ORDER OF WORSHIP

December 31, 2023 First Sunday after Christmas

Gathering

Prelude

Holly Slice, pianist

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

Welcome and Announcements

Invocation

***Hymn of Praise** Hymn of Promise UMH No. 707

*The Responsive Reading~ Psalm 8:1-9 UMH No. 743

O Lord, our Lord,

how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Your glory is chanted above the heavens

by the mouth of babes and infants:

you have set up a defense against your foes,

to still the enemy and the avenger.

When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,

the moon and the stars which you have established;

what are human beings that you are mindful of them,

and mortals that you care for them?

Yet you have made them little less than God,

and crowned them with glory and honor.

You have given them dominion over the works of your hands;

you have put all things under their feet,

all sheep and oxen,

and also the beasts of the field,

the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,

whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

O Lord, our Lord,

how majestic is your name in all the earth!

*Gloria Patri

Congregational Prayer and 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

*Doxology UMH No. 95

Scripture Lesson Matthew 1: 1-17

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon A Surprising Family Tree Rev. Mark Barnes

*Hymn of Dedication Joy to the World No. 246

*Benediction Response

Irish Blessing

May the road rise to meet you, May the wind blow at your back, May the sun shine warmly on your face, May the rain fall softly on your field; And until we meet again, until we meet again, May God hold you in the palm of his hand. Amen.

*Postlude

* Please stand

The altar flowers today are given to the Glory of God.

^{*}Benediction

Announcements

Church Hours

The church office will be closed Monday, January 1 and Tuesday, January 2. Have a safe and Happy New Year!

End of Year Giving

The Business Office will be open until noon on Friday, December 29 for your endof-year giving. If you are mailing it in, please be sure it is postmarked by December 31.

Offering Envelopes

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

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.

Wednesday Night BNOW

Bethany NOW, our Wednesday Night program, includes food, fellowship and fun for all ages. We will **resume on Jan. 11** with adult and children's classes and an exciting dinner menu!

January Happy Hearts

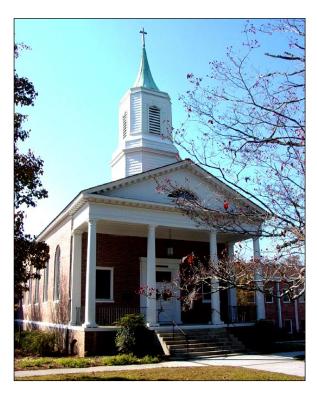
The speaker for the January Happy Hearts meeting is Lieutenant Colonel Joe Tallon (Retired) who served over 37 years in the US Army from 1969 to 2007. Joe has written the book, 100 Days in Vietnam: A Memoir of Love, War and Survival that tells of the day-to-day life of a first lieutenant in combat. This book is based on the letters Joe sent to his wife, Martha Anne, during his time in Vietnam. The meal, served at 12pm, will be meatloaf, mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls, assorted desserts, and tea for \$8. Reservations are due in by January 21. Note the change in making reservation: Register online at

happyhearts@bethany-umc.com or call 843.771.3979

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

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