

BETHANY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Bethlehem, Pennsylvania 18018

Hours: Mon, Tues and Thurs. 9:30-1:30

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January 23, 2022

Third Sunday after Epiphany

“Moving Forward United in Faith”

“Committed to Christ, United by Love. We are about God, Christ, the Word, and the Future. No matter who you are or where you are on Life’s journey, you are welcome here. We are Bethany United Church of Christ.”

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January 23, 2022

10:45 AM

If you are looking for a church home, we invite you to become part of the community of faith and mission here at Bethany. As per the Consistory decision, we will return to wearing masks for all services and meetings here at Bethany. We will continue to monitor the situation and make changes when appropriate.

**(*) PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE
(Bold Text is said or sung by everyone)**

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: "Blessed Assurance". ...arr. R. W. Thygerson

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Come bless the Lord, all servants of the Lord God.

P: We lift up our hearts in the Holy place and bless God.

L: May the Lord who made heaven and earth bless you.

P: May the Lord who made heaven and earth bless you.

Let us worship God!

*HYMN: # 647 We Have Come to Join in Worship

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION (unison)

O God, gather Your church in this place. Unite us in the Spirit and the love of Jesus Christ our Lord. Let us hear Your saving Word that we may be equipped to do powerful deeds of love and mercy in Your name. Amen.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE (*with waves and prayer hands*)

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also, with you.

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (unison): #9 Come, Let Us Praise the Lord vs. 1

Come let us praise the Lord, with joy our God proclaim, his greatness tell abroad and bless his saving name. Lift high your songs before his throne to whom alone all praise belongs.

READING OF SCRIPTURES

Psalm 19

I Corinthians 12: 12-31

* Luke 4: 14-21

Leader: This is the Good News

People: Thanks be to God

SERMON: “The Church is You and Me”

OFFERING INVITATION

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES and GIFTS

OFFERTORY: “Wonderful Words of Life”

Chancel Choir with congregation on the refrain

Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life.

Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life.

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE: #688 We Give Thee but Thine Own. Vs.1

We give thee but thine own, whate’er the gift may be; all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord from thee.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

God of Justice and Love, transform these offerings, that they may be gifts of justice and love for a world in need of hope and help. Let love flow through these offerings, that they may become gifts of love for the world.

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

CALL TO PRAYER – PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

*HYMN: #561 Christ for the World We Sing

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION: #748. Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing. Vs. 1

Lord, dismiss us with your blessing; fill your hearts with joy and peace; let us each, your love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace; O direct us and protect us traveling through this wilderness.

Our worship ends, our service begins!



FLOWERS:

BULLETINS:

GREETERS: Gail Correll

USHERS: Barbara Backensto, Gail Correll, Volunteers

LAY READER: Debbie Brown

AUDIO & VIDEO RECORDINGS If you or anyone you know would like to receive the link to the audio recording of the worship service, please let Bill Rumble know at

wrumble@ptd.net. A copy of the bulletin is included with the audio link. Thank you, Bill, for making sure we are able to see and hear the services.

CHURCH CANCELLATIONS

If worship is cancelled due to weather conditions, announcements will be on TV Channel 69 – WFMZ. Also, if we have your email address, an email will be sent.

Scriptures

Psalm 19 NRSV

God's Glory in Creation and the Law

To the leader. A Psalm of David.

- ¹ The heavens are telling the glory of God;
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.
- ² Day to day pours forth speech,
and night to night declares knowledge.
- ³ There is no speech, nor are there words;
their voice is not heard;
- ⁴ yet their voice goes out through all the earth,
and their words to the end of the world.
In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun,
⁵ which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy,
and like a strong man runs its course with joy.
- ⁶ Its rising is from the end of the heavens,
and its circuit to the end of them;
and nothing is hid from its heat.

⁷ The law of the LORD is perfect,
reviving the soul;
the decrees of the LORD are sure,
making wise the simple;
⁸ the precepts of the LORD are right,
rejoicing the heart;
the commandment of the LORD is clear,
enlightening the eyes;
⁹ the fear of the LORD is pure,
enduring forever;
the ordinances of the LORD are true
and righteous altogether.
¹⁰ More to be desired are they than gold,
even much fine gold;
sweeter also than honey,
and drippings of the honeycomb.
¹¹ Moreover by them is your servant warned;
in keeping them there is great reward.
¹² But who can detect their errors?
Clear me from hidden faults.
¹³ Keep back your servant also from the insolent;^[d]
do not let them have dominion over me.
Then I shall be blameless,
and innocent of great transgression.
¹⁴ Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable to you,
O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

I Corinthians 12: 12 - 31 NRSV

One Body with Many Members

¹² For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³ For in the one Spirit we were all baptized

into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

¹⁴ Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵ If the foot would say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶ And if the ear would say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁷ If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸ But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹ If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰ As it is, there are many members, yet one body. ²¹ The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” ²² On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³ and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; ²⁴ whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, ²⁵ that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶ If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

²⁷ Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. ²⁸ And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. ²⁹ Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰ Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? ³¹ But strive for the greater gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.

