

BETHEL METHODIST COMMUNITY CHURCH
MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE
2nd Sunday of Advent
December 8, 2024

We Gather Together In The Lord's Name

Tolling of the Bell and Prelude
Coming of the Light
Welcome and Announcements

Let Us Prepare Our Hearts and Minds for Worship

Call To Worship:
The joy of the Coming Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

A voice cries out in the wilderness:
Prepare the way of the Lord.

Every gully shall be filled up,
Every mountain shall be levelled.

The crooked shall be straightened, and the rough road shall be smoothed,
And all the human race shall see the salvation of our God!

Lighting of the Advent Wreath: Candle of Peace
Mr. Huey & Mrs. Doris Leitner

*Hymn of Worship.....“Angels from the Realms of Glory”.....#220

*Opening Prayer: *(please join in unison)*
Compassionate God, greet us with your grace this day, for we cannot save ourselves.

Though our efforts are many, they do not yield the peace that only you can give.

Help us to be still enough to hear your voice and feel your presence, finding the balance to receive and give, wait and act.

Teach us your ways, that we may lay down our weapons and feed the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Canticle of Zechariah.....#208
“Hail to the Lord's Anointed, great David's greater Son.”

Children's Moments.....“Jesus Loves Me”.....

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

*Hymn of Hope.....“More Love to Thee, O Christ”.....#453

The Promises of God Comes to Us Through The Word

Old Testament Lesson.....Malachi 3:1-4.....Pg. 838

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle Lesson.....Philippians 1:3-11.....Pg. 185

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*Gospel Lesson.....Luke 1:68-79.....Pg.54

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon.....Rev. Ben Rogers
“A Passionate Relationship with Jesus”

Prayer of Trust *(please join in unison)*

Faithful God, we come together to sing Your praises, joining with Zechariah in celebrating Your grace, mercy, and peace.

Blessed are You, Lord, for fulfilling Your promises and revealing hope to a struggling world. Your gift of a living hope is real and tangible, offering us something we can believe in and trust.

We give thanks for the light of Your presence, overcoming darkness and leading us in the way of peace and justice. Praise to You, God, for Your holiness and the fullness of life You offer. Amen.

*Hymn of Faith.....“O Little Town of Bethlehem”..... #230

The Word of God Comes to Us Through the Holy Spirit

Affirmation of Faith.....“The Apostles' Creed”.....#881

Gloria Patri.....#70

Worship with Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

*Doxology.....#95

*Offertory Prayer

Go and Share the Love of God

*Hymn of Salvation.....“Have Thine Own Way, Lord”.....#382

*Benediction

Go forth as messengers of God's grace, Christ's justice, and the Spirit's peace, sharing hope and reconciliation in every corner of the world.

*Postlude

**Please Stand If Able*

Announcements & Upcoming Events:

- ❖ This Afternoon- Join us at 3:30PM for a cozy Bonfire Night at Bethel! We invite everyone to come in their best (or worst!) ugly Christmas sweater, enjoy S'mores by the fire, and bring along some holiday goodies to share. We look forward to celebrating the season together with warmth, fellowship, and fun!
- ❖ Wednesday, December 11- Unwrapping Advent Bible Study Session 3 (6pm)
- ❖ Thursday, December 12- Trustees Meeting (6pm)
- ❖ Tuesday, December 17- Unwrapping Advent Bible Study Session 4 (6pm)
- ❖ Wednesday, December 18- Blue Christmas Service (6pm) For many, the Christmas season can bring feelings of loneliness, sadness, or loss. Join us for a special service of song, readings, and reflection on God's hope and presence with us in all we feel. This meaningful time of worship and all are welcome!
- ❖ Tuesday, December 24- Bethel Christmas Eve Candlelight & Holy Communion Worship Service-(5pm)

Prayer Thought of the Week

Are your actions bringing you closer to God?

Bethel Methodist Community Church: November Financial Information

Expenses: \$10,905.33

Income: \$10,051.56

We Are in Prayer For:

Bob Bazinet, William Bundrick, Billy and Diane Dove,
Epworth Children's Home, Jackie McDaniel, Greg Robertson, Sheryl Ashford,
Christian Moore, Teresa Taaffe, Lindsey Gunter, Frankie Lewis, Willie Long,
Jed Withers, Una Bowers, Huley Perry, Mary Cathryn Wilson & Michael "Red" Wilson,
Nancy Dail, Amanda Godfrey, Those affected by Hurricane Helene
Tiffany Kent, Brenda Koon, Alan & Debbie Withers,
The unity in our county, state, nation, and world

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