

Next Week – December 15, 2024 - Communion

Pastor John Leek

Sermon Title: "Holy Moments: Remembering What We Forget"

Scripture Reading: Luke 2:19

St. Paul writes: "Every time I think of you, I thank my God"
(Philippians 1:3, CEV). Today I thank God for the following people:

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Welcome to worship at Bethany Church as we continue to prepare our hearts for the coming Messiah. We especially welcome any visitors this morning and invite you to attend our services again.

Please complete the Connection Card/Prayer Request card found in the pews if you are new to Bethany so we can get to know you or complete the card if your information has changed, then drop it in the offering plate. Any prayer requests submitted on the prayer request card will be added to the bulletin and email/phone prayer chains. Email bethanychurchberwick@gmail.com if you would like to join Bethany's Email Prayer Group. Thank you!

The flowers on the altar are in "Memory of Wife, Jane" by Barton Hough, Jr.

Ushers: 9:00 am - Joe Cope, Willis Forsythe, Lamont Brown, Barry Volkel, Mike Powlus, (when needed - Don Shiner & Russ Shields)
Next Sunday – Team C

December 8, 2024



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December 8, 2024

**Christmas Commitment Sunday / Second Sunday of Advent
9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service**

*An asterisk * invites the people to stand
The **bold print** invites the people to participate*

GATHERING

Prelude
Welcome Angel Kishbaugh
Announcements
Call to Worship

PRAISE AND PRAYER

* **Hymn #196** "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"
* **The Gloria Patri (#71)**
Lighting of the Advent Candle of Love
Dean & Michele Bowman
Children's Message
Pastoral Prayer/The Lord's Prayer
Offertory
* **Doxology (#95)** "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"
* Offering Prayer
Special Music "Come All Ye Unfaithful" Ashley Dolman

PROCLAMATION

Scripture Reading: Psalm 9:1 (O.T. Page #492)
Sermon: "The Antidote to Unhappiness" Pastor John Leek
Special Music "Noel, Noel" Praise Team

SENDING FORTH

* **Hymn #220** "Angels from the Realms of Glory"
Benediction"
Postlude

Christmas Commitment Sunday Prayer

"Thank you, Lord, for your provision in the year past;
please bless and prosper the work of our hands in the year to come."

December 8, 2024

**Christmas Commitment Sunday / Second Sunday of Advent
11 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service**

Welcome Angel Kishbaugh
Announcements
Songs of Praise
Lighting of the Advent Candle of Love The Francis Family
Children's message
Prayer
Special Music "Come All Ye Unfaithful" Ashley Dolman
Scripture Reading: Psalm 9:1 (O.T. Page #492)
Sermon: "The Antidote to Unhappiness" Pastor John Leek
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Benediction
Response

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THIS WEEK AT BETHANY

Sunday	2nd Sunday of Advent/Christmas Commitment Dec 8
9:00 am	.....Traditional Worship – Pastor John Leek (Sanc) Jr Church – Sarah, Nikki, Laura
10:00 am	.....Adult Sunday School
11:00 am	.....Contemporary Service - Pastor John Leek (Sanc)
6:00 pm	..... Youth Fellowship (Youth Rm)
Monday	December 9
6:30 pm	.....Advent Bible Study (SGR)
6:30 pm	.....Grief Support (Rm 2)
Tuesday	December 10
8:00 am	.....TOPS (SGR)
7:00 pm	.....Bell Choir Practice (Sanc)
Wednesday	December 11
6:00 pm	.....Praise Team Practice (Sanc)
6:30 pm	.....Christmas Choir Practice (FH)
Thursday	December 12
6:30 pm	.....Scouts (scout)
Friday	December 13
Saturday	December 14
1:00 pm	.....Ladies Fellowship (FH)
Sunday	Third Sunday of Advent - Communion December 15
9:00am	.....Traditional Worship – Pastor John Leek (Sanc) Jr Church – Ashley, Mike, Kim
10:00 am	.....Adult Sunday School
11:00 am	.....Contemporary Service - Pastor John Leek (Sanc)
6:00 pm	..... Youth Fellowship (Youth Rm)
Monday	December 16
6:30 pm	.....Advent Bible Study (SGR)
6:30 pm	.....Grief Support (Rm 2)
Tuesday	December 17
8:00 am	.....TOPS (SGR)
7:00 pm	.....Bell Choir Practice (Sanc)
Wednesday	PB&J Carepack Distribution December 18
6:00 pmPraise Team Practice (Sanc)
6:30 pmChristmas Choir Practice (FH)



