

## Welcome!

We're glad to see you this morning! If you're visiting this church for the **first time** and would like to know more about Bethany, please fill out a visitor form and place it in the offering plate. After the service, please join us for refreshments downstairs!

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. **The 40 days of Lent.** The death and resurrection of Jesus Christ are at the heart of the Christian gospel, and Good Friday and Easter are two of the most significant celebrations of the Christian year. Lent is a season of preparation and repentance during which we anticipate Good Friday and Easter. Just as we carefully prepare for big events in our personal lives, such as a wedding or commencement, Lent invites us to make our hearts ready for remembering Jesus' passion and celebrating Jesus' resurrection. The practice of a forty-day preparation period began in the Christian church during the third and fourth centuries. The number *forty* carries biblical significance based on the forty years Israel spent in the wilderness and Jesus' forty-day fast in the wilderness. The forty days of Lent begin on Ash Wednesday and continue through holy week, not counting Sundays. In practice, many congregations choose to focus Sunday worship on the themes of repentance and renewal. -excerpted from *The Worship Sourcebook*

2. **Education Hour for children today at 11:45am.** Older children in Room 222; younger children can be taken to childcare in the Music Room. *The commencement of the adult education hour is postponed until after Easter.*

3. **Bethany's Spring Retreat is April 17-19.** It's time to start registering! If you'd like to help Cat Ham with preparations and program, please let her know.

### BIBLE STUDIES/GROWTH GROUPS

**South Boston**, Mondays, 7:00pm; **North Shore**, Mondays, 7:30pm; **Needham**, Fridays, 6:30 Dinner, 7:30 Bible Study; **Brookline\***, Fridays, 6:30 Dinner, 7:30 Bible Study *\*collegians and young adults*  
For more info contact: Ed Park (617) 416.9265, ed.park@bethanybrookline.org

### CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

*Children are always welcome in the worship service whether quiet or noisy, still or fidgety!*

**Childcare, Birth to Pre-K** - Caregivers cultivate meaningful relationships with and among the children. Parents are welcome but not required to remain in the room and should sign in/out on the attendance roster. **Time:** 10am - 11:15am and 11:45 am- 12:45pm; **Location:** Music Room.  
**Care Providers for 3/15:** Wendy Huang (10am) and David Hong (11:45am)

**Sunday School, 4 years to 5th Grade** - At the heart of a Godly Play session is the telling of the story, experienced in the contexts of both the chronology of Scripture and the church calendar. The storyteller uses simple, beautiful materials to illustrate the story and to engage the hearts, minds and imaginations of our children. We hope your child will join us for a time of playful worship that invites relationship with God. **Time:** 11:45 am - 12:45pm; **Location:** Room 222

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 15, 2009

10:00A.M.

## GOD GATHERS US TO HIMSELF

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### GATHERING SONG

#### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

**Leader:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

**Leader:** Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness. Come into God's presence with singing!

**All:** **For the Lord is a gracious God, whose mercy is everlasting; and whose faithfulness endures to all generations.**

#### \* REJOICING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

#### \* SEEKING GOD'S FORGIVENESS

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God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We presume to see clearly when we are blind. Forgive us. Daily we have failed to love; repeatedly we have neglected justice; and persistently we have ignored your truth. Lord, have mercy on us and forgive our sin. Set us on paths of faithfulness we pray, through Jesus Christ our Savior. *(Let each worshiper continue to confess in silence.)*

#### \* ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

**Leader:** Brothers and sisters, believe the good news:

**All:** **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and are being made whole. Amen.**

### PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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#### PRAYER OF PREPARATION

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\*All who are able, please stand.

## *GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH HIS WORD*

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SCRIPTURE READINGS Exodus 20:1-17; 1Corinthians 1:18-25; John 9:1-41

SERMON "Seeing is Believing" Kevin Manuel

## *GOD MOVES US TO RESPOND*

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\*SONG OF RESPONSE

AFFIRMATION OF OUR FAITH

OFFERING

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING Ed Park

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S SUPPER

## *GOD SENDS US OUT TO SERVE*

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\* SENDING SONG

\* BENEDICTION

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\*All who are able, please stand.

## LEADERSHIP CONTACT INFORMATION

**Ministers:** The Entire Congregation

**Pastor** - Kevin Manuel

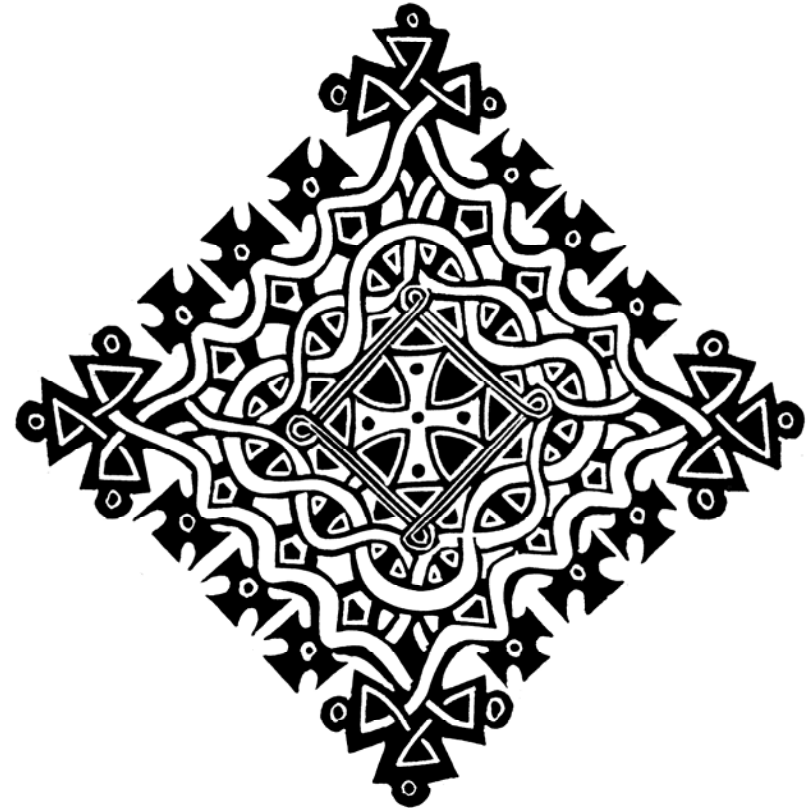
**Seminary Intern** - Danny Chong

**Elders on Session** - Norman Choe, Cat Ham, Karen Hong, Wendy Huang, Tim Min

**Deacons** - Helen Choe, David Im, Jounghmo Kang, Daniel Lee, Jenny Lam, Semi Choi, David Hong

\* You can e-mail any of the above people at [firstname.lastname@bethanybrookline.org](mailto:firstname.lastname@bethanybrookline.org)

# BETHANY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



*The rhythmic interlocking movements of the lines in this Ethiopian cross symbolize our unity with Christ in his death and resurrection. The Greek cross in the middle has arms of equal length to remind us that Christ's sacrifice reaches to the four corners of the earth.*

## **Bethany Presbyterian Church**

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