CALENDAR OF UPCOMING SERVICES & MEETINGS

Board Meeting – Tuesday – 7:00 PM
Bible Study – Wednesday – 10:00 to 11:30 AM
Craft Night - Wednesday – 7:00 PM
Sunday Morning Worship Service – November 15 – 9:00 AM
Sunday School – November 15 – 10:15 AM

WORSHIP STATISTICS
11/01/26

In Person Attendance – 90
Virtual Attendance (YouTube Views) – 17

THANK YOU TO THIS MORNING'S WORSHIP ASSISTANTS:

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Thank you for worshiping with us. Our songs of praise were more meaningful because your voice joined with ours!
Please, come again!

24th Sunday after Pentecost

November 8, 2026

9:00 AM



Good Morning.

We would like to welcome you to New Bethel to worship with our church family. Visitors know that it is our privilege to have you with us this morning. Please come back again soon. Upon exiting the church, take a moment to sign our Guest Register at the front doors.

SILENT MEDITATION PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, whose Spirit rested upon Jesus, the promised branch of Jesse: Open our hearts to receive him as he makes himself known; deliver us from the images we fashion to serve our own desires; and give us grace to follow him in the way of the cross, that we may know the power of his resurrection and bear the fruits of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

PRAYER NOTES: In your conversation with GOD this morning, give thanks for the young child joining with us through baptism this day.

"Blessed are the flexible, for they shall not be bent out of shape."

✞ ORDER OF WORSHIP ✞

THE PRELUDE

(^ = PLEASE STAND, AS YOU ARE ABLE)

Worship Reminder: Congregational responses are to be read slowly and expressively. Thank you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

This morning, we welcome James Wessner Pautler to our New Bethel Church family. James is the son of Christ Pautler and Kristina Wessner. He was born on April 23, 2025. Welcome to our family James!

^CALL TO WORSHIP:

A shoot shall come from the stump of Jesse, and the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him.

Come, Lord Jesus, and establish your righteousness among us.

With justice he shall defend the poor, and with equity uphold the meek.

Open our hearts to the hope of your kingdom.

Jesus asks his disciples, "Who do you say that I am?"

Give us faith to confess you and humility to learn your ways.

Christ calls us to take up our cross and follow him.

Let us worship God and offer our lives in love.

^HYMN – No. 45 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

^PRAISE HYMN

"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, 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.

Spirit, we love You, we worship and adore You.
Glorify Thy name in all the earth.
Glorify Thy Name, Glorify Thy Name,
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Glorify Thy Name, Glorify Thy Name,
Glorify Thy Name in all the earth.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

PASTOR: Let us confess our sins to God, who knows our hearts and calls us to newness of life.

Silence may be kept.

ALL: ***Merciful God, we confess that we have sought a Christ who confirms our judgments and leaves our lives undisturbed. We have been quick to speak in your name and slow to hear your Word. We have turned from the suffering of our neighbors and resisted the costly way of love.***

Forgive us for the wrong we have done and the good we have left undone. By your Spirit, renew our minds, deepen our trust, and lead us in the footsteps of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON/DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS:

PASTOR: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

People: ***Thanks be to God. Amen.***

HEARING GOD'S WORD (OUR LESSONS FOR TODAY)

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: ISAIAH 11: 1-9

1 A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.
2 The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.
3 His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.
He shall not judge by what his eyes see
or decide by what his ears hear,
4 but with righteousness he shall judge for the poor
and decide with equity for the oppressed of the earth;
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.
5 Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.
6 The wolf shall live with the lamb;
the leopard shall lie down with the kid;
the calf and the lion will feed together,
and a little child shall lead them.
7 The cow and the bear shall graze;
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.
8 The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.
9 They will not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain,
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD
as the waters cover the sea.

EPISTLE LESSON: PHILIPPIANS 3: 7-14

7 Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. 8 More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ 9 and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. 10 I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, 11 if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

12 Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal, but I press on to lay hold of that for which Christ has laid hold of me. 13 Brothers and sisters, I do not consider that I have laid hold of it, but one thing I have laid hold of: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, 14 I press on toward the goal, toward the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

^GLORIA PATRI: *"Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end." Amen.*

^GOSPEL LESSON: MARK 8: 27-38

27 Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi, and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" 28 And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." 29 He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." 30 And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

31 Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes and be killed and after three days rise again. 32 He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. 33 But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

34 He called the crowd with his disciples and said to them, "If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. 35 For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. 36 For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? 37 Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? 38 Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

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^THE APOSTLES' CREED:

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our LORD.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

HOMILY (SHARING GOD'S WORD WITH OUR CHILDREN)

MORNING MESSAGE Rev. Robert B. Peiffer, Ph.D.
"Who was Jesus - Really"

^HYMN – No. 623 "Sweet Hour of Prayer"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

All: ***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. Amen***

^RESPONSIVE BENEDICTION:

May the Spirit of the Lord grant you wisdom and understanding.
That we may discern the way of Christ.

