

ORDER OF WORSHIP

December 18, 2022
Fourth Sunday of Advent

Gathering

Prelude Holly Slice

Welcome and Announcements

Invocation

*Hymn of Praise Angels from the Realms of Glory UMH No. 220

Lighting of the Advent Candle, Joy

*Let us pray: Thank you God for the love you give us.
We ask that as we wait for all your promises to come true, and for
Christ to come again, that you would remain present with us.
Help us today, and everyday to worship you, to hear your word, and to
do your will by sharing your love with each other. We ask it in the
name of the one who was born in Bethlehem. Amen.*

*The Responsive Reading~ Canticle of Zechariah UMH No. 208

Blessed by the Lord, the God of Israel,
who has come to set the chosen people free.

**The Lord has raised up for us
a mighty Savior from the house of David.**

Through the holy prophets, God promised of old
to save us from our enemies,
from the hands of all who hate us;

**to show mercy to our forebears
and to remember the holy covenant**

This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham:

**to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
free to worship without fear,
holy and righteous in the Lord's sight,
all the days of our life.**

And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,
for you will go before the Lord to prepare the way,

**to give God's people knowledge of salvation
by forgiveness of their sins.**

In the tender compassion of our God
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
**to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death,
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.**

*Gloria Patri

Congregational Prayer 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.*

Offertory

The Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

*Doxology UMH No. 95

*Scripture Lesson Luke 1:78,79
The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Sermon "Zechariah's Song" Rev. Mark Barnes

*Hymn of Dedication UMH No. 240
Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

*Benediction

*Postlude

* Please stand

The Altar Flowers today are given to the Glory of God.

Announcements

Combined Services Sunday Dec. 25 and Sunday Jan. 1

There will be one combined service on Sunday, Dec. 25 and on Sunday, Jan. 1 at 10am in the Sanctuary. Sunday School classes will not be meeting and there will be no Children's Church. Nursery will be available.

Global Missions Flood Relief April 10-14, 2023

Interested in getting involved with Global Missions but don't want to go out of the country? Well, now is your chance. The Global Missions Team is planning a trip to the area surrounding Camp Nathaniel near Hazard Kentucky. This trip will be to help the communities that were devastated by the historic flooding that occurred in July 2022. We will be working in conjunction with Josh Felder and Camp Nathaniel near Emmalena in eastern Kentucky April 10 - April 14, 2023.

Robert Stasiukaitis has graciously offered to serve as construction team leader for this week. JC and Peggy Ridgeway will serve as co-team leaders with Roanna Payne. If you are feeling led to participated in this project, please sign up on the list posted on the GMC bulletin board near the kitchen or contact Roanna Payne at roanna1958@bellsouth.net or 843.343.9217.

Blue Christmas Service

Blue Christmas service provides a quiet and contemplative worship service as an alternative to the more traditional gatherings. This service recognizes the loss and loneliness that can be felt during the holidays due to death, disease, poverty, or abuse. It is a service that specifically enables individuals to experience their grief, as well as express what they are feeling, so they can find a sense of calm and hope. The Blue Christmas service will be Wed, Dec 21 in Spell Chapel at 6:30 pm.

2023 Flower Calendar

Altar flowers are a wonderful way to honor or remember a loved one.

Flowers are needed for 2023. The entire month of January is available. Please contact Mandy Killiri at mkilliri@bethany-umc.com or 843.873.1230 to reserve a date. There is also a calendar located in the Sanctuary hallway on the bulletin board to sign up.

Festival of Carols

Join us Sunday, Dec. 18 for our annual Festival of Carols at 4pm in the Bethany Sanctuary featuring our music ensembles singing and playing pieces appropriate for this season of joy and anticipation. We hope you will join us for this wonderfully festive time.

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It's easier than ever to give now! Simply text: bethanyumc to 833.245.8417.



FOURTH SUNDAY OF

Advent

Bethany United Methodist Church

Spell Chapel ~ 8 o'clock a.m.

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