

ORDER OF WORSHIP

December 17, 2023
Third Sunday of Advent

Gathering

Prelude The Gathering
Mixed 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. 236
While Shepherds Watched Their Flock (vs 1,3,6)

Lighting of the Advent Candle- Joy

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

***The Responsive Reading~** Psalm 91: 11-16

For God will give his angels charge over you
to guard you in all your ways.

They will bear you up on their hands
lest you dash your foot against a stone.

You will tread on the lion and the adder,
the young lion and the serpent you will trample under foot.

Because they cleave to me in love, I will deliver them;

I will protect them, because they know my name.

When they call to me, I will answer them;
I will be with them in trouble,
I will rescue them and honor them.

I will satisfy them with long life
and show them my salvation.

*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 I Heard the Bells
Mixed Ensemble

***Doxology** UMH No. 95

***Scripture Lesson** Luke 2: 8-20
The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon "The Angel Spoke to Shepherds" Rev. Mark Barnes

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

*Benediction

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

*Postlude

* Please stand

Blood Drive

Give life with the gift of blood this season! Bethany will be hosting a Blood Drive today in the Gym from 8am-1pm. All donors will receive a \$10 Amazon gift e-card. To sign up, visit redcrossblood.org and use BETHANYUMC as sponsor code or call Rodney at 843.709.0953.

Offering Envelopes

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

Blue Christmas Service- December 20

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. There will be no BNOW classes or meal.

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.

Christmas Eve Services

Bethany UMC will celebrate the birth of our Messiah with three morning Christmas Eve worship services and four evening services.

- 8 am Spell (Festival of Carols)
 - 8:45 am Word & Table
 - 8:45 am Sanctuary
 - No 11:15 am Service
 - No Children's Church
 - No Children's Sunday School
 - 3 pm Sanctuary
 - 5 pm Sanctuary
 - 7:30 pm Sanctuary
 - 11 pm Sanctuary
- All will include Communion
No Word & Table service

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Advent

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

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