

Order of Worship
3rd Sunday of Advent

December 16, 2018 10:45 AM

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.

Fanfare

The Chiming Hour While the chimes play, pray.

Lighting of the Candles Welcome God into our midst.

Prayer of Meditation – That others will see God working in my life.

Prelude

Announcements

***Opening Hymn** UMH #224 “Good Christians Friends Rejoice” (vs. 1, 2)

***Greeting**

L.Surely God is in our midst.

C.God is our strength and our shield.

L.Christ is with us now.

C.Rejoice and give thanks for this gift!

Hymn UMH #230 “O Little Town Of Bethlehem” (vs. 1, 2)

Opening Prayer (unison)

Gather us in, Emmanuel, as we come to worship and rejoice together.

Be with us now, as you have always been with us. Prepare our hearts to receive your presence, and prepare our lives to produce the fruit of your justice and righteousness. Gather us in, Emmanuel, that we might be strengthened to go forth as your beloved children. Amen

Lighting of Advent Candle

FWS 2090 “Candle Song” (vs 3)

Liturgist: Take a moment to ponder the gifts of God that bring you joy- the kind of joy that feels like fresh water bubbling up from a spring...Silence...

Liturgist: We will now light the candle of joy.

Candle is lit by our Lay leader, Donna Kunsch

Liturgist: Let us pray. God of joy when our hearts soar, remind us that you are the source of all blessings. Let our greatest joy be your presence that is with us always. **Amen.**

Consecration of Pledges

Choir Anthem "Christmas in the Air". Words and Music by Derric Johnson.

Prayer for Illumination

Gracious God, as we turn to your Word for us, may the Spirit of God rest upon us. Help us to be steadfast in our hearing, in our speaking, in our believing, and in our living. **Amen.**

***Gospel Lesson** Luke 3.7-18 (NT, page 56)

Children's Message

Aubrey Bates

Hymn FWS #2233 “Where Children Belong”

Message

“Come to Jesus – Bring Your Good Fruit”

Pastor Hines

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

UMH #526 “What A Friend We Have In Jesus” (vs. 1&2)

Sharing, Joys and Concerns

The Lord's Prayer

***Passing the Peace** (Ushers, please come forward as people are seated)

Offering

Offertory: “Jesus said to them, ‘Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions ’ ” (Luke 12:15, NIV).

***Doxology** UMH #95

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Closing Hymn** UMH #246 “Joy To The World” (vs.1,2,3,&4)

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

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| <p>JOIN US NEXT WEEK FOR WORSHIP 8:30 am – Praise Service 9:30 am – Sunday School 10:45 am – Traditional Worship</p> |
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SERVING THIS WEEK IN WORSHIP

Greeter: Joan Spiece
Nursery (Birth-2 yr.): Bachrach/Wynn/Vanderwerf
Junior Church: (1st to 5th grade)
Computer Operators: Haring/Desimone/Raab/Spiece/Murray/Bates/Hanlon/Corbett
Tellers: Terrie McKinley and Michelle Vondercrone
Ushers: Dot Shantz, Jean Domin, Anne Hoffman, Kim Bradbury
Flowers. Ann & Darrell Hoffman in honor of our 53rd Anniversary
Coffee Hour: Cupcakes to celebrate his birth - Congregation. Gluten-free items are available.

Liturgist: Denise Barton
Pre-School (3-4 yr.): Open

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Junior Church: (1st to 5th grade)
Computer Operators: Haring/Desimone/Raab/Spiece/Murray/Bates/Hanlon/Corbett
Tellers: Tina Abel and Joyce Schutt
Ushers: Hal Shutt, Joyce Shutt, Jeff Wynn, Tina Abel
Flowers. Kay & Clair Weikel in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Clair Weikel
Coffee Hour: Congregation. Gluten-free items are available.

Liturgist: Lori Corbett
Pre-School (3-4 yr.): Open

We welcome our guest musicians for both services during the next several weeks: Sandy Davies today and each Sunday in December; **Lou Dolente**, Christmas Eve 7 pm service.

Activity packets are available in a basket in the narthex for children to use during church services. Feel free to take your packet home with you.

Who shares a birthday with Jesus? Holly Smith is turning 60 on Christmas Day! Since most folks have plans for the 25th, please join Holly and her family for cake during Coffee Hour (between services) on Sunday, December 23rd for celebration of this milestone!

Welcome
To Bethel United
Methodist Church

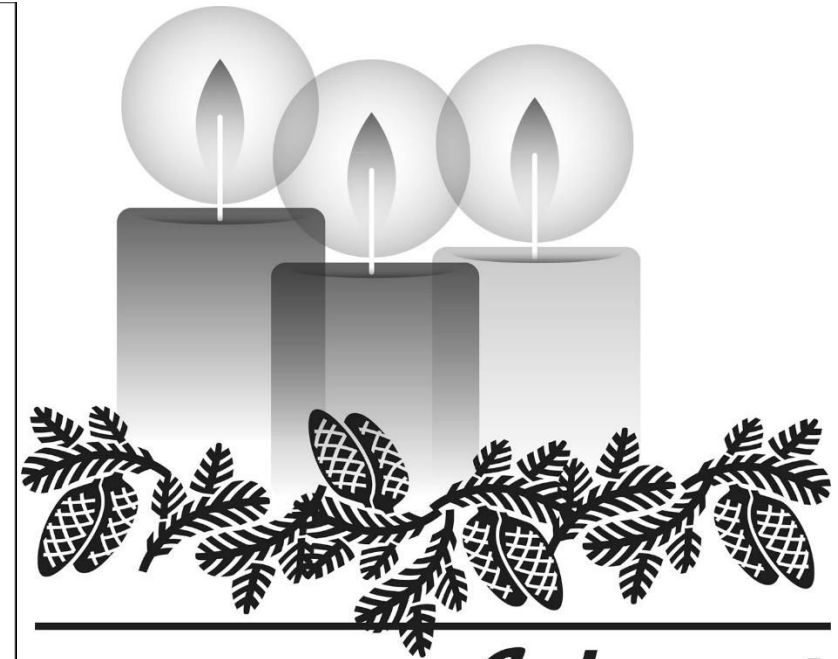
*“Growing in Christ
together, sharing
God’s love with
everyone”*

Thank you for
worshipping with us
today.

Enlarged copies of this
bulletin are available
from the usher.

Children are welcome to
remain throughout the
service or take advantage
of our nursery or
Junior Church.

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THIRD SUNDAY OF *Advent*
