CALENDAR OF UPCOMING SERVICES & MEETINGS

Bible Study – Wednesday – 10:00 to 11:30 AM
Craft Night - Wednesday – 7:00 PM
Sunday Morning Worship Service – November 22 – 9:00 AM
Sunday School – November 22 – 10:15 AM

WORSHIP STATISTICS
11/08/26

In Person Attendance – 52
Virtual Attendance (YouTube Views) – 5

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!

25th Sunday after Pentecost

November 15, 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

O God, whose risen Son opened the Scriptures to his disciples and made himself known to them in the breaking of the bread, open our ears to hear your Word and kindle our hearts with your love, that we may receive your gifts with thanksgiving and share them with those in need. We ask this 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, talk to Him about love and caring for all people.

"As a child of God, prayer is kind of like calling home every day."

✞ 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

^CALL TO WORSHIP:

The people gathered to hear the Word of the Lord.

Open our ears, O God, and give us understanding.

When Ezra blessed the Lord, the people lifted their hands and answered, "Amen, Amen."

We lift our hearts to you and give you thanks.

On the road to Emmaus, the risen Christ opened the Scriptures to his disciples.

Kindle our hearts as we hear your Word.

At the table he took bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to them.

Stay with us, Lord Jesus, and make yourself known to us in the breaking of the bread.

^HYMN – No. 543 "Christ Beside Me"

^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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PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

PASTOR: Let us confess our sins to God, who gathers us in mercy and calls us to love one another.

Silence may be kept.

ALL: ***Most merciful God, we confess that we have heard your Word and been slow to put it into practice. We have received your gifts and overlooked those who have little. We have come to your table while holding ourselves apart from one another.***

For the sake of Jesus Christ, forgive us. Open our eyes to those we have passed by, and give us grace to share what we have received, that our common life may show forth your love. 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: ***Amen.***

HEARING GOD'S WORD (OUR LESSONS FOR TODAY)

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: NEHEMIAH 8: 1-12

[1] all the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told Ezra the scribe to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel. [2] Accordingly, Ezra the priest brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with

understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. 3 He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand, and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. 4 Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden platform that had been made for the purpose, and beside him stood Mattithiah, Shema, Anaiah, Uriah, Hilkiah, and Maaseiah on his right hand and Pedaiah, Mishael, Malchijah, Hashum, Hash-baddanah, Zechariah, and Meshullam on his left hand. 5 And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people, and when he opened it, all the people stood up. 6 Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground. 7 Also the Levites Jeshua, Bani, Sherebiah, Jamin, Akkub, Shabbethai, Hodiah, Maaseiah, Kelita, Azariah, Jozabad, Hanan, Pelaiah helped the people to understand the law, while the people remained in their places. 8 So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

9 And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. 10 Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD, and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength." 11 So the Levites stilled all the people, saying, "Be quiet, for this day is holy; do not be grieved." 12 And all the people went their way to eat and drink and to send portions and to make great rejoicing, because they had understood the words that were declared to them.

EPISTLE LESSON: 1 CORINTHIANS 11: 17-26

17 Now in the following instructions I do not commend you, because when you come together it is not for the better but for the worse. 18 For, to begin with, when you come together as a church, I hear that there are divisions among you, and to some extent I believe it. 19 Indeed, there have to be factions among you, for only so will it become clear who among you are genuine. 20 When you come together, it is not really to eat the Lord's supper. 21 For when the time comes to eat, each of you proceeds to eat your own supper, and one goes hungry and another becomes drunk. 22 What! Do you not have households to eat and drink in? Or do you show contempt for the church of God and humiliate those who have nothing? What should I say to you? Should I commend you? In this matter I do not commend you!

23 For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, 24 and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." 25 In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." 26 For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

^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: Luke 24: 13-35

13 Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, 14 and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. 15 While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, 16 but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. 17 And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. 18 Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" 19 He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, 20 and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. 21 But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. 22 Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, 23 and when they did not find his body there they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. 24 Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him." 25 Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! 26 Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" 27 Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

28 As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. 29 But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. 30 When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. 31 Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight. 32 They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he

was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" [33] That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. [34] They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" [35] Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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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.
"How Should We Worship?"

^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 risen Christ open the Scriptures to you and kindle your hearts with his love.
May we carry his Word with us on the road.
May Christ, who made himself known in the breaking of the bread, make you one in his service.
May we share with our neighbors what we have received with thanksgiving.
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. 357 "Earth and All Stars"

^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

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.

CHRISTMAS DECORATING: Saturday, November 28 we will be decorating the sanctuary for the Christmas season. If you are interested in helping, come and join in the fun!

NEW NAMI "CONNECTION" SUPPORT GROUP: Tuesday, November 17, 6:00-7:30 p.m. in the New Bethel Schoolhouse. Sometimes, simply being with people who understand can make all the difference. NAMI "Connection" provides a welcoming and supportive space to connect with others, share experiences, and discover that you are not alone.

FAITH IN ACTION: Join Dr. Peiffer on Sunday, November 29 at 2:00 p.m. to help lead Advent worship for the residents of *Laureldale Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.* In cooperation with the *James 1 Initiative* of the *Keystone Conference,* Bob serves *Laureldale Skilled Nursing* as a volunteer chaplain. ["Religion that is pure and undefiled before God is this: to care for widows . . . in their distress." - James 1:27]

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!