

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

December 10, 2023  
Second Sunday of Advent

## Gathering

**Prelude**                      Cradle Hymn                      Kim Arnesen  
    Men's Ensemble

*As the prelude begins let us turn our thoughts and hearts to God in prayer  
and preparation for worship.*

## 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. 220  
    Angels from the Realms of Glory

## Lighting of the Advent Candle- Peace

*Let us pray: Thank you God for the peace 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 peace with each other. We ask it in the name of the  
one who was born in Bethlehem. Amen.*

**\*The Responsive Reading~**    **Psalm 80:1-7, 17-18**

Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel,  
you who lead Joseph like a flock!  
You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth!  
In the presence of Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh,  
stir up your might, and come to save us!

**Restore us, O God;**

**Let your face shine, that we may be saved!**

O Lord God of hosts,  
how long will you be angry with your people's prayers?

**You have fed them with the bread of tears,  
and given them tears to drink in full measure.**

You make us the scorn of our neighbors;  
and our enemies laugh among themselves.

**Restore us, O God of hosts;**

**let your face shine, that we may be saved!**

**But let your hand be upon those of your right hand,  
the ones whom you have made strong for yourself!**

Then we will never turn back from you;  
give us life, and we will call on your name!

**\*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**    Soloist, Laura Owenby

**\*Doxology**    UMH No. 95

**\*Scripture Lesson**    Matthew 1: 18-25  
The Word of God for the people of God.  
*Thanks be to God.*

**Sermon**    "Angel Spoke to Joseph"    Rev. Mark Barnes

**\*Hymn of Dedication**    UMH No. 218  
It Came Upon a Midnight Clear

**\*Benediction**

**\*Benediction Response**    UMH No. 211  
O Come, O Come Emmanuel (vs. 1)

**\*Postlude**  
\* Please stand

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

*Christian sympathies go out to the family and friends of Sharon Chellis,  
who joined the church triumphant on December 2.*

## Announcements

### Living Christmas Story

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Living Christmas Story. Those who setup, brought food, directed traffic, drove a tram, helped with costumes, were in the cast, or helped in any way – THANK YOU!!! We had more volunteers helping throughout the process than we have had in years – what a great gift we gave to our community. Over the three nights, we had 488 cast members, 150 crew members and 3,629 visitors.

### Angel Tree

Thank you, Bethany for making a child's Christmas wish come true! All of the Angel's have been chosen. **Please return all gifts to the Business Office by tomorrow!**

### Offering Envelopes

The 2024 Offering Envelopes are available for pick up in the upstairs hallway by the Welcome Center. Please pick yours up today!

### Festival of Carols

Join us Sunday, Dec. 17 for our annual Festival of Carols during the 8:45am and 11:15am worship services in the 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.

### Blue Christmas Service

Join us for our Blue Christmas worship service on Wednesday, Dec. 20 at 6pm in Spell Chapel. This is a service of healing and hope during the holiday season.

### 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!



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

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