

Worship

Celebration of



January 25, 2026
Virtual Worship Service

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude: "Hymn of Promise" arr. Carter

Greeting & Announcements

Call to Worship:

Leader: Wonderful is the God of Christ, who gathers the poor of the earth.

People: Glorious is our God, who wipes away the tears of sorrow.

Leader: Wonderful is the God of Christ, who gives inheritance to the meek.

People: Glorious is our God, who satisfies the hunger of the just.

Leader: Wonderful is the God of Christ, who gives mercy to the merciful.

People: Glorious is our God, who gives vision to the pure in heart.

Leader: Wonderful is the God of Christ, who adopts the peace makers.

People: Glorious is our God, who lifts high the persecuted.

Leader: Wonderful is the God of Christ, who finds the lost.

People: Glorious is our God, who awakens the dead.

GIVE PRAISE TO GOD

Opening Hymn: "How Great Thou Art"

Opening Prayer: *Loving God, we come this morning seeking to abide in your presence. Open our minds to your spirit of wisdom, that we may know how to live as your people. Open our hearts to your spirit of truth, that we may love all your people with a love that speaks of justice, kindness, and radical grace. May this time of worship be authentic and pleasing to you. This we pray in Jesus' name, who taught us to pray...*

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.*

LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Joys & Concerns and Pastoral Prayer

God's Tithes and our Offerings

Hymn of Preparation: "Doxology - God Be Praised"

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 5:1-12

Message: "Our Guiding Principles"

Pastor Jim Penuel

GO FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

Closing Hymn: "Because He Lives"

Benediction & Final Blessing

Postlude: "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing" by Hayes

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The First Annual Opportunity-to-Serve Fair & Chili Tasting will take place on Sunday, February 1 from 4:00-5:30 pm in Bethel's Fellowship Hall. Several non-profit organizations will be present to share about their missions and how you might be able to help achieve that mission by volunteering for a single day or on an on-going basis. In addition, existing Bethel ministry groups will be present to share their opportunities to volunteer.

To entice you to come, attendees will have an opportunity to taste different chili recipes! Chili-makers are asked to contribute a crockpot of their favorite chili. Please email George Phillips (retiredman2017@gmail.com) to let him know you want to share your great chili with others. Please include your recipe in the email so it can be shared with everyone. We look forward to seeing you all at the fair. Thank you!

Love Inc-Code Purple Shelters: Our friends at Love INC could also use some helping hands at the *Georgetown* and *Milford* Code Purple shelters. They're looking for overnight volunteers!

If you're able to serve, you can sign up at:

<https://40484.people.myamplify.io/external/form/807a9e0b-3191-48c1-bc4c-f6864db51097>

Thank You!

Love Offering: The February Love Offering will benefit Camp Pecometh. Camp Pecometh mission is to provide sanctuary for Christian hospitality and programming that promote God-inspired, life-changing experiences through camp and retreat ministries. Love Offerings may be given throughout the month in the "designated" plates found at the back of Fellowship Hall & the Sanctuary or online by clicking "Choose a Fund" and then by clicking "Communion/Love Offering" in the drop down menu. If donating by check please remember to make payable to Bethel UMC and note love offering.

The Elizabeth Circle Meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 3, 2026, at 12:45 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We welcome all women of Bethel to join us. For further information contact Donna Fleischauer (djmarin@yahoo.com) or any circle member.

Bethel's Food Ministries: Anyone interested in providing food for area Cold Weather Sheltering programs can access the sign-up sheets for the two programs by following these steps:

- Go to: www.bethellewes.org
- Click on Information at the top of Bethel's home page.
- Select "Bethel Food Ministries" from the drop down menu. This will bring you to a page that contains the direct links to the two programs and important information for each program, so read through carefully.
- Click on the link for the program you want and you will be linked to the sign-up sheet for that program.
- Please note that the CRC sign up has a separate link for each month.

The contact person for these programs is Cathie Wagner (ccwgr@aol.com)

2026 Trustees: Bethel is pleased to announce the new Board of Trustees for the coming year.

The members are as follows: Tom Santaferri (Chairperson), Bill Powell (Vice-Chair), Susan Monroe (Recording Secretary), Walt Tydings, Cindy Cunningham, Bob Wotring, Dennis Leebel, Bill Shook, and Phil Fitch.

CALENDAR: JANUARY 25—FEBRUARY 1

BFH - Bethel Fellowship Hall

PMH - Parsonage Meeting House

Sunday

Virtual Worship & Sunday School (www.bethellewes.org)

Monday

Joyce Mentzer's Sabbath

Tuesday

9:30 a.m. Sue Sprague Bible Study - PMH
6:00 p.m. "J" Crew - Music Room
6:30 p.m. Church Council Meeting - PMH
7:00 p.m. YM² - Music Room

Wednesday

6:00 p.m. King's Kids - Music Room
7:00 p.m. First Towne Ringers - Music Room

Thursday

10:00 a.m. The Gospel of Matthew Bible Study - PMH
6:00 p.m. Miracle Singers - BFH
6:00 p.m. Wyldlife - PMH
7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir - Music Room

Friday

Pastor Jim's Sabbath
Ray Davis's Sabbath

Sunday

8:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Live - Sanctuary
9:15 a.m. Contemporary Worship - Come Alive Time - Sanctuary
9:30 a.m. Sunday School - Various Rooms
11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Live - Sanctuary
4:00 p.m. Mission Fair & Chili Tasting - BFH
6:30 p.m. Fuel - PMH

Church Livestream available online Sundays at 9:15 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. or anytime after the services on YouTube

