

*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.

Sunday School classes for kids PreK through 8th grade. Sixth through eighth graders meet directly in their classroom (room 105) at 9:30 a.m.; the rest start in worship. Childcare is available for babies and toddlers in the nursery.

**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.

**ATTENDANCE ---12/07/2025**

104 total in-person worship / 43 children

**LEADING IN WORSHIP**  
Rev. Dr. Fred Leasure

**USHER CAPTAIN**  
Matt Belardi

**GREETERS**  
Nancy Andrews, Bri Ivey  
Phyllis Madden

**LECTOR**  
Jean Miewald

**SEXTON**  
Dave Hicks

**FLOWER DEACON**  
Karl Casey

**WEB STREAM**  
Peter Morgan

**SOUNDBOARD**  
Dave Dickey

**ACOLYTES**  
Ben Wetzel, Noelle Grella

**OFFERING COUNTERS**  
Alan Hohlfelder, Lynn Sirinek

**COFFEE HOUR HOSTS**  
Linda James and Cindy Kelley



**SANCTUARY FLOWERS / DONATION DEDICATIONS**

In lieu of live flowers this morning, a donation was made to East Liberty Health Center by Joan's Family in honor of Joan McAnulty for her 90th birthday.

## **YOUTH MINISTRIES**

### **What's Happening this Sunday with Children & Youth**

**9:30 a.m. Pastor Brian is leading the Connect Class for 6th -8th graders.** Meet directly in room 105. Kids through 5th grade, start in worship then head to class w/ Ms. Amy.

**6:30 p.m.** Confirmation Class & Youth Group White Elephant Christmas Party in room 110.

### **Sunday December 21**

**9:30 a.m.** Sunday school classes for kids PreK through 8th grade. Childcare available in the nursery.

**6:30 p.m.** Tweener (grades 3-6) White Elephant Christmas Party in room 110.

### **Christmas Remembrance Dedications**

Remember your loved ones this Christmas season through a special donation in honor or in memory of them. All names will be featured in the Christmas Eve service program. Donations will benefit SHIM.

Pick up a form in the Narthex after worship. Please turn in the form and payment (payable to BHCC) to the church office or drop it in the offering tray.

Deadline to submit forms is Thursday, December 18.



### **2025 Flea Market Results**

The Flea Market Committee is excited to share with you the results for the 2025 flea markets. As a reminder, the Spring Flea Market did not break any records, but the results were very strong at \$9,373. The Fall Flea Market also did not break any records but was also strong at \$9334. When you put the two totals together, we broke the record for the year at an astounding \$18,707!

Whether you donated items, bought items, made soup or snacks for the snack bar, helped with setup and/or cleanup, helped on the day of the sale, told a friend to come shop, or simply prayed for our success, the Flea Market Committee is grateful to all of you.

### **Faithful Conversations**

“Faithful Conversations” are held most Sundays after worship beginning at 11 AM in the Friendship Room. We welcome everyone High School age and older to join us as we learn about and discuss issues of Faith. Our discussions thus far have been well attended and received a positive response

December 14 - When Bad Things Happen to Good People - Introduction to Process Theology



### Holiday Season Giving Trees

The Mission Committee has chosen three ways to help those in need this holiday season. Bower Hill Youth has partnered with the Mission Committee for the Jared Boxes collection.

- Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank
- Humane Animal Rescue of Pittsburgh
- Jared Boxes – boxes provided to children during their hospital stays



For more details, check out the December Newsletter.

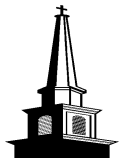
Be sure to grab a tag or two this holiday season to help make life a bit easier for others, humans, and pets alike!

The church directory and photo directory have been sent electronically in the Friday E-Blast. Limited copies of the church directory have been printed and are available to pick up in the Narthex.

2026 offering envelopes are also available for pick up in the Narthex. If you have not received offering envelopes previously and would like to request them, please contact the church office.

## **LIGHTING THE STEEPLE DEDICATION**

**Consider sponsoring the lighting of the steeple** in honor of an anniversary, birthday, remembrance of a loved one, a prayer request, or some other significant date. Notice of your lighting, and the person, prayer, or date that it commemorates, will appear in the weekly bulletin. The cost for this remembrance is \$10 a day. Email your request to Amy Leasure at [amlea97@hotmail.com](mailto:amlea97@hotmail.com).





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**December 14**

Communion Sunday  
Unity Food Pantry Collection  
9:30am Children's Worship  
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10:30am Fellowship (Coffee)  
11:00am BH Phil Rehearsal(Sanctuary)  
11:00am Faithful Conversations - When Bad Things Happen to Good People (FR)  
11:00am First Baptist Worship  
11:30am -6:00pm Compassionate Friends  
Candlelight Service ( Sanctuary, Kitchen, FH)  
6:30pm -8:00pm Combined Confirmation MS & HS Christmas Party (Room 110)

**December 15**

Newsletter and Session Report Deadline  
8:00am Montessori School  
6:30pm -7:30pm BH Phil Rehearsal(Sanctuary)  
7:00pm Budget Summit Meeting

**December 16**

8:00am Montessori School  
10:00am -11:00am Staff Meeting (Rm 101)  
7:15pm -8:15pm OA Meeting (Rm 105)  
7:30pm Finance Meeting (Virtual)  
7:30pm -9:00pm Troop 28 & 9028 (FH)

**December 17**

8:00am Montessori School  
9:15am Koinoinia (Rm 110)  
2:00pm Speaker Series Planning Meeting  
6:00pm Bells Rehearsal (Choir Room)  
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)  
7:00pm Mayfair on Moffett (110,105)

**December 18**

8:00am Montessori School  
6:30pm -8:00pm Cub Scout Pack 28 (FH)

**December 19**

8:00am Montessori School

**December 20**

BH Phil Rehearsal(Sanctuary)  
1:00pm -3:00pm Hooks & Needles (Phyllis Yohe's residence)

**December 21**

BH Phil Performs in Worship  
9:30am Children's Worship  
9:30am Worship  
10:30am Fellowship (Coffee)  
11:00am Faithful Conversations - The Birth of Jesus (FR)  
11:00am First Baptist Worship  
6:30pm Tween Game Night (FH)

**WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS**  
**DECEMBER 21**

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Nick Gibbs

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Phyllis Madden

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