliver Thanksgiving meals to our less fortunate brothers and sisters. This is one of the largest distributions of meals in the area and we need **volunteers** to accomplish this blessing. Starting on Monday morning, November 20<sup>th</sup> and ending on Wednesday evening, November 22<sup>nd</sup>, we need help with preparing over 700 meals (2016), cooking 78 turkeys (2016), organizing, clean up, and most importantly drivers for Wednesday evening deliveries starting about 5:30.



We will also conduct a can/dry goods campaign starting next week to deliver to larger families. You can also nominate a family you might know who might need this meal blessing. The Deacons will have an information and sign up table in the Welcome Center today.

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### Pancake Breakfast TODAY!!!

**Boy Scout Troop 2 Pancake Breakfast** on Sunday, November 12 from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Adults- \$6, Senior Citizens - \$4, Children under 5 - \$3. Please come and support Troop 2! This event is in the Bethany Great Room.



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## MISSION NEWS

***A mission trip to Beaumont, TX and St. Andrews Church has been scheduled for the week of March 18, 2018. This will be an intergenerational trip. The Mission Team is working on the details. If you are interested, please contact the church office.***

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**Sacristy Flowers:** There are some openings for Sacristy Flowers in the month of December. If you would like to have flowers dedicated to a loved one, or a specific event (birthday/anniversary) in your life, please call Jill in the church office 412-221-5132. Vases are \$30 and a centerpiece is \$40. All of our flowers come from local florist Broniak & Kraf.

## **SCRIP Cards - DID YOU KNOW.....**



Did you know that you can purchase gift cards for local and national retailers at Bethany—the same gift cards that you can buy at local stores like Giant Eagle?

***Did you know that by purchasing your gift cards from Bethany instead of from other vendors, you can help to support Bethany's missions?***

Just like the gift cards that you purchase at the local stores, the value of the card is exactly the amount you pay. Bethany buys the cards at a small discount, so our profit is built in.

For example, if you buy a \$100 Giant Eagle Card from us, you get \$100 to spend at Giant Eagle, and Bethany makes \$5.00. You are helping to raise money for the many missions Bethany supports without spending extra money!

***The gift cards are available for purchase in the Welcome Center on Sundays, and in the church office on weekdays.***

Also, Christmas is coming up fast and it is time to start planning your purchases for Christmas gifts. We will have a list of all the available retailers at the SCRIP table in the Welcome Center on Sunday for you to look at. **The last day that you can order gift cards is December 10<sup>th</sup> available for pick up on December 17<sup>th</sup>.** If you need any gift cards before 12/17/2017 please let Andrea Prohaska or any one at the SCRIP Table know and we will have them for the date you need them.

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***The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday November 26, 2017 at 12:00 PM after the second service.***

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Golden Oldies have their monthly meeting this coming Thursday November 16 at NOON! Please come and have a nice meal and enjoy fellowship with your fellow seniors.

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The Jr. High Youth Group retreat is next weekend, November 17-19 at Crestfield. Please go to the Bethany website to register. Thanks.