#### ORDER OF WORSHIP December 3, 2023 First Sunday of Advent

## Gathering

PreludeWexford CarolHolly Slice, pianistAs the prelude begins let us turn our thoughts and hearts to God in prayer<br/>and preparation for worship.God in prayer

### Welcome and Announcements

## Invocation

## Greeting

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you *And also with you.* The risen Christ is with us. *Praise the Lord!* 

\*Hymn of Praise

UMH No. 230

O Little Town of Bethlehem

# Lighting of the Advent Candle- Hope

Christ is our HOPE. We live in a world of pain, injustice, darkness and sin. The world longs for HOPE. Through God's gift of Jesus we have HOPE. HOPE for healing, justice and new life. Christ is our HOPE. Amen.

\*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.

## The Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory	The Yearning	
	Mixed Ensemble	

*Doxology		UMH No. 95
*Scripture Lesson The Word of God for the people of God. <i>Thanks be to God.</i>		Luke 1: 26-38
Sermon	"Angel Spoke to Mary"	Rev. Mark Barnes
<b>The Sacrament of Holy Communion</b> <i>Gluten-free option available upon request.</i>		
*Hymn of Dedication Angels We Have Heard on High		UMH No. 238
*Benediction		
*Benediction Res	ponse Let There Be Peace on Earth	UMH No. 431
*Postlude		
* Please stand		

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

Christian sympathies go out to the family and friends of Lila Davis, who joined the church triumphant on November 20.

Christian sympathies go out to the family and friends of Valerie Oldham, who joined the church triumphant on November 28.

#### Announcements

# VBS Need

If you are replacing your artificial Christmas tree this year, VBS wants the old one. This year's theme is camping so we need lots of trees! Artificial trees can be donated anytime, contact Children's Ministries to arrange details. We will not be able to return trees, so make sure you do not want it back.

# **Local Missions Sock Drive**

Local Missions will continue collecting men's socks until the end of the year. These socks are to be distributed at the warming shelter. Containers with signs will be placed at the entrances/exits for Spell Chapel, the Sanctuary, and the Fellowship Hall. No holy socks please. If you need further information, please contact Barbara Nimocks 843.276.4230 or John Lyons 843.708.9837. Thank you!

# Happy Hearts

There will not be a November meeting. We will meet on December 8 for our Christmas party. The famous host "Chef", Rev. Michael Ritter, will re-create Paula Dean's special Chicken in Wine Sauce to be served over rice, with a vegetable, dessert, and drink for only \$8. To make your reservation, call Dot by **TODAY** at 843.343.5450 or email her at <u>dmprevatte@yahoo.com</u>.

The instrumental group, Gloryland Trio, will provide entertainment following lunch. This group consisting of Luke Biggs, Charlie Davis, and Jim Griffin will be leading the singing of Christmas carols and as well as other music. This group has been providing down-home music for church events for years.

# Angel Tree

Make a child's Christmas wish come true! The Angel Tree is now LIVE. Gifts can be dropped off November 30-December 11 in the Business Office. Please scan the QR code to choose a child.



## **Thank You from Global Missions**

Praise the Lord! 495 Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes are on their way to deliver the Gospel message to children around the world. Thank you, Bethany for your generosity and enthusiasm for this mission! Our goal of 323 boxes was crushed because of YOU!



# Bethany United Methodist Church Spell Chapel ~ 8 o'clock a.m.

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