

ORDER OF WORSHIP

First Sunday in Advent
November 28, 2021

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

Holly Slice, pianist

*As the prelude begins let us turn our thoughts and hearts to God in prayer
And preparation for worship.*

Greeting

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you

And also with you.

The risen Christ is with us.

Praise the Lord!

*Hymn of Praise

UM Hymnal No. 196

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Opening Prayer

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Offertory

*Doxology

UM Hymnal No. 95

*Scripture Lesson

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Cherry Tree Carol

Laura Owenby

Sermon

Rev. Mark Barnes

"Why are You Walking in Darkness when the Light has Come?"

Invitation

Prayer of Humble Access

We do not presume to come to this table,

O merciful Lord,
trusting in our own righteousness,
but in thy manifold and great mercies.

We are not worthy

so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy table.

But thou art the same Lord,

whose property is always to have mercy.

Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord,

so to partake of this Sacrament of thy Son Jesus Christ,

that we may walk in newness of life,

may grow into his likeness,

and may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen

Pardon

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

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Glory to God. Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Breaking the Bread

Giving the Bread and Cup

Prayer after Receiving

Eternal God, we give thanks for this holy mystery
in which you have given yourself to us.

Grant that we may go into the world

in the strength of your Spirit,

to give ourselves for others,

in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

*Hymn of Dedication

UM Hymnal No. 211

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

*Benediction

*Postlude

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

Announcements

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.ccbchurch.com/goto/scheduling/22/public>

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

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.

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.



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

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