

Sweet Little Jesus Boy

Sweet little Jesus Boy they made you be born in a manger.
Sweet little Holy Child didn't know who you were
Didn't know you'd come to save us Lord; to take our sins away.
Our eyes were blind we couldn't see, We didn't know who you were
Long time ago you were born, Born in a manger low Sweet little Jesus Boy.

The world treats you mean Lord, Treats me mean too,
But that's how things are down here: We don't know who you are
You have told us how, We are trying.
Master you have shown us how even when you were dying.
Just seems like we can't do right, Look how we treated you.
But please sir forgive us Lord We didn't know 'twas you.

Sweet little Jesus Boy born long time ago
Sweet little Holy Child And we didn't know who you were.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Blood Drive- Tuesday, Dec. 29

There will be a Holiday Blood Drive in the gym Tuesday, December 29 from 11am - 7pm. You can schedule your appointment online at www.redcrossblood.org (Sponsor Code: Bloodblitz) or call Rodney at 843.709.0953 or the church office at 843.873.1230. Please consider donating! Save a life. Donate blood.

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.

Camp Meeting Sundays in January

Bethany will hold a series of Camp Meetings throughout the month of January. Camp Meetings will be held periodically in recognition of the United Methodist Church's tradition that dates back to the 1800's. Worship services during Camp Meetings are informal and less ceremonial than usual, so lose the tie and come as you are on Camp Meeting Sundays.

Altar Flowers Needed

Altar flowers are a wonderful way to honor or remember a loved one. Flowers are needed for 2020. Please contact Donna Crowe at dcrowe@bethany-umc.com or 843.873.1230 ext.14 to reserve a date.

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.

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.

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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.

BETHANY

United Methodist Church

December 27, 2020
10:00 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 27, 2020
ORDER OF WORSHIP
 First Sunday after Christmas

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 *The First Noel* arr. John Carter
 Michael López

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**

Call to Prayer

Minister: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
 Minister: Let us Pray.

Prayer for the Day 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.*

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 63:7-9

Offering Prayer

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

New Testament Reading Matthew 2:13-23

Anthem *Sweet Little Jesus Boy* Robert MacGimsey
 Shelby Krallman ~ mezzo soprano, Michael López ~ piano

Sermon "Pain at Christmas" Rev. Narcie Jeter

Hymn *Joy to the World*

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King;
 let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing,
 and heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heave, and nature
 sing.

Joy to the world, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ;
 while fields and floods, rocks, hill, and plains repeat the
 sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the
 sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the
 ground; he comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse
 is found, far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is
 found.

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations
 prove the glories of his righteousness, and wonders of his love
 and wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.

Blessing of the People

Postlude arr. Paul Laubengayer
Good Christians Friends Rejoice

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 flowers today are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Julie Nicole Jett by Bob, Pat and Brad Jett.

SERVING THIS SUNDAY

Ushers

Rett Fowler, Jerry Bateman, Kevin Carter, William DeLonge, Rick Farthing, Gene Smith, David Zollner, Roger Swick, Henry Thompson, Tim Shepherd, Mary Kay Shepherd, Gil Hager, Chris English, Michelle English

Audio/Video Support

Technical Ministries Team

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

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

Gifts (*Figures for December 20, 2020. These figures are unverified.)

*Budget Contributions.....	\$ 59,451.13
*Budget Funds Contributed to Date.....	1,696,627.18
*Non-Budgeted Mission and Ministry Gifts to Date	87,688.85

Capital Campaign (Figures for December 20, 2020)

*Capital Campaign Contributions	8,636.69
*Total Campaign Gifts Year to Date.....	143,550.66

