

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Advent

December 9, 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, pianist

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

*He is Lord, he is Lord!  
He is risen from the dead and he is Lord!  
Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess  
that Jesus Christ is Lord.*

## Greeting

### \* Opening Hymn

UM Hymnal, No. 196

*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

### \* Responsive Reading

Psalms 80:1-3

Minister: Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a Flock!

**People:** *You who are enthroned upon the cherubim shine forth.*

Minister: Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh. Stir up your might, and come to save us!

**People:** *Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved.*

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

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## 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.*

## Offertory

*Is There Room in Your Heart for a King*

Pamela Stewart and Mark Hayes

Spell Chapel Quartet

## Presentation of Tithes, Gifts & Offerings

### \* Doxology

UM Hymnal, No. 95

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

### \* The Scripture Lesson

Isaiah 9:2, 6 & 7

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

**People:** *Thanks be to God.*

### \* Hymn of Preparation (sing twice)

UM Hymnal, No. 204

*Emmanuel, Emmanuel*

## Sermon

"Can You See the Light?"

Rev. Scott Adams

### \* Hymn of Dedication

UM Hymnal, No. 206

*I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

### \* Benediction

### \* Postlude

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\* Please stand

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Sympathies:** *Our Christian sympathies to Joe Wilson on the death of his wife, June Wilson who died Saturday, Dec. 2.*

### **Bethany NOW Advent Worship Services and Activities**

*Each Wednesday during Advent a worship service will be held at 6:15 p.m. in Spell Chapel.*

**Dec. 12:** dinner will be offered at 5 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall prior to worship. Charles Peace and Friends of Faith Sunday School classes are hosting

The meal menu is Chicken Parmesan, pasta noodles, garlic toast and salad bar. NOW Wednesday night classes and activities for children and youth will be held.

### **Angel Tree**

If you selected an angel off the tree, please be sure to have gifts in by **TODAY!** Please sign the log book (located near the tree) beside your angel's number with your name and contact information. Gifts should have the angel tag securely attached. Thank you for opening your hearts to help a child have a Merry Christmas.

### **Festival of Carols Dec. 16**

Our second annual Festival of Carols on Sunday, Dec. 16 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.

### **Bethany's Columbarium**

The Trustees have voted to move forward with the Columbarium. We look forward to holding an interest meeting in January. We will be in touch with those people who have already indicated interest in purchasing. If you have not already expressed interest in purchasing a niche, please contact Emily Vick at [evick@bethany-umc.com](mailto:evick@bethany-umc.com).

### **Happy Hearts' Luncheon – Dec. 14**

The next luncheon meeting of Bethany Happy Hearts' will be on Friday, Dec. 14 at 12:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The cost of the meal is \$8 per person. Reservations are VERY important for this meal. Please call Linda Field by tonight to make a reservation 843.832.9925 or email her at [fieldmw@hotmail.com](mailto:fieldmw@hotmail.com).

# Peace



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

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