Luke 4: 14 - 21 NRSV

The Beginning of the Galilean Ministry

¹⁴ Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. ¹⁵ He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

The Rejection of Jesus at Nazareth

¹⁶ When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷ and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

¹⁸ “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,
¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

²⁰ And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹ Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”



Dart Baseball is Back

The Bethlehem Interchurch dart league is having a season. Have you ever wondered about the doors in fellowship hall that are on the wall? That is our dart Baseball board. Our matches are on Monday nights at Bethany and other churches in the city. It is a get together for fun and fellowship with a little bit of competition. Our Bethany team has a new Captain/Manager this year so if you have any questions contact Steve Tarasuk, (610) 554-0125 (call or text), steve.tarasuk@gmail.com. This Monday Jan. 24 @ 7pm there will be a meeting and practice with the team and any new prospective members. Please gather in Fellowship Hall.

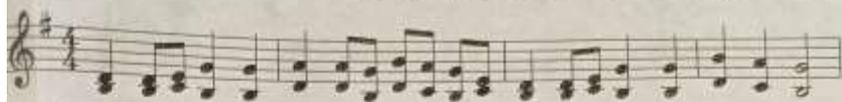
Bethlehem Emergency Shelter

As the weather grows colder, we need to remember those who have no home and rely on the shelter for a place to stay and a warm meal. Bethany has signed up to provide and serve a meal on Friday February 11 and Tuesday March 8. We need 10 – 15 people each night so please let Wendy Glassic or the office know if you are willing to help. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex. Please stay after service today if you signed up to help.

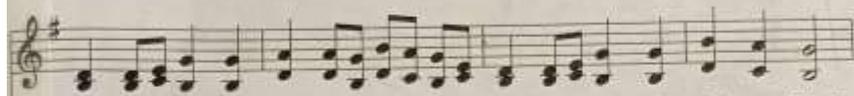
UPCOMING EVENT!

A Breakfast (Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Potato Patties, Juice & Coffee) will be held in Fellowship Hall on Sat. Feb. 19 with seating's @ 9am & 10 am. Tickets of \$7.00 are available to purchase please see Bev Rumble. Donations toward expenses are always appreciated.

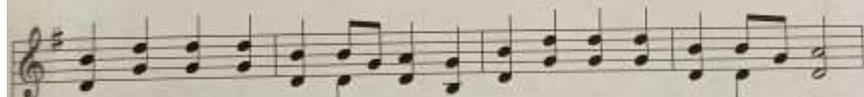
We Have Come to Join in Worship 647



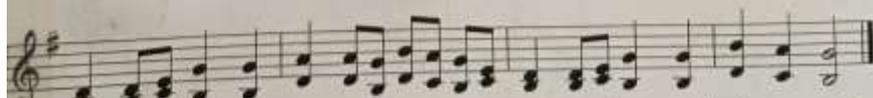
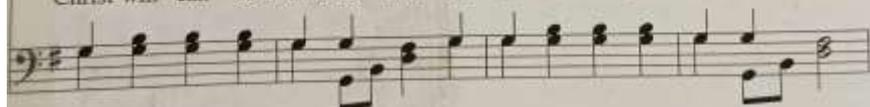
- 1 We have come to join in wor - ship and a - dore the Lord our God.
 2 See them gath - er all a - round you, those he bought at such a cost;
 3 Let us love our God su - preme-ly; let us love each oth - er, too.



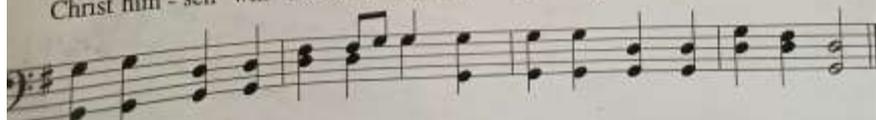
Let us come in prayer, ex - pect - ing God to speak his might - y Word.
 see the wea - ry, see the hurt - ing, see the lone - ly, see the lost.
 Let us care for all his peo - ple till our God makes all things new.



