

*Growing together ...in Faith...Reason...Service...and Love*

# BOWER HILL

**Bower Hill Community Church (Presbyterian U.S.A)**

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## WORSHIP AIDS

Large print bulletins and listening devices are available in the Narthex. Copies of this week's sermon are available from the ushers for the hearing impaired. Please ask an usher for assistance with any of the above.

## CHILD CARE AND SUNDAY SCHOOL

Childcare for infants and toddlers is available during worship in the nursery. Kids through 2nd grade begin in worship, and then are escorted downstairs after the Children's Sermon for their own worship service. Kids in 3rd - 5th grade meet directly in room 110 at 9:30 a.m. for Sunday School. Youth in 6th grade and up remain in worship with their family.

## NEW TO BOWER HILL? WANT MORE INFO?

Please feel free to pick up a visitor packet in the Narthex (just outside the sanctuary). Contact the pastor, Rev. Dr. Brian Snyder, via the office at 412-561-4114, with any questions.

## LEADING IN WORSHIP THIS MORNING

**Pastor:** Rev. Dr. Brian Snyder

Anne Carper Smith  
**Director of Music Ministries**

USHER CAPTAIN - Matt Arner

### GREETERS

Amber Grier, Phyllis Madden, Dave Hicks

LECTOR - Philip Neusius

SEXTON - Dave Hicks

FLOWER DEACON - Nancy Andrews

### LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

The McElroy Family

WEB STREAM - Theresa Child

SOUNDBOARD - Alan Hohlfelder

COFFEE HOUR - Susan and Dave Hicks

ACOLYTES - Addie Ivey, Lucy Ivey

SUNDAY SCHOOL VOLUNTEER - Kathy Philson

JR. HELPERS - Estelle Smith, Autumn Grella

OFFERING COUNTERS - Sarah Neusius, Phillip Neusius

ATTENDANCE ---12/18/22

90 total in worship / 33 children



## SANCTUARY FLOWERS / DONATION DEDICATIONS

In lieu of flowers this morning, a donation was made to Hekima Place by Bill Cadwell in memory of his wife Patricia.

## **YOUTH MINISTRIES**

### **Youth Group Pie Pickup is this Sunday**

This is a reminder to pick up baked goods from the Pie Place sale this coming Sunday morning. Pies will be available for pickup starting at 9:00 a.m. in the church kitchen.

### **Reminders for this Sunday in worship for Children**

This Sunday, all youth performing in the Bower Hill Phil kids orchestra will remain in worship. Please check the email from Anne with specific reporting instructions for the morning. Kids who sing in the Cherub Choir, should report to the choir room by 9:00 a.m. to get into robes. The Cherubs will perform toward the beginning of worship (right at the Time with Children), and then will proceed downstairs for Children's Worship afterward like normal. All other kids in the pageant should report directly to room 110 at the beginning of worship as normal. All kids in the pageant should plan to participate in the final dress rehearsal in the Sanctuary immediately following worship. Kids will be provided a snack during Sunday school. When worship ends, the leaders will escort the kids directly to the sanctuary so they won't go to coffee hour that day.

### **Christmas Pageant Dress Rehearsal this Sunday after church**

We will have a dress rehearsal this Sunday, December 18, in the Sanctuary immediately following worship. This is for all kids in the pageant. Extra help is needed for this rehearsal, so parents who can lend a hand, please stay in the Sanctuary during practice.

### **Sundays for Children over the holidays**

December 25 and January 1 fall on Sunday this year. All worship on December 25 will be on-line (previous worship recordings will be posted again), and the church will be closed that day. On January 1, there will be a regular worship service at 9:30 a.m. However, the nursery will be closed, and all kids Pre-K through 5th grade will start in worship, and then head to room 110 after the Time with Children. The annual "Sunday after Christmas" movie and PJ party will instead be held on Sunday, January 8, in room 110.

## **ADULT EDUCATION**

Today in Adult Education, Fred Leasure will be talking to us about visions, which can be strong motivators. What are your visions for the world, and how will they inform your decisions?

December 25 - Christmas! No Adult Education Classes

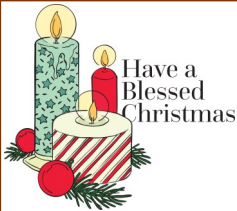
January 1 - No Adult Education Class

January 8 - No Adult Education Classes. Join us as we De-Deck the Halls  
We will resume classes on January 15.



Anne Smith, the Cherub Choir, and the Bower Hill Phil extend a huge 'thank you' to Ellena Gibbs, Rich Salvante, and Jason Robosky for generously working with our music ensembles. It wouldn't have been possible without them!

**CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE & PAGEANT**  
**11 A.M.**  
**CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICES**  
**7 P.M. (MUSIC AT 6:30 P.M.)**



The church office will be closed on  
the following dates for the holidays:

**December 23, 26 and January 2**

**Sunday, January 8 - Join us as we De-Deck the Halls**

**Reminder!** Article submissions for the January newsletter are due ASAP.

**CHRISTMAS JOY SPECIAL OFFERING**



The envelope in today's bulletin is for the annual Christmas Joy Offering through the Presbyterian Mission. This special offering distributes gifts equally to the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions and Presbyterian-related schools and to colleges equipping communities of color. Your generosity would be appreciated.

**LIGHTING THE STEEPLE DEDICATION**

**DECEMBER 18 - DECEMBER 24**

In memory of Dave Murdoch by the Carter Family.

**December 22 - December 24**

The steeple is being lit by Lynne Wohleber in memory of her brother, Donald Richard Farr, for his birthday on December 22 and in honor of his wife, Mary Jane Farr, as she navigates this first Christmas without her husband.

**December 24**

In memory of our Mom, Lucille Heckman by her family.

**December 25**

In memory of Betty B. Mancini by her family.





FOURTH SUNDAY  
OF  
*Advent*

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**December 18**

Cherub and Chorister Choir Perform  
Youth Pie Sale Pickup Day  
9:30am Children's Worship (PreK-5th gr.)  
9:30am Worship  
10:30am Fellowship (Coffee)  
11:00am Adult Education (FR & Online)  
11:00am Children's Pageant Dress Rehearsal  
11:00am First Baptist Worship

**December 19**

Montessori - Winter Break  
7:00pm Deacons (Lounge 101)

**December 20**

Montessori School - Winter Break  
11:00am Staff (101)  
7:00pm BS Troop 28 (FH)

**December 21**

Montessori School - Winter Break  
9:00am Koinonia (110)  
7:00pm Mayfair on Moffett (110,105)

**December 22**

Montessori School - Winter Break  
6:30pm Cub Scout Pack 28 (FH, 105, 110)  
7:00pm Choir

**December 23**

Holiday - Office Closed  
Montessori School - Winter Break

**December 24**

11:00am Children's Christmas Pageant  
6:30pm Christmas Eve Worship Service

**December 25**

Christmas Day  
Online Worship Only  
11:00am First Baptist Worship

**WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS**

**CHRISTMAS EVE**

**DECEMBER 24**

**USHER CAPTAIN**

Theresa Child

**GREETERS**

Coleman Child

**LECTOR**

Kirsten Bruder

**SEXTON**

Glenn Child

**WEB STREAM**

Glenn Child

**SOUNDBOARD**

Dave Stewart

**ACOLYTES**

Autumn Grella, Drake Robbins

**OFFERING COUNTERS**

Gordon Mitchell, Bryan Webler