

"Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight." Mark 1:3

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 & center yourself for worship.
**There are large print hymnals available for those who need one.
Please ask an usher to bring you one.

Welcome, Announcements, and Celebrations

*Moments of Fellowship

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude *Immaculate Mary, Your Praises We Sing* LOURDES

WE PRAISE GOD

***Call to Worship** *O Come, O Come Immanuel* Sleeth

*Opening Prayer

***Opening Hymn** UMH #215
To a Maid Engaged to Joseph ANNUNCIATION
(v. 1-6)

Lighting of the Advent Wreath Willis & Lynn Jenkins

Congregational Prayer

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may prepare the way of the Lord in our daily life and be pure and blameless on the day of Christ. Amen.

Advent Carol *Emmanuel, Emmanuel* McGEE
*Emmanuel, Emmanuel, His name is called Emmanuel. God with us,
revealed in us, His name is called Emmanuel.*

Expression of Faith: *Psalm 85* UMH #806

The Sacrament of Baptism: Ace Adonis Adair Lurekus Davis UMH #39

Congregational Response: *God Claims You* TFWS #2249

*"Ace, Ace, God claims you, God helps you, protects you, and loves you, too. We
this day do all agree a child of God you'll always be. Ace, Ace, God claims you,
God helps you, protects you, and loves you, too."*

Offertory *Bell Peal on "How Great Our Joy"* Lamb
Handbell Choir

*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.*

Ministers: Bethel Congregation Members and our Church Staff

J.B. Barnett, Custodian
Jason Barrs, Director of Family Ministries & Contemporary Worship
Rev. Julie Belman, Minister
Carol Burger, Preschool Director
Sylvia Hulbert, Director of Handbell Choir
Marian Scullion, Director of Music Ministries
Bill Webb, Organist

Back Pack Ministry

Thank you to those who helped pack this past Tuesday evening. We still would love other to volunteer! All that is required to become a volunteer is packing! Please email Brenda Harper for more information. lembrenda@yahoo.com

Visiting Buddies will be preparing Christmas bags for our Homebound members on December 13 at 10 in the CR. We would appreciate items from the congregation: small items such as lip balm, combs, candies, note pads and pens, crossword puzzle books, toiletries, etc. Please leave them outside the church office in the bench. As always we appreciate all you do. Thank you! Carolyn Bowers

Thank You Sylvia Hulsey Circle for volunteering to help out while our church office searched for a new Administrative Assistant. Your time and generosity is very much appreciated!

Christmas Cookie Drop In

We will be having a Christmas Cookie Drop In on December 23 from 4:00-5:30 at the parsonage (4545 Bethel Church Road). Bring your favorite holiday cookie to share!



Adult Choir News

A few names were inadvertently left of our list from last week.
A special "Thank You!" to all of our choir members!

Sopranos and Altos

Ae Byrn, Mable Canty, Brenda Harper, Sylvia Hulbert, Anne Hynds,
Cheryl Johnson, Brenda Jones, Bonnie Lutz, Margaret Marshall, Diane Porter, Karen Stewart, Pat Wood, and Elizabeth Yarbrough

Tenors and Basses

Roy Canty, Bill Hulbert, and Bill Hynds

A special thank you to Jason Barrs for helping us out on many occasions.

An extra special thank you to Sylvia Hulbert for sharing her musical talents when either Bill Webb or I am out! -Marian Scullion

**The flowers on the altar are given in memory of my
husband, Philip Meek and in honor of my daughter,
Nancy Armstrong for their birthdays.**

By: Sarah Meek

Serving the Congregation Today

Greeters: Paulette Price, Adelyn Price, David Walker

Sound System Operator: Joe Weir

Acolyte: Sterling Davis

Children's Moment: Louise Davis

Ushers: Janel Bell, Arnette Jordan, Ken May, Sid George

Offering Counters: Ken May & Ken Wood

Sanctuary Lock up after Service: Ken Wood & Dianna Elliot

December Working Circle (Flowers): Sylvia Hulsey

Sanctuary Preparation: Dale Eaddy & Beth Welch

Memory Verse for December 9, 2018

"The people who walk in darkness will see a great light. For those who live in a land of deep darkness, a light will shine." ~Isaiah 9:2

Christmas Fellowship Dinner—Sunday, December 15th at 5:30

Come and join us for a night of good food and fellowship. Bring a covered dish to share. Meat and drinks will be provided! Please sign up by calling the church office or contacting Jason at bjonbarrs@gmail.com

BETHEL AND YOUTH NEWS

Youth

NO Youth today—December 9th

Youth Christmas Progressive Dinner Saturday, December 15.

