

December 14, 2014

11:00 A.M.

The Color is Purple, symbolizing the majesty of the coming King, whose birth we prepare to celebrate once again.

Chiming of Trinity—At this time please quietly take your seats.

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude "Immaculate Mary, Your Praises We Sing" LOURDES

***Choral Call to Worship**

***Opening Hymn #220** "Angels from the Realms of Glory" REGENT SQUARE

***Lighting of the Advent Wreath** Tom and Kaye Landrum

***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.

Anthem "Carol for Advent" Besig
Amid the winter's cold embrace, clothed in a shroud of white, an anxious world in silence waits through the dark of night. As the lonely song of a dove echoes across the sky above, we can feel the moment is near; soon the Child of Peace will appear. What child is this the world awaits with quiet expectation? When will He come, the promised one, to bring us peace and salvation? Raise, raise your prayers on high. Prepare His way, the time is nigh. Come, come Emmanuel, O Child of Love and Peace. The air grows colder, the light grows dim, dark'ning the sky above. But soon the chill of the winter wind will warm with God's gift of love. And a star will brighten the sky; songs of joy will echo on high! We will know the moment is here; the Child of Love and Peace will appear.

Installation of UMW Officers Erica Chalmers

Prayer of Dedication
O God, whose Advent is upon us, YOU have given us the most precious gift in sending your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Grant us also the precious gift of faith, that we would be faithful in offering back to you gifts worthy of your everlasting love toward us in Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Offertory "Sussex Carol" Osman
Handbell Choir
Please help the Ushers by passing the offering plate down each pew so all worshippers have an opportunity to present their gifts to God. You may also place attendance registration cards in the plate at this time.

***Presentation of Gifts and Tithes**

***Doxology #95**
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.

Children's Moment Todd Davis

Children's Church Martie Walker, Louise Smith

Welcome!

We are especially glad to have all visitors and guests worshipping with us today. Your presence with us is a blessing! Please be sure to let us know who you are by registering your attendance on the yellow card located in the pew rack and placing it in the offering plate. Visitors, be sure to pick up our informational pamphlet (pew rack), and check out our website, www.bethelmethodistcolumbia.com for more great information about Bethel. If you would like to talk with the Pastor about church membership, please contact Rev. Todd Davis at todd@bethelmethodistcolumbia.com or 787-3058.

Congregational Christmas Dinner tonight at 6:00 pm in the Pool Activities Building. Traditional menu of ham, turkey, dressing, gravy, rolls and drinks will be provided. Please bring a side or dessert to share. We look forward to celebrating the season with you! Don't forget to bring your canned goods or non-perishable food items for Harvest Hope Food Bank Collection.

Youth tonight will be attending the annual Christmas dinner. Plan to come with your family. Due to school and travel schedules, the next regular Youth meeting will be Sunday, January 4th. Contact Lucy at gorillajc@yahoo.com or Michelle in the church office with any questions.

Visiting Buddies. Volunteers will meet in the Choir Room on Tuesday, December 16th from 10:30-12:30 to fill "goodie" baskets for Bethel's homebound members. We would also appreciate our Visiting Buddies remembering their assigned homebound members with a card, a visit or a phone call during the Christmas season. A list of Homebound Members and those in Independent and Assisted Living Communities may be found on the back page of *The Messenger*, or you may call the church office for names and up-to-date addresses and phone numbers. This is an easy way to show God's love!

Advent Studies for Youth & Adults. Advent studies continue during the Sunday School hour. Adult study meets in the New Life Sunday School room. Contact Kate at frkabrown@yahoo.com or the church office with any questions. Youth Study for 8th grade & Up meets in the Youth Zone. The Holroyd Sunday School Class is studying *When God Comes Down* by James A. Hamish (exploring the lives of people who witnessed the miracle of the incarnation. Please join any week(s) you are able.

Thank You to everyone who helped with last Friday night's KONGA and Saturday's Parents' Morning Out! It was a fun & festive weekend celebrating Jesus' birthday & giving parents a much appreciated break.

PAB Chrismon Tree. Special thanks to Bethel's children for creating the ornaments that adorn the PAB Chrismon tree.

Bethel UMC Mugs are HERE!! Beautiful insulated mugs for sale to help get the WORD out about Bethel! All proceeds from this fundraiser will be used to offset the cost of the new Sanctuary Roof. The Holidays are coming and these mugs will make a great gift for family, friends, and co-workers. Mugs are available for purchase in the church office. Cost is \$15 each. Thanks for your support!!