May the knowledge of his love deepen through faithful service.
That we may know him in the lives of our neighbors.

May the hope of his kingdom sustain you in every trial.
That we may press on toward the calling of God in Christ Jesus.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever.
Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

^CLOSING HYMN – No. 358 "Eternal Father, Strong to Save"

^WE TAKE THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

^POSTLUDE

DURING THE WEEK PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR RECOVERING FROM ILLNESS:

Dick Albright, Michael Aulenbach, Carla Bartholomew, Sandra Bauscher, Pastor Dave Blitch, Sarah Burns, Brenda Derr, Jay Drey, Sharon (Henry) Griffiths, Tim Haring, Felicity Herring, Tiffany Hoch, Casey Hoffman, Ernie Kanas, Bethany Keck, Emily Keck, Blair Keim, Cindy Keiser, Deb Kenney, Davis Knauer, Emma Laigaie, Peggy Light, Mary Beth Mogus, Andy Miller, Diane Miller, Bonnie Moll, Heather Munsey, Lloyd Pettit, Steve Schwoyer, Kevin Smith, Melanie Wessner, Cassie Wolfe, Anita Zawada, Joanne Zawada-Paskoff, Reuben Zettlemoyer, Susan Zettlemoyer, and Ben Ziehmer.

THOSE WHO ARE SHUT INS:

Donna Greenawalt, Forrest Graff, Pat Graff, Michael Kirkhoff, Nancy Kleinsmith, Sandy Long, George and Judy Megerle, Christie Ryan, Delano and Sandra Schucker.

THOSE SERVING IN OUR MILITARY:

Cooper Dunn, Amanda Kertsmar and Trista Fulmer-Smith.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The altar flowers this morning are presented by Rosemary Falk in memory of David Falk, Sr.

POINSETTIA SIGN UP SHEET: This year we once again have poinsettias available for the Christmas Eve service. If you would like to order them the cost is $5.00 and they are available in red or white. The due date to sign up is November 22 and the sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board. Any questions? Contact Riemke Bond or Luisa Follweiler.

HELPING OUR NEIGHBORS: This year we will once again be collecting food for Thanksgiving meals. We hope to collect enough food to benefit 8 families. Three of the families are in our community the other five families are located in the Kutztown Area School District. If you are donating food for this project due here at the church November 22. All food donated will be delivered to the chosen families on November 23, 2026. Look for more information in the narthex or contact Barb Dieter if you have any questions.

CHURCH DIRECTORY: The new Congregational Directory is available – pick up your copy today! If you notice you or your family are not listed in the directory it could just be that a release was not signed when you sent in your information. We cannot put your information in without the release. See the Pastor to get a release signed. A newer edition of the directory with changes and corrections will be put out in the near future.

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP: Join us following worship for our coffee fellowship. Enjoy the coffee and snacks and the fellowship that comes with it. If you would like to bring snacks and/or drinks for any given Sunday there is a sign-up sheet at the door to the choir room. You may also sign up to help set up before worship or clean up following coffee fellowship. Paper products and coffee are provided.

BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITY BY & FOR LAY PEOPLE: Bible Study sessions will be resuming this week on Wednesday mornings. If you would like to attend they are held from 10:00 to 11:30 AM. Come and join in – all are welcome! Note there will not be a Bible Study session on November 25. They will resume on December 2.

PASTORAL CARE: When you are in need of pastoral care, please have a family member contact Pastor Peiffer at 570.778.1245 or call the church at 610.756.6589. If you are in the Lehigh Valley Hospital, please note that they will be phasing out the church code option.



ALBANY TOWNSHIP PANTRY

First Tuesday of each month - 2:00 to 4:00 PM
Kempton Community Center

Food pantry and social services are open to Albany Township residents and families in need. Resources are also available for those who are struggling with financial challenges (ex. Utility bills) or need help applying for food or medical assistance. If you have any questions about your options, contact Friend, Inc. at 610-683-9011.

FRIEND, INC. Food Pantry

During these times let us not forget those less fortunate than we are. If you are able, please consider donating any nonperishable items. For the month of November we will be collecting items to be served at our Thanksgiving meal.

In addition to food items, please consider donating personal items such as shampoo, soap, etc. and household items (laundry detergent, cleaning supplies, etc.). These last items are things that we often overlook.

Friend, Inc. also collects pet food to help families in need provide for their pets. These items will be distributed by Friend, Inc.

Thank You All For Your Generosity!