

ORDER OF WORSHIP

December 13, 2020

Third 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

Emmanuel, Emmanuel

Emmanuel, Emmanuel, his name is called Emmanuel. God with us, revealed in us, his name is called Emmanuel. (sing twice)

Responsive Reading

Psalm 36:5-10

Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens,
your faithfulness to the clouds.

**Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains,
your judgments are like the great deep;
O Lord, humans and animals you save!**

O God, how precious is your steadfast love!

All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

**They feast on the abundance of your house,
and you give them drink from the river of your delights.**

For with you is the fountain of life;
in your light do we see light.

**O continue your steadfast love to those who know you,
and your salvation to the upright of heart!**

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

Matthew 1:18-19

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Special Music

While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night

Spell Chapel Ensemble

Sermon

"Character of a Just Man"

Rev. Mark Barnes

Hymn of Dedication

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

Refrain:

Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;
go, tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born.

While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night,
behold through-out the heavens there shone a holy light. **Refrain**

The shepherds feared and trembled, when lo! above the earth,
rang out the angel chorus that hailed the Savior's birth. **Refrain**

Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born,
and God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn. **Refrain**

Benediction

Postlude

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

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.

Advent Services

Our last Wednesday Advent worship service will be held December 16 at 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary. There will also be a virtual option (via Facebook and our website- www.bethany-umc.com).

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.

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.

Children's Ministries- Birthday Party for Jesus

Come by this Sunday after worship or until 2pm in the covered drive-thru area to pick up your Birthday Party for Jesus bag. Everything you need to have your own birthday party - cake mix, icing, games and more!



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

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