

**Order of Worship**  
**2nd<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent**  
**December 9, 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 #220 “Angels from the Realms of Glory” (vs. 1,2)

**\*Greeting**

L.Look to the east.

**C.Light is dawning this day.**

L.Look to the west.

**C.Prepare for the journey ahead.**

L.Look to the north.

**C.God is guiding our steps.**

L.Look to the south.

**C.God is shining the warmth of love in our lives.**

L.Look to the heavens.

**C.Christ is coming soon.**

**Hymn** UMH #220 “Angels from the Realms of Glory” (vs. 3,4)

**Opening Prayer (unison)**

**Blessed One, bless us this day with your compassion and your love.**

**Prepare our hearts to receive your Word. Prepare our lives for the changes you are bringing. Shine upon us with the fiery truth of your Spirit - to purify and refine us, and to guide our steps, as we seek to walk your path of peace. Amen.**

**Lighting of Advent Candle**

FWS 2090 “Candle Song” (vs 2)

**Liturgist:** We live in a time of division and strive. Reflect a moment and listen for God's call to you as a peacemaker. What is God asking you to do?....Silence...

**Liturgist:** We will now light the candle of peace.

Candle is lit by choir member – Elaine O'Connor

**Liturgist:** Let us pray. God of peace, move us to be messengers of peace in all places and with all people we encounter. **Amen.**

**Choir Anthem** "The Wonder of Christmas" Words and Music by Joseph M. Martin (BMI)

**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 3.1-6 (NT, page 56)

**Children's Message**

Jeanne Haring

**Hymn** FWS #2233 “Where Children Belong”

**Message**

**“Come to Jesus – Bring The One You Need To Forgive”**

**Pastor Hines**

**Invitation to Christian Discipleship**

UMH #206 “I Want to walk as a Child of the Light” (vs. 1)

**Sharing, Joys and Concerns**

**The Lord's Prayer**

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

**Offering** “Ev'ry Valley” from Messiah by Handel (Video)

**Offertory** : “Give and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured out into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you” (Luke 6:38, NIV).

**\*Doxology** UMH #95

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**\*Closing Hymn** UMH #384 “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” (vs.1,3)

**\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude**

**\*indicates stand if able**

**JOIN US NEXT WEEK FOR WORSHIP**

8:30 am – Praise Service

9:30 am – Sunday School

10:45 am – Traditional Worship

**SERVING THIS WEEK IN WORSHIP**

**Greeter:** Michelle Vondercrone  
**Nursery** (Birth-2 yr.): Bachrach/Wynn/Vanderwerf  
**Junior Church:** (1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> grade)  
**Computer Operators:** Haring/Desimone/Raab/Spiece/Murray/Bates/Hanlon/Corbett  
**Tellers:** Elaine O'Connor and Amy Keller  
**Ushers:** Joan Spiece, Bill Richardson, Corey Murray, Peggy Linderman  
**Flowers.** Trish & Dale Richardson in honor of our children & grandchildren  
**Coffee Hour:** Congregation. Gluten-free items are available.

**Liturgist:** Ron Moore  
**Pre-School** (3-4 yr.): Open

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**Tellers:** Terrie McKinley and Michelle Vondercrone  
**Ushers:** Dot Shantz, Jean Domin, Anne Hoffman, Kim Bradbury  
**Flowers.** Ann & Darrell Hoffman in honor of our 53<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary  
**Coffee Hour:** Cupcakes to celebrate his birth - Congregation. Gluten-free items are available.

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

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**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.

**In anticipation of Jesus' birthday,** let's bring cupcakes to Coffee Hour on Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup> to celebrate his birth.

**Welcome**  
To Bethel United  
Methodist Church

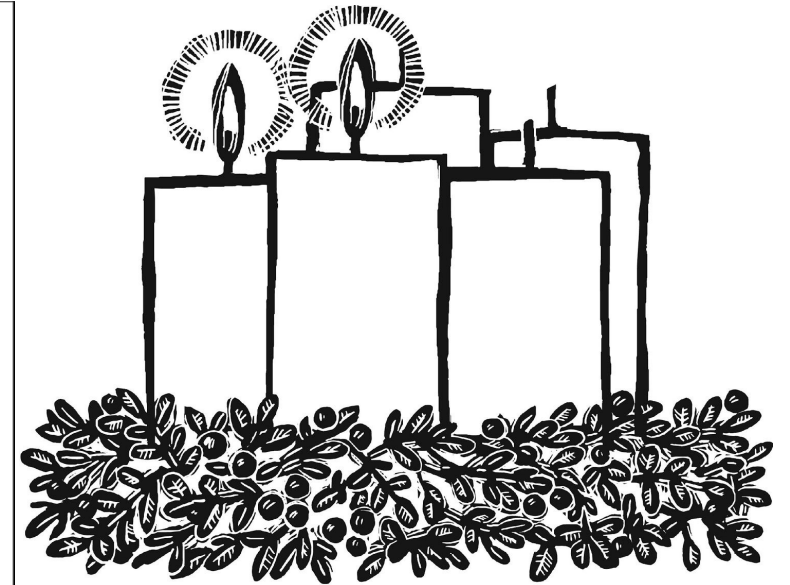
*"Growing in Christ  
together, sharing  
God's love with  
everyone"*

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.

**December 9, 2018**



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**ADVENT**