

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

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- 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).

Advent Services

Our last Wednesday night 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!

Recording/Photography

Portions of Worship services are recorded and made available for viewing on our web site. As a worshiper, you will not be identified in the recording/photos unless you are a speaker using our public address system. No close-up shots will be used of the congregation, allowing you privacy in your worship experience. If you wish to not have your image or voice used in our worship video, please notify Debbie Dominianni (843.873.1230, ddominianni@bethany-umc.com), otherwise attendance implies consent.

Emergency Phone

A minister is on call for pastoral emergencies after normal business hours during the week, as well as on weekends and holidays. If you have an emergency for which you need pastoral care, call the church emergency number, **843.425.1069**.

Wifi Access

If you would like to connect to Wi-Fi while on church property, please use the guest connection and password [guest2015](#).

Text to Give Option

It's easier than ever to give now! Simply text: [bethanyumc](#) to 77977. This is a safe and convenient way to give!

RightNow Media

Don't forget you have access to tons of video resources - Bible studies, movies, TV shows and more - on RightNow Media. To sign up, simply text Rightnow Bethany message to 41411.

BETHANY

United Methodist Church

December 13, 2020
8:45 and 10:30 a.m. Worship Services



Rev. Mitch Houston, Senior Pastor
Rev. Narcie Jeter, Associate Pastor
Rev. Mark Barnes, Minister of Congregational Care
Rev. Josephine Locklair, Spell Chapel
Rev. James Alewine, Pastor Emeritus
Ms. Emily Vick, Creative Ministries Director
Ms. Stephanie Mitchum, Children's Program Director
Mr. Mike Jeter, Youth Director
Ms. Barbara Bassett, Interim Director of Music Ministries
Mr. Michael López, Organist

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We are a Stephen Ministry Church, a Safe Sanctuaries Congregation and a Welcoming Church.

CALLED TO CARE

December 13, 2020
ORDER OF WORSHIP
Third Sunday of Advent

Gathering

As the congregation gathers, please take a moment to wave to people sitting around you who you may not know. Hebrews 13:2 (KJV) says, "Be not forgetful to entertain strangers; for thereby some have entertained angels unaware."

Prelude

Cradle Hymn

arr. Alice Jordan

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

Welcome and Parish Concerns

Hymn in Procession

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**

Lighting of the Advent Wreath - JOY

8:45 ~ Jim and Jung Paxton

10:30 ~ Jordan, Jordi, Smith and Ellington Graffis

JOY to the world the Lord is come. Let earth receive her King. We worship in Hope, Peace and JOY. We anticipate the sounds and excitement of JOY through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Congregational Response

O Little Town of Bethlehem

O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray; cast out our sin,
and enter in, be born in us today. We hear the Christmas angels the
great glad tidings tell; O come to us, abide with us, our Lord
Emmanuel!

Call to Prayer

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Minister: Let us pray.

Prayers of the People and 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.*

Offering Prayer

The Scripture Lesson

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Luke 1:26-38

Anthem

There is Faint Music
Men's Ensemble

Dan Forrest

Sermon

"Mary"

Rev. Mitch Houston

Affirmation of Faith

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Hymn of Dedication

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King;
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies;
with th'angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

Refrain: Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

Christ, by highest heaven adored; Christ, the everlasting Lord;
late in time behold him come, offspring of a virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the God-head see; hail th'incarnate Deity,
pleased with us in flesh to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel. **Refrain**

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,
born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth. **Refrain**

Blessing of the People

Postlude

Christmas Joy

arr. Gregg Sewell

WELCOME

We welcome all guests to our service today. If you would like more information about Bethany or becoming a member of our church, please contact Jack Sehr, Membership Director, at jsehr@bethany-umc.com or 843.873.1230, ext. 1837.

CELL PHONES AND ELECTRONIC DEVICES

In order to not distract your fellow worshipers, please **silence** cell phones and other electronic devices before the worship service begins. Thank you.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar greens today are given to the Glory of God.

SERVING THIS SUNDAY

Ushers

8:45 ~ Team Leader: Rett Fowler, Jerry Bateman, Kevin Carter, William DeLong, Rick Farthing, Gene Smith, David Zoellner, Ben Perkins

10:30 ~ Team Leader: Roger Swick; Tim Shepherd, Mary K. Shepherd, Henry Thompson, Gil Hager, Chris English, Michelle English, Terry and Debbie Parkman

Audio/Video Support

Technical Ministries Team

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Stewardship is being loyal to your commitment through your prayers, your presence, your gifts, and your service.

Gifts (*Figures for Dec. 6, 2020. These figures are unverified.)

*Budget Contributions	\$ 40,704.88
*Budget Funds Contributed to Date.....	1,581,382.59
*Non-Budgeted Mission and Ministry Gifts to Date	4,568.95

Capital Campaign (*Figures for Dec. 6, 2020)

*Capital Campaign Contributions	7,647.88
*Total Campaign Gifts Year to Date	129,836.03

There is Faint Music

There is faint music in the night, and pale wings fanned by silver flight;
A frosty hill with tender glow of countless stars that shine on snow.
A shelter from the winter story, a strawlined manger, safe and warm,
And Mary singing lullabies, to hush her Baby's sleepy sighs.

Her eyes are fixed upon, upon His face, Unheeded here is time and
space, her heart is filled with blinding joy, For God's own Son her baby
Boy!

There is faint music in the night, and pale wings fanned by silver flight;
A frosty hill with tender glow of countless stars that shine on snow.
For God's own Son a baby Boy.