

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Happy Birthday Jesus

Join us for a party celebrating the birth of Jesus on Sunday, Dec. 5 from 2-4 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a birthday gift to donate. This will be a fun family time.

### The Living Christmas Story

The Living Christmas Story will be held

**Dec. 9 from 6:30 pm - \*8 pm**

**Dec. 10 from 6:30 pm - \*8 pm**

**Dec. 11 from 5:30 pm - \*8 pm (\*last car in line by 8 pm).**

Each night, over 50 volunteers are needed to bring the production to life. Sign-up for casting begins TODAY. You can sign-up in person at the church, or online at

<https://bethanyumc.cbchurch.com/goto/scheduling/22/public>

We look forward to sharing this wonderful gift to the community!

### Bethany Offers Two Great Resources- FOR FREE!

Through any device, you now have 24/7 access to motivating stories, insightful teaching, and powerful resources. **Amplify** is a United Methodist resource. To access Amplify Media, go to your church's channel, <https://my.amplifymedia.com/bethanyumcsummerville> and put in the Congregation Access Code- SFGRVP.

You also 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.

### 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 833.245.8417. This is a safe and convenient way to give!

### Offering Envelopes

2022 Offering envelopes are now available for pick up. You can pick them up in the hallway upstairs by the Welcome Center entrance.

### Advent Worship Service & BNOW Wednesday Night

On Wednesday, Dec. 1 and Dec. 8, we will have a meal, children's activities, and Advent Worship service. Advent worship services are in Spell Chapel at 6:30 pm. On Dec. 15 we will have Lessons and Carols at 7 pm in the Sanctuary and a meal beforehand.

### 2022 Altar Flowers

The 2022 Altar flower calendar is open. Please contact Donna Crowe at [dcrowe@bethany-umc.com](mailto:dcrowe@bethany-umc.com) or 843.873.1230 to reserve a date that you would like to provide flowers.

### Angel Tree

Bethany's Angel Tree is in full swing. Please review the available slots by visiting the link on our website. Please continue to check back because names will be added to the list for the next several weeks. Gifts are to be returned to the Business Office no later than Sunday, Dec. 12. We hope you will find it in your hearts to make a child's Christmas wishes come true this year. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4bafaf2fa3fcc34-angel1>  
The link can also be found on our website [www.bethany-umc.com/Christmas](http://www.bethany-umc.com/Christmas).

### Youth Christmas Party

Ascend Student Ministries (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade) will have their Christmas Party on Sunday, Dec. 5 in the Youth House from 6:30-8pm. Bring a sweet or savory snack to share and come join the fun!

### 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](mailto: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: Bethanywelcome

# BETHANY

## United Methodist Church

November 28, 2021  
8:45 am and 11:15 am Worship Services



FIRST SUNDAY OF  
*Advent*

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**

November 28, 2021

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

First Sunday in Advent

## Gathering

As the congregation gathers, please take a moment to speak 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

arr. Robert Thygerson

*Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light*

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, No. 211

VENI EMMANUEL

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

## Lighting of the Advent Wreath – HOPE

8:45 ~ Jack Sehrt

11:15 ~ Jack Sehrt

Christ is our HOPE. We live in a world of pain, injustice, darkness and sin. The world longs for HOPE. Through God's gift of Jesus we have HOPE. HOPE for healing, justice and new life. Christ is our HOPE. **Amen.**

## Congregational Response

*Emmanuel, Emmanuel*

Emmanuel, Emmanuel, his name is called Emmanuel.

God with us, revealed in us, his name is called Emmanuel.

## Call to Prayer

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: 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.*

## Offertory

*O Little Town of Bethlehem*

arr. Dan Forrest

(UM Hymnal No. 230 for text)

## Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

### \*Doxology, No. 95

OLD HUNDREDTH

### \*Hymn of Assurance, No. 616

HURSLEY

*Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast*

(8:45 - At this time children may leave for Children's Church ~ ages K5 thru 2<sup>nd</sup> grade ~ **in room 214 of the Youth Wing.** Please remember to attach a Children's Church sticker to your child and pick them up ASAP.)

### \*The Scripture Lessons

Matthew 1:18:23

NT Pg. 1

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## Anthem

Pepper Choplin

*The People Who Walk in Darkness*

Men's Ensemble

The people who walk in darkness have seen a great light.

The people who walk in darkness have seen a great light.

Now lift up your eyes, see the glory of the Lord,

Now lift up your eyes, see the glory of the Lord,

And all flesh will see it together.

The people who walk in darkness have seen a great light.

The people who walk in darkness have seen a great light.

And all people who live in shadow, shadow of death.

Come rise and shine, Come rise, your light has come.

Arise and shine your light has come to the people who walk in darkness!

## Sermon

"Joseph, Son of David"

Rev. Mitch Houston

## Prayer of Consecration

## Breaking of the Bread and Taking of the Cup

## The Giving

### \*Prayer after Receiving

### \*Hymn of Dedication, No. 732

ST. THOMAS

*Come, We That Love the Lord*

### \*Blessing of the People

### \*Postlude *Prepare the Royal Highway*

arr. James Mansfield

\*Please stand

## WELCOME

We welcome all guests to our service today. If you are visiting with us, please allow us to further acknowledge your presence by signing the attendance registration pad when it is passed to you. A nursery is available for infants and toddlers in our Child Development Center on the first floor. An usher will be happy to give you directions. Also, please ask about our Sunday School hour at 10 a.m. with classes for all ages. If you would like more information about Bethany or becoming a member of our church, please contact Jack Sehrt, Membership Director, at [jsehrt@bethany-umc.com](mailto:jsehrt@bethany-umc.com) or 843.873.1230, ext. 31.

## CELL PHONES AND ELECTRIC DEVICES

Hearing devices are available for our members and guests who are hearing impaired. If you need help hearing the worship service, please ask an usher for a hearing device.

In order to not distract your fellow worshipers, please **turn off** 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 in loving memory of Janet French by her family.

## SERVING THIS SUNDAY

### Ushers

8:45 ~ Team Leader: Narvie Bilbray, Jr.; Jim Barrier, Dennis Bradshaw, Tom Thurman, Jody Dillard, Kevin Slack, Fenn Stallsmith, Matt Lazzaro, Bobby Long, Al Lyman

11:15 ~ Team Leader; Kerry Farmer; Hal Hess, Al Jackson, Barbara Jackson, Gillis McAllister, Mark Phillips, Joyce Stone, Roger McCants

### 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 Nov. 21, 2021. These figures are unverified.)

\*Budget Contributions .....\$ 39,076.55

\*Budget Funds Contributed to Date..... 1,504,923.72

\*Non-Budgeted Mission and Ministry Gifts to Date ..... 75,384.19

**Capital Campaign** (\*Figures for Nov. 21, 2021)

\*Capital Campaign Contributions ..... 3,968.38

\*Total Campaign Gifts Year to Date ..... 117,751.61

**Presence** (Nov. 21, 2021)

8 am Worship – 52; Word & Table Worship – 85; Sanctuary Worship – 475; Virtual Worship – 421; Sunday School – 335; Youth – 74