

"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* Monk

WE PRAISE GOD

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

***Opening Prayer**

***Opening Hymn** UMH #234

O Come, All Ye Faithful ADESTE FIDELES
(v. 1 -3)

Lighting of the Advent Wreath AI & Debbie Carter and family

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* McGEE

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.