Spring Confirmation Class forming now. Youth 6th grade and up who are interested in learning more about being confirmed should contact Michelle in the church office or at michellekeiffer5@gmail.com to get on the distribution list for details.

Library Resources. Thank you to everyone who filled out a library survey! New additions have been made based on your feedback. A wonderful selection of newer titles and Christmas titles are featured on the center table and the small bookshelf just to the right of the door. Come check them out - it's quick & easy. A simple sign out sheet is available on the desk. Please return items within 3 weeks to the Return Box. The library coordinator will reshelv all books so that others can enjoy, too! Call the church office or contact Sheryl Jones at sjones128@sc.rr.com with any questions or recommendations for additional resources.

Please note the early publication deadlines for December 28th bulletin and January *Messenger* listed on the back of the bulletin.

Just a heads-up for your 2015 calendar. Traditional Worship Committee will meet on Wednesday, January 7th at 6:00 pm in the PAB.

Serving the Congregation Today

Church Nursery w/Verta: Debbie Farmer
Greeters: Lucy & Ron Gordon, Adelyn Price

Sound System Operator/Backup/Trainee: David Walker/Abbie Bowman/Brian Kelly

Acolyte: Jordan Davis

Head Usher: Tom Elliott

Ushers: Chuck Ward, Sally & Frank Hafner, Brenda Shealy

Children's Moment: Todd Davis

Children's Church: Martie Walker, Louise Smith

Offering Counters: Al Carter, Arnette Jordan

Sanctuary Preparers: Fred & Kate Brown

Presence December 7th Church School 69; Reach! 42; Traditional 132

May God bless you for your support of Bethel's ministries!

Budget	391,390.50	Income (YTD)	330,208.01
Needed Weekly	7,526.74	Expenses (YTD)	355,074.00
Received (12/7)	10,710.07	Difference	-24,865.99
Needed to Date	353,756.78	Roof Loan	75,000.00
Received to Date	330,208.01	Transfer from Reserve	42,000.00
Difference	-23,548.77	Roof Expense	125,631.84
		Difference	-8,631.84

Congregational love and sympathy are extended to the family of Lynn Ficken Turbeville who died December 6th in Columbia. Although Lynn was not a member of Bethel, she served tirelessly as the Scout Master of Troop 324 and her life was celebrated at Bethel on Thursday, December 11th.

Special Prayers for those in Hospitals/Rehab

Vicki Hill—HealthSouth Room 205
Beverly Chandler—Wildewood Downs Rehab

Upper Room Prayer

Mildred LA; Dorothy, TX; Susan, TX; Nelson, OH; Carol, MA; Ronald, CA (2); Adrian, NJ (2); Christie, TX (2); Danielle, MI; Lucille, ND; Chaka, CA (2); Nick, FL; Carol, MA; Carolyn, DE; Eugene, GA; Kathy, MI; Karen, NY; Divone, TX; and Beulah, MI.

Christmas Eve
Holy Communion and Candlelight Service
Wednesday, December 24 ~ 6:00 pm
Bethel Sanctuary

Please invite someone to join you for this special time of worship as we praise God for the Savior of the world, Jesus Christ our Lord.



*Hymn #219 "What Child Is This" GREENSLEEVES
 Scripture 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24
 Sermon "Gibberish-Free Zone" Rev. Todd Davis
 *Hymn #218 "It Came upon the Midnight Clear" CAROL
 *Benediction
 *Choral Response
 *Chiming of the Trinity
 *Postlude "Noel Nouvelet" arr. Cherwien

***All who are able are invited to stand.**

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Those who would like to become a member of the Bethel UMC family, by profession of faith or transfer of church membership, are invited to speak with the minister at your convenience.

Thank you for being good stewards of God's blessings by leaving our Church Sanctuary in the good condition you found it.

Sanctuary Flowers

Our Sunday flower schedule for 2015 is open and available for sign-up. If you would like to dedicate/donate the flowers for the traditional worship service most dates are available. The cost of a standard arrangement is \$54. Reserve by contacting Rebecca Bennett 261-3331 or the Church Office.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CANTATA
"CANTICLE OF JOY"
 BY JOSEPH MARTIN
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21ST AT THE 11:00 SERVICE
PERFORMED BY THE ADULT CHOIR
WITH A SPECIAL CHRISTMAS CAROL
BY THE CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Hearing Assistance Devices are available in the Narthex. If you should need help finding or operating a device an Usher will be happy to assist you.
For Your Convenience... A Nursery for Infants thru 3 yr. olds is available in Rm. #108 of the Education Bldg. If children are joining you in worship "Fun Bags" and children's bulletins are located in the Narthex. A "Cry Room" with toys/rocking chairs/ changing table and full view/sound of worship is also located just off the Narthex.

