

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

December 11th, 2016

3rd Sunday of Advent

11:00 am

• Please feel free to stand as you are able.

Thank you for worshipping with us today. We consider your presence with us a blessing from God. You are encouraged to greet one another in friendship and love. When the prelude starts, you are invited to prepare yourself for the worship of God.

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements *(please pass the friendship pad)*

Marion Simmers

Minute for Mission

Rev. Clayton Rascoe

"Massanetta Springs Camp & Conference Center"

Opening Prayer

Preparation for the Word

• **Call to Worship** *(from Psalm 146)*

Leader: Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in their God.

People: *Who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is
in them; who keeps faith forever.*

Leader: Who executes justice for the oppressed.

People: *Who gives food to the hungry.*

Leader: The Lord sets prisoners free; opens the eyes of the
blind

People: *lifts up those who are bowed down, and watches over
the stranger,*

Leader: upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the
wicked he brings to ruin.

All: *The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all
the generations. Praise the Lord! Let us worship God.*

• **Hymn 13**

"Prepare the Way"

"The Advent Wreath"

Chris, Therese, James, Cate, & Graham Schooley

Scripture

Lighting of the Advent Candle III

"Candle of Joy"

Advent Prayer

The Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

• **Doxology** (#592)

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

• **Prayer of Dedication**

• **Apostles' Creed**

Anthem *"Waiting for a King"*

Adult Choir

Joys & Concerns

Irene Elliott

Pastoral Prayer

Proclamation of the Word

Scripture: Luke 1:46-55 *(page 52)*

*And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has
looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.
Surely, from now on all generations will call me
blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things
for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those
who fear him from generation to generation. He has
shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the
proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has
brought down the powerful from their thrones, and
lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with
good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has
helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his
mercy, according to the promise he made to our
ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants
forever."*

Leader: This is the word of the Lord!

People: *Thanks be to God!*

Sermon

Rev. Clayton Rascoe

Response to the Word

• **Hymn 60**

"Silent Night, Holy Night"

The Christmas Story

Hymn 24 *"Away in a Manger"*

Hymn 31 *"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"*

• **Hymn 66**

"We Three Kings of Orient Are"

• **Blessing for Joy Gift Covered Dish Luncheon**

• **Charge and Benediction**

• **Congregational Response**

"Go, Tell It on the Mountain" #29 *(refrain)*

Go, tell it on the mountain

Over the hills and everywhere;

Go, tell it on the mountain

That Jesus Christ is born!

Postlude

The Christmas Story starring . . .

Narrator Derek Almarode

Mary Lydia Lee

Joseph Kenneth Olson

Angels Ashlyn Almarode
Willow Bosserman
Cate Schooley

Isabelle Bosserman
Samantha Moore

Shepherds Trevor Lee
James Schooley
Jonah Williams

Graham Schooley
Alex Strausbaugh
Samuel Williams

Wise Men Jarod Davis
Will Hanger

Ramsey Hanger

Serving During The Worship Service Today

Greeters Ben & Faye Brown

Worship Service Assistants Marion Simmers
Irene Elliott

Offering Wade Cash Bob Olson
Chris Schooley Joe F. Williams

Nursery Brian & Penny Lee

*Oh come,
let us worship
and bow down
let us kneel
before the Lord,
our Maker!*

Psalm 95:6

THIS WEEK AT
BETHEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

December 11th - December 17th

- Today** 3rd Sunday of Advent
 Joy Gift Sunday
 9:00 Communications Committee Meeting
 9:45 Sunday School
 11:00 Worship/Joy Gift Offering
 Children's Christmas Program
 12:00 Covered Dish Luncheon
 5:00 Congregational Assessment Tool Deadline
 7:00 Session Meeting
- Monday** 11:00 Memorial Service for Charlotte Swortzel
 7:00 Boy Scouts
- Tuesday** 11:00 Afternoon Circle *(at the home of Libby Smith -180 Howardsville Road; Staunton)*
 3:00 Poinsettia Order & BERF Christmas Donations Deadline
 6:30 Evening Circle
- Wednesday** 6:30 Cub Scouts Christmas Party *(Fellowship Hall)*
 7:00 The Bells of Bethel
 7:00 Adult Choir
- Thursday** 12:00 January Tower Deadline

Next Sunday, December 18th: 4th Sunday of Advent

- 9:45 Sunday School*
11:00 Worship/Youth Sunday
12:00 Lunch & Christmas Caroling
12:15 Stewardship & Finance Committee Meeting
12:15 Worship Committee Meeting

Our Staff
and
Leaders

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Rhonda Johnson, Clerk of Session Harold Coiner, Adult Choir Director
 JoAnn Pendley, Handbell Choir Director Sara Ann Lamb, Organist
 Ken Wilkinson, Receiving Treasurer Lori Miller, Disbursing Treasurer

THE SESSION

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| Chris Schooley | Charlie Johnson | Brian Lee |
| Dale Thompson | Marty Simmers | Joe F. Williams |

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PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Cindy Almarode, Moderator Stephanie Rivers, Co-Moderator & Secretary
 Sarah Frances Ralston, Treasurer

Circle Leaders

Afternoon Circle - Barbara Gough & Jackie Law
 Evening Circle - Irene Elliott & Louise Hoy

MEN OF THE CHURCH

Mac Williams, President

Bethel Presbyterian Church supports the PCUSA worldwide missionaries.

Please pray for our missionaries:

Rev. Michael & Rachel Weller and the people of Ethiopia

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Mission Statement

We strive to live peacefully with all and respect one another while loving and serving the Lord; our doors and mission are open to all.