

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 *Hark! the Herald Angels Sing* arr. L. Smith

Opening Scripture Luke 2:1-20

*UMH #234 *O Come, All Ye Faithful* (vs. 1 & 6)

Prayer of the Day:
Almighty God, you have made yourself known in your Son, Jesus, redeemer of the world. We pray that his birth as a human child will set us free from the old slavery of our sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

*UMH #238 *Angels We Have Heard on High* (vs. 1 & 3)

Children's Choir Marian Scullion and Elizabeth Keels
Shepherds Watched; Happy Birthday, Jesus!
As the children return to their seats, please sing *Away in a Manger*.

The First Lesson Isaiah 52: 7-10

*UMH #219 *What Child Is This* (v. 1)

The Second Lesson Hebrews 1:1-9

*Hymn *God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen*

**God rest you merry, gentlemen,
let nothing you dismay;
remember Christ, our Savior
was born on Christmas Day
to save us all from Satan's pow'r
when we were gone astray.
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy, O tidings of comfort and joy.
Now to the Lord sing praises,
all you within this place,
and in true love and fellowship
each other now embrace;
this holy tide of Christmas
is filled with heav'nly grace.
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy, O tidings of comfort and joy.**

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

Poinsettias in the Sanctuary

Thank you to the following for providing poinsettias to beautify the sanctuary.
Please feel free to take your poinsettia with you after the service today.

Jean and Luby Pulley - Given in honor of our children

Nola Armstrong and Hall Gladden - Given in loving memory of Todd Armstrong
and in loving honor of Carolyn Armstrong

Kathryn Emery - Given in honor of Joshua N. Funderburk and Heath Scott
Bartlett

Charles and Ae Byrn - Given to the glory of God

Carrie McDonald - Given in memory of Gerald McDonald and Peggy Rice
Poppiti

Margie Jackson - Given in memory of Horace Jackson and Todd Armstrong

Fred and Kate Brown - Given in memory of Sandra Wayson and in honor of
Velma Neeley

Bill and Gail Lucas - Given in memory of Hugh and Virginia Edwards, and John
and Gloria Lucas; and in honor of Bill and Gail Lucas

Janis Lawther - Given in memory of Bill Lawther

Sue and Peggy Grant - Given in memory of Lib and Jim Grant (parents), and
Bill Grant (brother)

Anna Cope - Given in honor of God and in memory of Larry Cope

Ron and Arnette Jordan - Given in honor of Velma Neeley and our Bethel
friends

Tammy Caruk - Given in memory of Lucinda Miller

Carolyn Armstrong - Given in memory of Sandra Wayson and in honor of
Margie Jackson

Lucy, Margaret and Ronald Gordon - Given in memory of Ronald L. Gordon

Verta and Doug Ingbretsen - Given in memory of Greg Ingbretsen

Iva Dell Griffin - Given to the glory of God and in memory of my parents

Frank and Sally Hafner - Given in memory of Joey Turner, and in honor of Tripp
and Laurie, Jonathan and Mathew, Brian and Brenda

Laura Wood and Family - Given in memory of Ovella Clark Genoble

Velma H. Neeley - Given in honor of Kate and Fred Brown

Serving the Congregation Today

Greeters: Tom Elliott and Fred Brown

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

Livestream: Travis Belman and Karen Furr

Acolyte: Cameron and Wyatt Wood

Offering Counters: Dianna Elliott and Kimberly Wilson

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: Hannah Andrews (Janet Roberts' great-granddaughter)

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), Elliott Lakin (Irene Boyd's great-grandson)

The families of: Helen Overstreet, Joyce Varn, Joey Turner, Harry Parker, Russ
Pruett, David Hinze, Lucinda Miller, Fran Love, Ronald Gordon, Sandra Wayson,
Margaret Alley McGregor and Sarah Walker

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.*

The Holy Gospel John 1:1-14

*UMH #246 *Joy to the World* (vs. 1, 3 & 4)

The Christmas Prayer

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 Friendly Beasts* Medieval French melody

*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.*

*UMH #251 *Go, Tell It on the Mountain* (vs. 1-3)

*CHRISTMAS BLESSING

As you leave this place, may you go knowing that from generation to generation, we have been claimed and loved.

From generation to generation, God has been by our side.

From generation to generation, we are not alone.

The God of yesterday and the God of tomorrow knows you by name, loves you, and calls you forth, saying, "Go be the person you are called to be, love wildly, do justice, and come back soon."

May it be so. Amen

*Postlude *Praise Ye the Lord of Hosts* Saint-Saëns

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, December 25

10:00 Christmas Day Worship (S)

Monday, December 26

Church Office Closed for Christmas

Saturday, December 31

10:30 Choir Rehearsal (CR)

Sunday, January 1

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

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

Monday, January 2

Church Office Closed for New Year's
Day

Wednesday, January 4

Preschool Returns from Winter Break
09:30 Preschool Chapel (S)

Saturday, January 7

10:30 Choir Rehearsal (CR)

CR - Conference Room
EB - Education Building
PAB - Pool Activities Building
S - Sanctuary
BPL - Back Parking Lot

Ways to Connect

Website: www.bethelmethodistcolumbia.com

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



Sunday, December 25, 2022

Christmas Day

The Color is White.

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.*