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BETHANY STAFF

Pastor - John Leek

Pianist – Beverly Collins

Administrative Assistant - Connie Wech

Custodians –Joan Kishbaugh, Melvin Kishbaugh

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for:

The Yurcho Family, Andrea R, Roseanne C, John M, Lucinda K, Gloria V, Jessica B, Deb S, Kathy, Dusty B, Bernie, Marge, Isabel, Doug S, Family of Margaret Powlus, Al H, Caroline M

Please note: If you would like someone to be moved to the long-term prayer list, please contact the church office.

Ladies Fellowship - What could be a better way to spend a December Saturday afternoon than with a movie and cookies!! Please join us on Saturday, December 14, as we enjoy watching "Journey To Bethlehem", a musical film about the story of Christmas. A hot cocoa bar will be available, so please bring your favorite cookie or other holiday treat to share!
As always: no fee to join us; no membership required (all ladies are invited!); and, donations are happily received.
Please RSVP so we can have plenty of seating, and hot chocolate, available.

Card Shower for Marlene Eckrote for her birthday on December 17. Please send her a card to wish her a happy birthday. She is a resident at Glen Brook Rehabilitation Center.

Live Nativity - If you are interested in participating in a Live Nativity, please contact the church office.

Ushers/Greeters – Please contact the church office if you would like to be an usher for worship services or someone that is currently on the usher list who wants to be removed. A new schedule will need to be made for 2025 - 9:00am worship services and we will need to know any changes. Thank you for your willingness to serve God in this way.

****Join the Christmas Choir!**** 🎵 We're forming a special church choir to perform on December 22nd, and we'd love for you to be a part of it! **Practices will be on Wednesdays at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall.**

2025 Offering envelopes. Please let the church office know if you would like a box of offering envelopes for 2025 or you are no longer interested in receiving a box for 2025. Please let Connie know by December 8th. A sheet is at the information desk for your convenience. Thank you.

BETHANY CHURCH OF BERWICK
Peacemakers Weekly Prayer Support Ministry

"Policeman's Prayer"

*When I start my tour of duty God,
Wherever crime may be,
as I walk the darkened streets alone,
Let me be close to thee.*

*Please give me understanding with both the young and old.
Let me listen with attention until their story's told.
Let me never make a judgment in a rash or callous way,
but let me hold my patience let each man have his say.*

*Lord if some dark and dreary night,
I must give my life,
Lord, with your everlasting love
protect my children and my wife.*

(Author Unknown)

**Matthew 5:9 Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called sons of God.**

General Prayer for Departments:

Borough of Berwick Police Department
Briar Creek Township Police Department
Salem Township Police Department
Nescopeck Borough Police Department
Columbia County Sheriff's Office
South Centre Township Police Department
PA State Police Shickshinny Station

Specific Prayer for Officers: December 2024

Su 8. Deputy Kristie Rospendowski
M 9. Kristen Cunnington, Patrolman
T 10. Deputy Michael Tkach
W 11. Officer Kyle Trenholm
TH 12. Deputy James Dalton
F 13. Officer Michael Salebba
Sa 14. Officer Joseph Gainley

Hello Everyone,

Just sending a note to thank you for the Birthday cards, also the phone calls and the beautiful flowers. They were appreciated.
God Bless, Marian M. Collins

On Nov 26 & 27 the Bethany Peacemakers Prayer Support Ministry provided snacks for Thanksgiving to our seven local Law Enforcement groups. They are very grateful for our prayer support and the snacks that come four times a year. Thank you all for your continued support of our ministry.

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Extra Mile Giving for December will be in support of The Shaffer House Ministry Expenses. Your donations will help offset the ongoing maintenance and upkeep of the Shaffer House (expenses: Insurance, maintenance of the building, garbage, and water). Envelopes are always available at the Information Desk.

Church Attendance – December 1

9:00 am Sunday School – 15
10:00 am Combined Chrismon Service – 123

Tithes and Offerings – December 1

Current Fund - \$5,330.00
Sunday School - \$18.00
Building/Missions – \$30.00

Weekly Capital Campaign - \$776.00