In Need of Prayer? Simply use the Prayer Request Card found in your pew. You may place it in a Prayer Request Box (located in the narthex and office hallway) or fold and place in the offering plate. Or, you may call **Iva Dell Griffin at 782-5032.**

Church Office Hours
 Monday 11:00 am - 4:00 pm
 Tuesday - Friday 9:30 am - 4:00 pm
Publication Submission Deadlines
 The deadline for the *Bulletin* is normally 9:00 a.m. on the preceding Wednesday. Due to the Christmas holidays the deadline for the **January Messenger** and the **12/28 Bulletin** is 9:00 a.m. on December 19th.
Calendar Scheduling
 Please contact the Church Secretary 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 14, 2014
3rd Sunday in Advent
 UMM Breakfast (PAB) 8-8:45 AM
 REACH! Contemporary Worship (PAB) 9-9:40 AM
 Nursery-Infants-3's (EB-108) 9-12 Noon
 Handbell Rehearsal (SAN) 9:15-9:45 A
 Children's Music (EB-101) 9:45-10:00 A
 Sunday School (EB) 9:45-10:45 AM
 REACH! Band Practice (PAB) 9:45-11:45 AM
 Worship w/Handbells Playing (SAN) 11-12 Noon
 UMW Installation of Officers (Erica Chalmers) (SAN) 11-12 Noon
 Children's Church (EB-101) 11:30-12 N
 Wolves (Hut) 5-6 PM
 Congregational Christmas Dinner (PAB) 6-7:30 PM w/Harvest Hope Collection
 Youth Attend Congregational Christmas Dinner (PAB) 6-7:30 PM
Monday, December 15, 2014
 Preschool (EB) 8:30-1:00 PM
 Webelos II (Hut) 6-7 PM
 Memorial Garden Committee (CR) 6:30-7:30 PM
 Boy Scout Court of Honor (PAB) 6:30-7:00 PM
 Boy Scout Christmas Party (PAB) 7:00-7:30 PM
Tuesday, December 16, 2014
 Preschool (EB) 8:30-1:00 PM
 Visiting Buddies (CR) 10:30 AM-12:30 P
 Yoga (PAB) 1:15-2:15 PM
 Webelos I (Hut) 6-7 PM
Wednesday, December 17, 2014
 Preschool (EB) 8:30-1:00 PM
 Preschool Chapel (SAN) 9:30-9:45 AM
 Pray for Bethel (CR) 2-3 PM
 Tigers (Hut) 6-7 PM
 Adult Choir Rehearsal (SAN) 7:15-8:30 PM
Thursday, December 18, 2014
 Preschool (EB) 8:30-1:00 PM
 Preschool Christmas Pageant (SAN) 9:30-10 AM
 Yoga (PAB) 1:15-2:15 PM
 Kitchen Committee (PAB) 2:30-3:45 PM
 Cub Scout Pack Christmas Party (PAB) 5-7 PM
 Disciple I (NLC) 6-7:30 PM
Friday, December 19, 2014
Preschool Closed for Christmas Break
 Bears (Hut) 6:30-7:30 PM
Saturday, December 20, 2014
 Choir Cantata Rehearsal (SAN) 10-12 N
Sunday, December 21, 2014
4th Sunday in Advent
 REACH! Contemporary Worship (PAB) 9-9:40 AM
 Nursery-Infants-3's (EB-108) 9-12 Noon
 Children's Music (EB-101) 9:45-10:00 A
 Sunday School (EB) 9:45-10:45 AM
 REACH! Band Practice (PAB) 9:45-11:45 AM
 Worship w/Choir Christmas Cantata (SAN) 11-12 Noon
 Wolves (Hut) 5-6 PM
 Handbell & Adult Choir Christmas Party (Home of Scullions) 6-8 PM

CR—Conference Room EB—Education Building
 NLC—New Life Class CVC—Christian Voyager's Class
 PAB—Pool Activities Building SAN—Sanctuary

Memory Verse for week of December 14th
Ephesians 4:32

"Be kind to one another, tender hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you."



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

Sunday, December 14, 2014
Third Sunday in Advent

In Ministry with the Congregation

Reverend Todd Davis, Pastor

Michelle Keiffer, Director of Christian Education and Family Ministries

Marian Scullion, Director of Music Ministries

Bill Webb, Organist

Sylvia Hulbert, Director of Handbell Choir

Carol Barnett, Administrative Assistant

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