

**Bethel Christmas Eve Service
A Service of Lessons and Carols
Monday, December 24, 2018 7:00 p.m.**

Bethel United Methodist Church seeks to be a church that fulfills the spiritual needs of the community, shows God's love to all, and serves God in all it does.

6:30 p.m. Pre-Service Music – Mary, Did You Know? (video)
Lou Dolente - Gesu Bambino, Hush Jeannette Isabella, Paris Angelicus

Fanfare
Christmas Chimes – Allen Collins
Lighting of the Altar Candles – Kierralyn Bachrach
Prelude “Adeste Fidelis”
Processional

Greeting

*Lighting of the Advent Wreath and Christ Candle – Kierralyn Bachrach

***Hymn #2090 (FWS)** “Advent Song” (verse 5)

Leader: Joy has come to the world through Jesus!
All: With all our hearts, we prepare him room.

***Opening Hymn** UMH #220 “Angels from the Realms of Glory” (verses 1, 2)

Christmas Prayer

O heavenly Father, as we prepare ourselves for the coming of your son, fill our hearts and lives with praise. Grant that we may be just and merciful, ready to help in the needs of our neighbor and conscious of your great love for all the world. Fill the Christian family with your spiritual gifts of forgiveness, patience, mutual love, and unending joy. All this we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord who taught us to pray...

Congregation: 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, the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

“O Holy Night” (Adolf Adam) - Jennifer Rowley, Soloist

First Lesson - Isaiah 11.1-6 (Jesus is from the Family Tree of a man named Jesse)
Readers - Holly and Jeremy Perna

Bethel Children - Christmas Medley

Second Lesson – Isaiah 9.2.6 (Jesus is born to be a light to the world)
Reader - Brandon Danzig

"Bethlehem Morning" Bethel choir

Third Lesson - Isaiah 40.1-5 (God sends prophets to comfort us.)
Reader - Trish Richards

Hymn UMH #245 The First Noel (verses 1, 2)

Fourth Lesson - Luke 1. 26-38 (Gabriel visits a young girl.)
Reader - Val Romberg

Ave Maria - Lou Dolente

Fifth Lesson - Luke 2.6-14 (Jesus is born and the angels rejoice.)
Reader - Donna Kunsch

Hymn -“Do You Hear What I Hear?” (See insert or slides)

Sixth Lesson - Matthew 2.1, 2, 7-11 (The wise men worship Jesus and bring him gifts.)
Reader - Wesley DeMarco

Giving of Our Gifts

Offertory: “Love Came Down at Christmas” (video)

***Doxology** - (sung to the tune of UMH 95)
Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Circling through earth so all may grow.
Vanquishing fear so all may give.
Widening grace so all may live.

***Prayer of Dedication**

Hymn UMH #238 “Angels We Have Heard On High” (verses 1, 2)

Christmas Meditation – “Breathe!!” Pastor Hines

Prayer

Candle Lighting Hymns (Sung softly while candles are being lit.)

#217 (UMH) “Away in A Manger” (verses 1.3)

#230 (UMH) “O Little Town of Bethlehem (verses 1, 3)

#239 (UMH) “Silent Night, Holy Night” (verses 1, 2, 4) (Lights are dimmed as we contemplate the newborn King living among us and illuminating each of our lives.

*Stand for verse 4, sung a Capella)

***Silent prayers**

(Candles are extinguished)

***Benediction**

L: Remember the Lord your God who crowns the year with love and peace.

C: We go with thankful hearts to sing God’s glory. Amen.

Hymn #246 (UMH) “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” (Verse 1)

*Postlude

(*indicates please stand if able)

Many thanks to all those who participated in this evening’s service.

Greeter – Donna Kunsch

Alcolyte – Kierralyn Bachrach

Ushers – Dale Richards, Trish Richards, Chris Long, Trevor Long, Hal Shutt, Kevin Shutt, Devin Long, Lori Corbett

Audio Team – Lori Corbett, Aubrey Bates

Christmas Poinsettias – When you pick up your poinsettia(s) after Christmas Eve Services, please see Alice Collins at the altar to have your poinsettia wrapped (for protection against the weather).

Please return the candles to the basket as you leave the Sanctuary.

Welcome
To Bethel United
Methodist Church

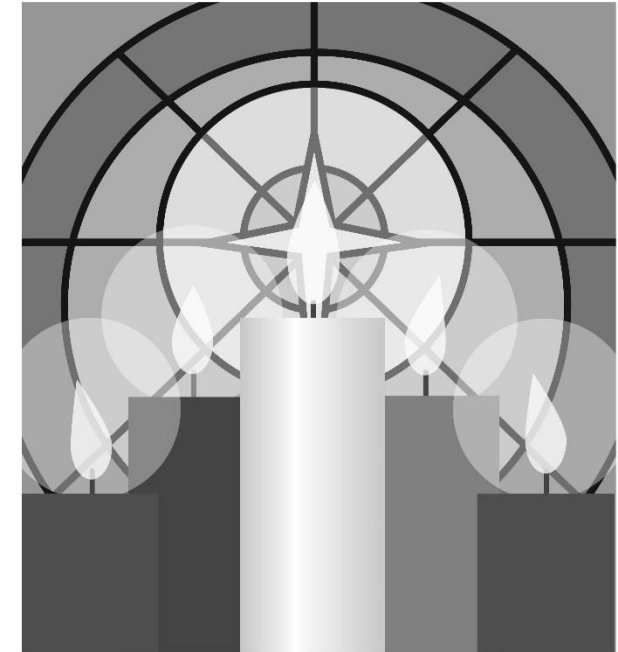
*“Growing in Christ
together, sharing God’s
love with everyone”*

Thank you for worshiping
with us today.

Enlarged copies of this
bulletin are available
from the usher.

Children are welcome
to remain throughout
the service or they
may take advantage
of our nursery or
Children’s Church.

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