"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

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 On Jordan's Bank

WE PRAISE GOD

*Call to Worship O Come, O Come Immanuel

*Opening Prayer

*Opening Hymn UMH #234

O Come, All Ye Faithful ADESTE FIDELES

(v. 1 -3)

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Al & Debbie Carter and family

McGEE

Monk

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 rejoice in you always and live in fresh expectation of hearing the good news of your coming among us. Amen

Advent Carol Emmanuel, Emmanuel

Emmanuel, Emmanuel, His name is called Emmanuel. God with us, revealed in us, His name is called Emmanuel.

Expression of Faith: Psalm 126 UMH #847

The Sacrament of Baptism: Alice Ann Burnett UMH #39

Congregational Response: God Claims You TFWS #2249

"Alice, Alice, 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. Alice, Alice, God claims

you, God helps you, protects you, and loves you, too.

Offertory In dulci jubilo Dupré

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
Elizabeth Yarbrough, Administrative Assistant

Christmas Cookie Drop In

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



Fifth Sunday Worship—December 30th

We will be having our second 5th Sunday service on Dec. 30! We join together for food and fellowship in the PAB at 9:00 am. Then, we will all gather and worship together in the sanctuary for our blended service.

Family Promise—December 30th-January 6th

Please prayerfully consider volunteering to be an evening or overnight host during this holiday host week as we provide care and comfort to families experiencing homelessness. Contact Martie Walker 212-8256 if you would like to learn more about the joys of volunteering to host our Family Promise guests during their stay at Bethel.

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

It's The Season of Giving!

Please make sure your 2018 pledge is up to date. We only have 3 Sundays left for the year! If you have any questions about your balance please contact Pastor Julie.

Christmas at Bethel

We will have two services on Christmas Eve.

Communion Service—12:00 pm.

Candlelight Carols & Communion Service—5:30 pm.



The white poinsettia on the alter is given in honor of all our children at Bethel.

By: John and Ann Mathis

Serving the Congregation Today

Greeters: Sandra Wayson, Bonnie Speas

Sound System Operator: Joe Weir

Acolyte: Foster Barrs
Children's Moment: Bonnie Lutz

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

Offering Counters: Frank Hafner & Charles Byrn

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 16, 2018

"I have come as a light to shine in this dark world, so that all who put their trust in me will no longer remain in the dark." John 12:46

Christmas Fellowship Dinner—Sunday, December 16th 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!

BETHEL AND YOUTH NEWS

NO Youth today—December 16th

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.

*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

Puppet Skit

Bonnie Lutz

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

VENI

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel **EMMANUEL**

(v. 3 and 4)

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

Emmanuel, Expected Jesus

Schram

Cellist—Ryan Patane

O Come, O come, Emmanuel and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel. Come, Thou long-expected Jesus, born to set Thy people free. From our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in Thee. Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth Thou art; dear Desire of every nation, hope of every longing heart. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel. Come, O come, expected Emmanuel.

WE HEAR GODS WORD

Scripture

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11 and 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Sermon

"Letting Go of the Urgency Of The Season" Rev. Julie Belman

WE ARE SENT FORTH TO SERVE GOD IN THE WORLD

*Hymn of Dedication

UMH #206

I Want To Walk As A Child of the Light

HOUSTON

*Benediction

*Choral Response

Come, Child of Light

Larson

*Postlude

Rejoice, Rejoice Believers HAF TRONES LAMPA FÄRDIG

Church Office Hours

Monday-Thursday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm 803-787-3058 Phone number

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 at Bethel

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)

Monday, December 17

8:30 Preschool (EB)

9:00 Stewardship (CR)

9:30 Holy Yoga (S)

10:30 Visiting Buddies Meeting (CR)

6:00 Holy Yoga (S)

Tuesday, December 18

8:30 Preschool (EB)

7:00 Choir (CR)

Wednesday, December 19

8:30 Preschool (EB)

Prayer for Bethel (S)

6:00 Reach Band Rehearsal (PAB)

Thursday, December 20

8:30 Preschool (EB)

9:30 Preschool Christmas Pageant (S)

2:30 Kitchen Committee (PAB)

6:00 Advent Bible Study

Friday, December 21

Preschool Holiday Begins

Sunday, December 23

9:00 Reach! Service (PAB)

9:40 Children's Music (CR)

9:45 SS/Bible Study (EB)

11:00 Worship (S)

4:00 Christmas Cookie Drop In

at the Parsonage

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



ADVENT BIBLE STUDY

With Pastor Julie Thursday Night Dec. 20 6-7:30 PM



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



December 16, 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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