

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

(*) The asterisk is to indicate that those who are able are invited to stand.
As the prelude begins, please take your seat and center yourself for worship.
**There are large print hymnals available for those who need one.
Please ask an usher to bring you one.

Chiming of the Trinity

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *Hail, Holy Queen Enthroned Above* Paul Fey

WE PRAISE GOD

Call to Worship *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates* TRURO

Opening Prayer

*UMH #203 *Hail to the Lord's Anointed* W.H. Monk

Lighting of the Advent Wreath Carrie, Micaela and Margot McDonald

*Expression of Faith Psalm 116

I love the Lord, who has heard my voice and my supplications, and has inclined his ear to me whenever I called.

The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish.

Then I called on the name of the Lord: **"O Lord, I beseech you, save my life!"**
Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; our God is merciful.

The Lord preserves the simple; when I was brought low, the Lord saved me.

Return, O my soul, to your rest; **for the Lord has dealt bountifully with you.**

For you have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling;

I walk before the Lord in the land of the living.

I kept my faith, even when I said, "I am greatly afflicted."

I said in my consternation, "All humans are a vain hope."

What shall I return to the Lord for all my benefits?

I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord,

I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people.

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his faithful ones.

O Lord, I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your handmaid. You have loosed my bonds.

I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call on the name of the Lord.

I will pay my vows to the Lord, in the presence of all his people, **in the courts of the house of the Lord, in your midst, O Jerusalem.**

Praise the Lord!

Bethel Ministers and Church Staff

J.B. Barnett, Custodian
Rev. Julie Belman, Senior Minister
Carol Burger, Preschool Director
Greg Cone, Custodian Assistant
Sheryl L. Jones, Administrative Assistant
Rev. Reggie Rowell, Minister of Congregational Care
Bill Webb, Organist / Choir Director

Visiting Buddies

The Visiting Buddies are planning to prepare Christmas gift bags for the shut-ins. They would greatly appreciate any monetary donations for this project.

United Methodist Men

All men are invited to the next UMM meeting on Saturday, December 10th at 8:30 a.m. in the PAB. Come and join us. Dave Barnes

Homemade Mats for the Homeless

As many of you may know, Marcie Marshall makes homemade mats for the homeless. To date, she has made approximately 142 mats using clean plastic grocery bags and plastic tablecloths. If you have any of these materials you would like to donate to Marcie's project, please put them in the large wicker basket in the hallway next to the church office.

December Birthdays

05	Gloria Pruett	19	Jenny Curran
06	Channing Joye	21	Melanie Prewitt
06	Paul Giametta	21	Luby Pulley
08	Sterling Davis	25	Christian Davis
09	Ae Byrn	25	Micaela McDonald
13	Carol Burger	31	Sylvia Hulbert
14	Frances May	31	Sylvia Joye
15	Patricia Clark		

December Anniversaries

18	Hal and Lisa Goldin	19	David and Martie Walker
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Serving the Congregation Today

Greeters: Charles Byrn and Tom Elliott

Altar Stewards: Kimberly Wilson, Karen Stewart, and Dave Barnes

Livestream: Travis Belman and Karen Furr

Acolyte: Skylar and Christian Davis

Offering Counter: Bill Lucas

Special Prayers for Bethel Friends and Family (in alphabetical order)

In Hospitals, Assisted Living, Rehab:

Carolyn Bowers (Watercrest Columbia)

Nancy Burkhalter (Atria)

Connie Fowke (NHC)

Bill and Sylvia Hulbert (Laurel Crest)

Mary Kirby (TerraBella Windsor Lake)

Mac Marshall (NHC)

Frances May (Generations of Irmo)

Mary Ott (Pruitt Ridgeway)

Sarah Parker (Still Hopes)

Carmen Pool (Rice Estates)

Adelyn Price (Still Hopes)

Roberta Yount (Atria)