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PRAYER LIST

Key: ***Bold, Italicized & Underlined*** type indicates a request new this week

Rehabilitation: David Hurlock, Bobby Lane, Paul Webb

Hospital: Dwayne Henry, Dottie Mckain

Hospice: Gary Arrell, ***Norah Atkins***, Rosemary Bouvier, Jim Kardas, Brenda Keith, Sharon Messinger, ***Peter*** (Brother of Pauline Powell), Mrs. Sample, Jim Smith, ***Jim Willhite***

General Concerns: Meg Anderson, Andy Baker, Marilyn Battiste, Bryce, Paula Carridan, Tracy Carson, John & Linda Catanzaro, Kathy Crowley, Cathy Crown, Scott Dailey, Jessi Ferree, Bridget Fowler, Bill Gibbons, Giovanna (Sister of Mauro De Mederios), Ida (Sister in-Law of Tina Eaton), Jessica, Kelly Jones, Kelsea, Kelly Lahorcek, Paulette Lazzarro, Al Lopez, Paige Lucas, Lucca, Pat McMillen, Ann Miller, Whitney Murray, June Myers, Jennifer Nobles, Xavier Nobles, Kelly Pinsky, Beth Rampson, Naomi Rickards, Cindi Flahive-Sobel, Danny & Debbie Summers, Linda Sydel & Family

Long Term: Ansalvish Family, Bryan Attix, Rev. Gloria Attix, Fran Baker, Matthew Baker, Ruth Ann Baker, Ginny Barney, Wesley Beam, Dave Beddle, Nancy Bektolino, Betty, Gavin Birl, Daryl Bradley, Inez Brengle, ***Dale Buckwalter***, Liz Carrier, John Caycedo, Janette Clavette, Clawson Family, Victor Colon, Rev. Charles Covington, Bill Dell, Jay Dentino, Bob Dickey, Richard Dickey, Bonnie Ekas, Jim Emanuel, Marilyn Emanuel, Pat Emmett, Trish Emmett, Tom Engel, Susie Eveland, Olga Fitch, Frank Fitzgerald Sr, Gayle Gibbons, Danny Gillespie, Hazel Gillespie, ***Junie Grant***, Jude Gray, Alex Grove, George Hammond, Kelly Harp, Heather & Indy, Nancy Hecker, Lou Henderson, Sharon Henderson, Jack Henriksen, Jim Hooban, Kayla Hottinger, David Jones, Erika Jones, Chubby Joseph, Deb Kellenbenz, Adam Kent, Faye Kintz, Kathy Kroley, Norm Kugel, Janice Kulp, Paulette Lazarro, Nancy Logan, Bill Lyons, Rob MacArthur, Madison MacElrevey, Matt, Kortlyn, & Bodi, Dr. Jim Marvel, Patty Marvel, Janet McGinnis, ***Medhi***, Claranne Meitrott, Stephen Metler, Marsha Miller, Stephanie Miller, Rev. Charles Moyer, Chuck Naspinsky, Curt & Melinda Newsome, Ted Niemczyk, Lori O'Day, Brian O'Dell, Thom Pemberton, George Pepper, Earl Peters, Jodi Potter, Steve Rellihan, Beth Rinker, Carla Robinson, Tom Schaich, Mary Louise Scott, John Schulze, Joe Seay, Bill Seitz, Betty Sheats, Logan Smith, Tricia(Spangler)Gracey, Chet Sprague, Judy Stevenson, Bonnie Stevlingson, Margaret Stockslager, Dale Stough, James Taylor, Bonnie Tedesco, Peggy Thomas, Dave Trout, Bob Turcovski, Dawn Vandegrift, Michael Walker, Wanda, Kathy Watson, Kathy Wetherhold-Parrott, Hilda Williams, Trish Wilson, Woody Wilson, Theresa Wise, Jim & Jolie Woodward, Lucretia Y., Glenn Yetter, Marge Zayatz

Up Coming Procedures:

Recovering From Procedures: Bobbie Flynn, June Rose Futchter, Margaret Hitchens

Other:

- All those caring for family and friends, especially spouses and those that have lost a child.
- Delaware Firefighters, EMS, and State Troopers.
- For racial justice in the United States.

Sympathy to:

- ***Family & Friends of Delores, Roommate of Nancy Hecker, who passed away.***
- Family & Friends of Doug Elliott, who passed on January 10th.

WEEKLY STATISTICS

Attendance: January 18, 2026: 261 (8:00-45; 9:15-143; 11:00-73)

Contributions for January 18, 2026

weekly deposit	\$ 14,110.45
weekly budget	\$ 16,915.18
YTD collection	\$ 49,406.49
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To enroll, click on the "Giving" tab On the Church's website.

SERMON NOTE SHEET

Our Guiding Principles

Matthew 5:1-12

1/25/26

1. We are a product of both the _____ that we are born with, and the _____ that we make.
2. Through the salvation we receive in Jesus, we are a _____!
3. Doing all these outward signs of piety alone, qualifies us to be an “_____.”
4. Loving God and loving neighbor makes us “_____.”
5. Having a _____ and _____ spirit matters greatly in becoming the disciples of Jesus Christ we're meant to be.
6. The Sermon on the Mount in Matthew 5-7 gives us the roadmap to live a life of _____ and sacrifice.

Readings for further reflection: Sermon “The Almost Christian” by John Wesley: <https://wesley.nnu.edu/john-wesley/the-sermons-of-john-wesley-1872-edition/sermon-2-the-almost-christian/>, Romans 10:1-13, 2nd Corinthians 5:11-21, Matthew 5-7.

Note: You may access the Digital Sermon Note Page
by scanning the QR Code