Revolution Jan 25-27 Cost \$25. Sign-up with Jason.

Harvest Hope

Peanut Butter and vegetables are this month's collection focus. A collection box is located on the first floor in the education building.

Upper Room Prayer Requests

Dianna,KY; William,CA; Ivory,NC; Kelsey,OH; Lynn,CA; Wanda,TX; Lynette,SC; Wade,SC; Matt,TX; Idory,GA; Christine,MO; Mabel,LA; Horace,MO; Gerald,VA and

Special Prayers for Bethel Friends and Family

Margaret & David Hinze, moved to GA ; Betty Onley; Herman Berry; Nancy Johnson, The Blake; Bill Hynds; Mary Kirby, Waterford; Claud Murphy and Carman Pool, Rice Estates; Gloria Pruett, home; Harold Nally; Sarah Parker; Irene Boyd; Connie Fowke, NHC; Martie Funderburk Encompass; Kay Fraiser.

Children's Moment Louise Davis

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 for the Bible tells me so.*

***Hymn of Preparation** UMH #211

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel VENI EMMANUEL
(v. 1-2)

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.

Anthem *Advent Noel* NOEL NOUVELET

See, the light is glowing in the eastern sky.
See, the day is dawning, Christ is drawing nigh.
Sing we noel, the King is born, noel!
Sing we now, rejoicing, Christ is drawing nigh.
Prophets long foretold Him, King of Israel,
Coming down from heaven on the earth to dwell.
Sing we noel, the King is born, noel!
Sing we now, rejoicing, Christ on earth to dwell.
Sing and shout the good news: God in heaven above
Comes to earth a savior with redeeming love.
Sing we noel, the King is born, noel!
Sing we noel, rejoice and sing noel!
Sing and shout with joy, the King is born, noel!

WE HEAR GODS WORD

Scripture **Mark 1:1-8**
Sermon "All I Want For Christmas" Rev. Julie Belman

WE ARE SENT FORTH TO SERVE GOD IN THE WORLD

***Hymn of Dedication** UMH #213
Lift up Your Heads, Ye Might Gates TRURO

***Benediction**

***Choral Response** *Come, Child of Light* Larson

***Postlude** *See Amid the Winter's Snow* GOSS

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 12:00 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 @ Bethel United

Sunday, December 9

9:00 Reach! Service (PAB)
9:00 Handbell Rehearsal (S)
9:40 Children's Music (CR)
9:45 SS/Bible Study (EB)
11:00 Worship (S)
5:30 Choir Christmas Party (Offsite)

Monday, December 10

8:30 Preschool (EB)
9:30 Holy Yoga (S)
6:00 Holy Yoga (S)

Tuesday, December 11

8:30 Preschool (EB)
11:30 Belle Dent Circle (Offsite)
6:00 Sylvia Hulsey Christmas Party
7:00 Choir (CR)

Wednesday, December 12

8:30 Preschool (EB)
9:30 Preschool Chapel (S)
12:30 Lina Ott Circle (Offsite)
2:00 Prayer for Bethel (S)
6:00 Finance Committee (NJC)
6:00 Reach Band Rehearsal (PAB)

Thursday, December 13

8:30 Preschool (EB)
6:00 Advent Bible Study

Friday, December 14

8:30 Preschool (EB)
6:00 Holroyd Christmas Party

Saturday, December 15

5:00 Youth Christmas
Progressive Dinner

Sunday, December 16

9:00 Reach! Service (PAB)
9:40 Children's Music (CR)
9:45 SS/Bible Study (EB)
11:00 Worship (S)
5:30 Bethel Christmas Dinner (PAB)

CR—Conference Rm
EB—Education Bldg
NJC—New Journey
PAB—Pool Act. Building
S—Sanctuary



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



December 9, 2018
The Color is Purple

Welcome!

Good morning and welcome to all guests, members, youth, and children worshipping with us today. We are glad that you decided to join us for worship! We hope you will experience the hope and love of Jesus Christ as we worship together.

If you do not have a church home, we invite you to make Bethel your church home.

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