

*ORDER OF WORSHIP*  
December 6, 2020  
*Second Sunday of Advent*

**Gathering**

As the congregation gathers, please take a moment to wave 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.

**Greeting**

**Lighting of the Advent Candle**

**Opening Hymn**

*Angels from the Realms of Glory*

Angels from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth;  
ye who sang creation's story now proclaim Messiah's birth:

**Refrain:** Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King.

Shepherds, in the field abiding, watching o'er your flocks by night;  
Ye who sang creation's story now proclaim Messiah's birth: **Refrain**

Sages, leave your contemplations, brighter visions beam afar;  
seek the great Desire of nations; Ye have seen his natal star: **Refrain**

Saints, before the altar bending, watching long in hope and fear;  
Suddenly the Lord, descending, in his temple shall appear: **Refrain**

**Responsive Reading**

Isaiah 40:9-10

**Minister:** You who bring good tidings to Zion, go up on a high mountain, you who bring good tidings to Jerusalem, lift up your voice with a shout, lift it up and do not be afraid;

**People:** **Say to the towns of Judah, "Here is your God!"  
See, the Sovereign Lord comes with power and his arm rules for him.**

**Minister:** See, his reward is with him, and his recompense accompanies him.

**People:** **He tends his flock like a shepherd: He gathers the lambs in his arms and carries them close to his heart; he gently leads those that have young.**

**Gloria Patri**

**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 Scripture Lesson**

Luke 1:24 - 25

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

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

**Special Music**

*Light the Advent Candle*

Spell Chapel Ensemble

**Sermon** "This is What the Lord Has Done for Me" Rev. Mark Barnes

**Hymn of Dedication**

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem. Come and behold him, born the King of angels;

**Refrain:** O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation; O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above! Glory to God, all glory in the highest; **Refrain**

See how the shepherds, summoned to his cradle, leaving their flocks draw nigh to gaze; we too will thither bend our joyful footsteps; **Refrain**

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

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

## **Worship Sign Up**

*Each Monday registration will open for the following Sunday.  
There are three ways you can sign up.*

- 1) Go to [www.bethany-umc.com](http://www.bethany-umc.com)- click on worship sign up button
- 2) Use link on Bethany UMC Facebook page
- 3) Use link sent to you in E-links weekly email

This will open the registration form, your contact information should automatically fill in. If it does not, complete your contact information.

Choose the service you wish to attend and indicate how many are in your party. If registration is full, you will be unable to choose that service, you then may pick a different service to attend.

Also, answer the question in regards to elevator usage. Hit submit and your registration is complete. You will receive a confirmation email when completed. You may also sign up by calling the church office at 843.873.1230 during business hours (8:30 am - 4:30 pm).

## **Christmas Closet- OPEN TODAY!!!**

Tea Room Gift Shop in person shopping will be available today in Room 118 from 8:30am-12pm. This is the last day it is open, so please stop by to do some Christmas shopping! Covid protocols will be followed.

## **Advent Services**

Each Wednesday during Advent a worship service will be held at 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary. There will also be a virtual option (via Facebook and our website).  
**Wednesdays- December 9 and 16.**

## **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 or Mary Kay Wrenn 843.323.2130 or 843.821.3123.

## **The Living Christmas Story**

The Living Christmas Story will be held Dec. 10 from 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm, Dec. 11 from 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm and Dec. 12 from 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm. Volunteers are still needed and must sign-up on our website, no walk-ins will be permitted. We will not be running trams this year. You will need to enter the vehicle line on West 5<sup>th</sup> Street. We look forward to sharing this wonderful gift to the community!

## **Offering Envelopes**

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



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

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