

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
*Second Sunday after Epiphany*  
**January 14, 2018**

**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**

Holly Slice

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

**Welcome to Worship**

**Greeting**

**\* Opening Hymn**

UN Hymnal No. 98

*To God Be the Glory*

**\* Psalter ~ Psalm 139:1-6**

O Lord, you have searched me and known me!

**You know when I sit down and when I rise up;  
you discern my thoughts from afar.**

You search out my path and my lying down,  
and are acquainted with all my ways.

**Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord,  
you know it altogether.**

You pursue me behind and before,  
and lay your hand upon me.

**Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;  
it is high, I cannot attain it.**

**\* Gloria Patri, UM Hymnal, No. 70**

*Meineke*

**Pastoral Prayer**

Minister: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Minister: Let us pray.

**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.*

**The Offertory**

**Presentation of Tithes, Gifts & Offerings**

**\* Doxology**

UM Hymnal, No. 95

**The Scripture Lesson**

Philippians 3:12-14

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

*"Leaning Forward"*

Rev. Scott Adams

**\* Hymn of Dedication**

UM Hymnal No. 418

*We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder*

**\* Benediction**

**\* Postlude**

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*\*Please stand*

*The Altar Flowers today are given to the Glory of God.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Bethany Family: Hospitals-** MUSC: Bob Lesch

*Sympathies: Our Christian sympathies to Leslie Burford's on the death of her sister, Paige Killeen, in Valdosta, Ga.*

### **Church Office Closed Tomorrow**

The church office will be closed tomorrow, Jan. 15 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr., Day. The office will reopen on Jan. 16 at 8:30 a.m.

### **Bethany NOW**

Wednesday night activities resume on Jan. 10 with a new class for everyone. NOW begins with a meal in the Fellowship Hall at 5 P.M. The meal for this week is meatloaf, mashed potatoes with gravy, country style green beans, rolls and salad bar with chicken nuggets for the kids. The Sunday School class that is hosting is Spiritual Growth. Find more info in the January edition of the Bethany Beacon or online at [www.bethany-umc.com](http://www.bethany-umc.com).

### **2018 Offering Envelopes**

Offering envelopes are ready for pick up in the hallway near the Welcome Center. Please help us be a good steward of our finances by picking your envelopes up today.

### **Are you a New Member?**

Bethany now offers a 12 week class once a quarter to new members with the purpose of helping them find classes, studies, and other opportunities within the Bethany community to encounter God's word in the Bible. The class is also open to current Bethany members. There are six spots available to current Bethany members for the class starting on Jan. 21. The class meets in room 215 from 9:50-10:50 AM. Please contact Pat Hartman ([pdhartman@sc.rr.com](mailto:pdhartman@sc.rr.com)) or Pete Horlbeck ([pete.horlbeck@gmail.com](mailto:pete.horlbeck@gmail.com)) to let them know of your interest in this class.

### **Available Prayer Shawls**

Prayer Shawls will be available after the 11:15 service in Room 119. If you know someone who could use one, please stop by.

### **Stephen Ministry**

If you are hurting, in need of a hand to hold on to or talk thru an issue or problem we are a Stephen Ministry Church and have Stephen Ministers ready to be with you. Contact Denis Tsukalas 843.871.0381, Annette Goins 843.761.1866 or Mary Kay Wrenn 843.323.2130.



***Bethany United Methodist Church  
Spell Chapel ~ 8 o'clock a.m.***

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