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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 or Mary Kay Wrenn 843.323.2130 or 843.821.3123.

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Welcome to Word & Table



WAITING ON THE THRESHOLD
COMPANY'S COMING WORSHIP SERIES

WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE

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December 20, 2020

● ORDER OF WORSHIP ●

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAISE SONGS

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERING

SCRIPTURE LUKE I: 26-38, 46-55

MESSAGE COMPANY'S COMING - WAITING ON THE THRESHOLD!!

CLOSING SONG

BENEDICTION

SCRIPTURE

Luke I: 26-38, 46-55

The Birth of Jesus Foretold

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

Mary's Song of Praise

And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP SERVICES

Bethany UMC will celebrate the birth of our Messiah with five Christmas Eve worship services this year.

Please register online at www.bethany-umc.com.

- 3 P.M. Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary:
Holy Communion will be served.
- 5 P.M. Candlelight Worship in the Sanctuary: For families with young children. Children will be singing.
Communion will NOT be served.
- 7:30 P.M. Traditional Candlelight Service in the Sanctuary:
Holy Communion will be served.
- 7:30 P.M. Contemporary Candlelight Service in the Fellowship Hall:
Includes music by the Word and Table Praise Band.
Holy Communion will be served.
- 11 P.M. Candlelight Worship in the Sanctuary:
This candlelight worship service, which concludes at midnight, is the most formal and ceremonial of the Christmas Eve services.
Holy Communion will be served.

CHRISTMAS OFFICE HOURS

The church office will be closed for the Christmas Holidays on Thursday Dec. 24, Friday Dec. 25, and Friday, Jan. 1.

COMBINED SERVICE SUNDAY DEC. 27

There will be one combined service on Sunday, Dec. 27 at 10am in the Sanctuary. Reservations are encouraged by going online to www.bethany-umc.com.

END OF YEAR GIVING

The last day the church office will be open to receive your year-end offerings to be credited in 2020 is Thursday, Dec. 31. If you prefer to mail your year-end offering, please make certain that your letter is postmarked no later than Dec. 31. For further information about giving or offering envelopes please contact Mary Dove Murray or Ann Gill at 843.873.1230.