

ORDER OF WORSHIP

December 10, 2017

Second Sunday of Advent

Gathering

As the congregation gathers, please take a moment to speak to people sitting around you whom you may not know. Hebrews 13:2 (KJV) says, "Be not forgetful to entertain strangers; for thereby some have entertained angels unaware."

Prelude

As the prelude begins let us turn our thoughts and hearts to God in prayer and preparation for worship.

Jessica White, organist

Welcome to Worship

Greeting

* **Opening Hymn** UM Hymnal No. 203
Hail to the Lord's Anointed

* Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Gracious God, we live in a world of war. War of the nations. War in the emotions of our lives. In the conflicts of our lives we need the Peace of the Christ Child. Prince of Peace come. Prince of Peace come into our hearts. Amen.

* Psalter ~ Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13

Lord, you showed favor to your land;
you restored the fortunes of Jacob.

**You forgave the iniquity of your people;
you pardoned all their sin.**

Let me hear what God will speak,
for the Lord will speak peace to his people,
to his faithful, to those who turn to the Lord in their hearts.

**Surely salvation is at hand for those who fear the Lord,
that glory may dwell in our land.**

Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;
righteousness and peace will kiss each other.

**Faithfulness will spring up from the ground,
and righteousness will look down from the sky.**

The Lord will give what is good,
and our land will yield its increase.
**Righteousness will go before the Lord,
and make God's footsteps a way.**

* Gloria Patri, No. 70

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Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

*Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come,
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever. Amen.*

* Presentation of Tithes, Gifts & Offerings

* **Doxology** UM Hymnal Pg. 95

The Scripture Lesson

Malachi 3:1-3

Minister: The Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon *Make a List...Check it Twice* Rev. Scott Adams

* **Affirmation of Faith** Hymnal No. 881

* **Hymn of Dedication** UM Hymnal No. 238
Angels We Have Heard on High

* **Benediction**

* **Postlude**

*For those who are able, please stand.

The altar greens are given to the glory of God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bethany Family: Hospitals- *No one that we are aware of. Please call the church office if you know of a Bethany member that is in the hospital.*

Sympathies: *Our Christian sympathies to Barbara Koester on the death of her mother, Johnnie Clark.*

Our Christian sympathies to the family of Douglas Hetzel who died on Dec. 4.

Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve Worship Services

- Christmas Eve Sunday Morning Services will be at 8 a.m. in Spell, 8:45 a.m. Word and Table, and one traditional service in the Sanctuary at 10 a.m. There will be no Sunday school, nursery, or Children's Church.
- New Year's Eve Sunday Morning Services will be at 8 a.m. in Spell, 8:45 a.m. Word and Table, and one traditional service in the Sanctuary at 10 a.m. There will be no Sunday school, nursery, or Children's Church.

Festival of Carols Dec. 17

Our second annual Festival of Carols on Sunday, Dec. 17 at 4 p.m. will feature all of the Bethany music ensembles joining together to celebrate Christ's birth. All of the selections will be interspersed with scripture read by members of the Bethany Music Ministry and members of the Bethany staff and clergy. In addition, selected hymns will be sung by everyone. We hope you will join us for this wonderfully festive concert.

Christmas Healing Service

Bethany's Christmas Healing Service is for the broken-hearted and the grief-stricken. It is for those whose souls are weary and in need of a word of hope. Join us on Sunday, Dec. 17 at 3 p.m. in Spell Chapel. The Christmas season can be a difficult time for someone experiencing grief and loneliness. Added stress of unemployment or an illness can take away from the joy many feel this time of year. The Christmas Healing Service will minister to those in our community who may be dealing with these feelings. Our pastors and Stephen Ministers will be available to support you. Join us and rediscover the Light that helps us endure the difficult times. A nursery will be provided.

Happy Hearts' Luncheon

The next luncheon meeting of Bethany Happy Hearts' will be on Friday, Dec. 15 at 12 P.M. The speaker will be Tim Lowry, storyteller. Our menu for the December meeting includes Country style cube steak w/ gravy, mashed potatoes, mexican corn, carrot salad, red velvet cake, rolls/butter, and tea/water, with lemon. The cost of the meal is \$8 per person. Please RSVP by Dec. 13 to Linda Field at 843.832.9925, or email her at fieldmw@hotmail.com.



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