At home: Eugene and Joyce Appleman, JB Barnett, Ann Christopher (Julie

Narang's mother), Sara Derrick, Jo Dowdey, Margie Jackson, Ronald

Jordan, Bonnie Lutz, Margaret Marshall, Rosa Nichols, Brenda Shealy,

Sibyl Staples, Verlon Stone, Jean Tolbert, and Brenda Turner

Out-of-Town: Irene Boyd, Josh Funderburk (Kathryn Emery's son), Wayne

Hairfield (Debbie Carter's relative), Jake Lass (Debbie Carter's relative), Pat

and Bethany Naser, Morgan Varn (Debbie Carter's relative), Joshua Furr

(Karen Furr's son, deployed to Syria)

The families of: Claud Murphy, JoAnn Reiff, Helen Overstreet, Joyce Varn,

Joey Turner, Harry Parker, Russ Pruett, David Hinze, Lucinda Miller, Fran

Love, Ronald Gordon, Sandra Wayson and Margaret Alley McGregor

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me..." Matthew 19:14

We welcome all persons in worship and rejoice in the sounds of God's little blessings in our sanctuary! A room is available in the back of the sanctuary for crying babies, nursing or pumping mothers to use at any time.

***Gloria Patri**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be. World without end. Amen. Amen.

Children’s Moment

Rev. Julie Belman

As children return to their seats, please sing the chorus of **Jesus Loves Me.**

*Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.*

Anthem

Advent Noel

arr. Page/Shafferman

Prayers of the People

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

The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came

Basque Carol

***Doxology**

*Praise God from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

Scripture

1 Peter 1: 3-6, 9-15, 22

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Almost Christian: Hope

Rev. Julie Belman

WE ARE SENT FORTH TO SERVE GOD IN THE WORLD

***UMH #671**

Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing

REGENT SQUARE

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

Now Thank We All Our God

Crüger

Church Office Hours

Monday-Thursday—9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Phone number—803-787-3058

Publication Submission Deadlines

The deadline for the **Bulletin** is **3:00 pm** on the preceding Tuesday.
The deadline for the **Messenger** is **9:00 am** on the 3rd Monday of month.
Please contact the church office as soon as possible to get your upcoming events on the calendar. Rooms are scheduled on a first-come basis.

Upcoming Events at Bethel

Sunday, November 27

1st Sunday of Advent

09:45 Children, Youth, and Adult
Sunday School (EB)

11:00 Worship Service
(S / livestream on YouTube)

Wednesday, November 30

09:30 Preschool Chapel

Thursday, December 1

05:00 Pancakes with Santa /
Preschool Fundraiser (PAB)

Saturday, December 3

10:30 Choir Rehearsal (CR)

Sunday, December 4

2nd Sunday of Advent

09:45 Children, Youth, and Adult
Sunday School (EB)

11:00 Worship Service
(S / livestream on YouTube)

Monday, December 5

07:00 Boy Scouts Board of Review
(PAB)

Tuesday, December 6

06:00 Finance Committee Meeting
(PAB)

Wednesday, December 7

09:30 Preschool Chapel (S)

Friday, December 9

09:30 Preschool Christmas Pageant
(S)

04:00 Preschool Christmas Grinch
Party / Parents Night Out
(PAB)

Saturday, December 10

08:30 UMM Breakfast Meeting
(PAB)

10:30 Choir Rehearsal (CR)

CR - Conference Room
EB - Education Building
PAB - Pool Activities Building
S - Sanctuary

Ways to Connect

Website: www.bethelmethodistcolumbia.com

Facebook: [bethelmethodistcolumbia](https://www.facebook.com/bethelmethodistcolumbia)

Youtube: [Bethel UMC Columbia](https://www.youtube.com/BethelUMCColumbia)

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KNOWING, LOVING, SERVING
...so the world will experience Christ’s love!



HOPE

Sunday, November 27, 2022

1st Sunday of Advent

The Color is Purple.

Welcome!

*We are so glad you decided to join us for worship.
Our hope is that you will experience the love of Jesus Christ
while you are among us and join us in sharing God’s Good
News with the world. If you do not have
a church home, we invite you to become part
of the Bethel Church family.*