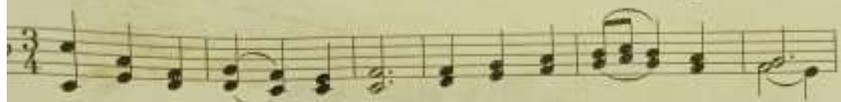
All is vain un - less the Spir - it of the Ho - ly One comes down.
 Be his hand, and touch the need - y; be his gos - pel, let it sound!
 Christ will call us home to heav - en; at his ban - quet we'll sit down;



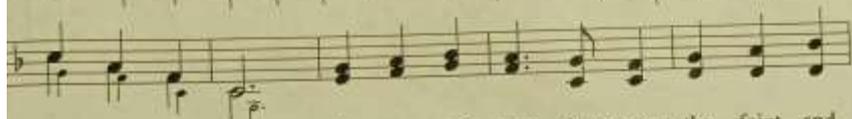
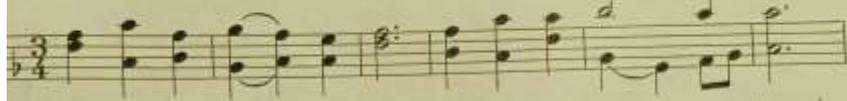
Chris - tians, pray, and ho - ly man - na will be show - ered all a - round.
 Be his bod - y, and sweet man - na will be show - ered all a - round.
 Christ him - self will rise and serve us liv - ing man - na all a - round.



Christ for the World! We Sing 561



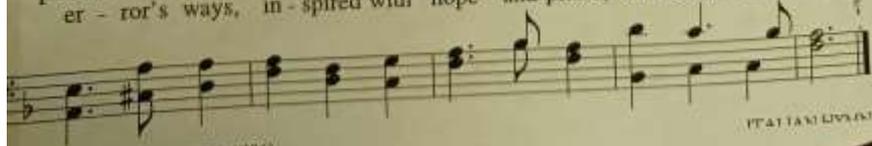
1 Christ for the world! we sing; the world to Christ we bring
 2 Christ for the world! we sing; the world to Christ we bring
 3 Christ for the world! we sing; the world to Christ we bring
 4 Christ for the world! we sing; the world to Christ we bring



with lov - ing zeal— the poor and them that mourn, the faint and
 with fer - vent prayer— the way - ward and the lost, by rest - less
 with one ac - cord— with us the work to share, with us re -
 with joy - ful song— the new - born souls whose days, re - claimed from



o - ver - borne, sin - sick and sor - row - worn, for Christ to heal.
 pas - sions tossed, re - deemed at count - less cost from dark de - spair.
 proach to dare, with us the cross to bear, for Christ our Lord.
 er - ror's ways, in - spired with hope and praise, to Christ be - long.



RDS: Samuel Wolcott (1813-1886)

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THIS WEEK AT BETHANY

TODAY SUNDAY, JANUARY 23

10:45 Worship in the sanctuary. Please stay after church if you signed up to work at the shelter.

MONDAY, JANUARY 24

9:30AM 1:30PM Office hours

Beeline Articles Due

7PM Dart Meeting and practice in Fellowship Hall.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 25

9:30AM 1:30PM Office hours

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26

5:30PM Handbell Rehearsal

7PM Chancel Choir

THURSDAY, JANUARY 27

9:30AM 1:30PM Office Hours

SUNDAY, JANUARY 30

10:45AM Worship in the Sanctuary
Joyful Noise for Disaster Relief.

**Reminder: Congregational Meeting to approve budget
Sunday January 30.**

**The Next Adult Class will resume on Sunday, Feb. 6 @
9:30am in Fellowship Hall. The DVD Series will be
“Unshakable Hope: Building Our Lives on the Promises
of God” with renown author Max Lucado. Join us. All are
welcome!**



For Disaster Relief

**The Susquehanna Area Mission Council
CHALLENGES ALL
Pennsylvania Southeast and Penn Northeast
Conference churches to invite EVERY
member to donate just \$5 to your Conference
office earmarked for Disaster Relief beginning
January 16th & ending February 13th**

***All monies will remain in their respective
conferences specifically for Disaster Relief
Services and a celebratory virtual worship will
be Live Streamed on February 27th.**

***Currently there are several ongoing Disaster
Relief projects in each conference and grants
are being sought to aid in recovery efforts**

***Our Goal is raise \$5,000 dollars that could be
used to match a possible grant opportunity**

***With natural disasters occurring on a more
frequent basis these monies are needed now
more than ever.**

LET YOUR DOLLARS BLESS THOSE IN NEED