

BETHEL METHODIST COMMUNITY CHURCH
MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE
2nd Sunday After the Epiphany
January 19, 2025

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:
Welcome to the house of our bountiful God.
Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens, Your faithfulness stretches beyond the clouds.

Welcome in the name of the Christ who does nothing by half measures.
The children of earth take refuge in the shade of your wings. They feast on the abundance of your house and drink from the rivers of your delight. Amen.

*Hymn of Praise.....“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”#384

*Opening Prayer: *(please join in unison)*
O God, you spoke your word and revealed your good news in Jesus, the Christ.

Fill all creation with that word again so that by proclaiming your joyful promises to all nations and singing of your glorious hope to all peoples, we may become one living body, your incarnate presence on the earth. Amen.

Psalter Reading“Psalm 36:5-10”#771
“I desire to follow your way, O Lord, my God; continue your steadfast love to me.”

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

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

*Hymn of Grace.....“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”#140

The Promises of God Comes to Us Through The Word

Old Testament Lesson.....Isaiah 62:1-5Pg. 651
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**
Epistle Lesson.....2 Corinthians 12:1-11Pg. 174
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**
*Gospel Lesson.....John 2:1-11Pg. 87
The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Hymn of Faith.....“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”#400

The Word of God Comes to Us Through the Holy Spirit

Affirmation of Faith.....#889
“Affirmation From 1 Timothy 2:5-6; 1:15; 3:16”
Gloria Patri.....#70

Worship with Tithes and Offerings

Offertory
*Doxology.....#95
*Offertory Prayer

Sermon..... Rev. Ben Rogers

Uncomfortable Grace: Living the Gospel Beyond Our Comfort Zones

Week 1: “Breaking the Bubble: The Church Beyond the Country Club

Matthew 9:9-13

Go and Share the Love of God

*Hymn of Salvation.....“Take My Life, and Let It Be”#399

*Benediction

Take the wedding sign out into the world with you today:

The sign of the stone jars of cold water that can be turned into new wine, is a sign of hope for the strong and weak, the middle aged, old and young, the downcast and the resistant, and for those with largish faith, or very little faith.

The blessing of. the one generous God, sustaining, liberating and fulfilling all things, will be with you now and always.

*Postlude

****Please Stand If Able***

^^ When our worship ends, our service begins! ^^

^^ Please remember during/after the tolling of the bell occurs to be seated and prepare your hearts for worship. ^^

Announcements & Upcoming Events:

- ❖ **Sunday, January 26-** Bethel Administrative Council **(4pm)**
- ❖ From January 26 to February 2, help us Share the Warmth by bringing a space heater to worship to support the Fairfield Council on Aging. Your donation will help provide warmth and comfort to seniors in need, living out Christ's call to care for others. Thank you for your generosity.
- ❖ Bible Study will be returning soon. Stay tuned for details and sign-up sheet! We'd love for you to join us on Wednesday nights!
- ❖ **Sunday, February 2-** Table Fellowship Sunday (Holy Communion during worship)
- ❖ **Monday, February 3-** Bethel Christian Women & Fairfield Christian Men **(7pm)**
- ❖ **Thursday, February 6-** Bethel Covenant Prayer Group **(10am)**
- ❖ **Tuesday, February 11-** Mature Years **(11am)**

Prayer Thought of the Week

What is concealed in the Old Testament is revealed in the New Testament.

The flowers in the sanctuary today are lovingly placed by Mrs. Gloria Hobgood in celebration of Mr. Herbert's birthday, which was joyfully celebrated this past Tuesday, January 14. May these blooms serve as a beautiful reminder of the gift of life and the blessings of love and cherished memories.

Bethel Methodist Community Church: December Financial Information

Expenses: \$14,172.10

Income: \$10,868.68

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,
Jed Withers, Una Bowers, Huley Perry, Mary Cathryn Wilson & Michael "Red" Wilson,
Nancy Dail, Amanda Godfrey, Those affected by Hurricane Helene, Eddie Robinson,
Tiffany Kent, Brenda Koon, Alan & Debbie Withers, Family of Willie Long,
The unity in our county, state, nation, and world

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