

## THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

December 18th, 2016

4th Sunday of Advent

Youth Sunday

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)*

Derek Almarode, Elder

**Prayer of the Day**

Derek Almarode, Elder

### Preparation for the Word

Bayleigh Lee: We, the unsuspecting and unlikely, are drawn here together by a promise.

**People: He is coming.**

Lydia Lee: The angel's promise interrupted a Joseph's private doubts and insecurity.

**People: He is coming.**

Bayleigh Lee: An unwed Mary's fears diminished with the angel's promise.

**People: He is coming.**

Lydia Lee: A baby in a womb leapt for joy at the sound of her voice and promise.

**People: He is coming.**

Bayleigh Lee: An old man died at peace and an old woman prophesied redemption at a baby dedication with the fulfillment of this promise.

**People: He is coming.**

Bayleigh & Lydia Lee: Two thousand years ago, the words of a promise resounded.

**People: He is coming.**

Bayleigh & Lydia Lee: "I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way, a voice of one calling in the desert, 'Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.'  
*(Matthew 3:3, Mark 1:2-3, Luke 3:4-6)*

**All: He Came. He Is Come. He Is Coming.**

•Hymn 9

*"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"*

**Call to Confession**

Maggie Rivers

**Prayer of Confession** *(unison)*

**Living God, Love Incarnate, we confess that we are not perfect. You who are everything, we acknowledge that we are lacking. Child of the manger, we admit that we prefer to be sentimental rather than sacrificial. Hear us now as we confess our faults and admit our frailties.**

*Moment of Silent Confession*

**Kyrie 572**

**"Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us"**

**Lord, have mercy upon us.**

**Christ, have mercy upon us.**

**Lord, have mercy upon us.**

**Assurance of Pardon**

Cate Schooley

*(Respond with Alleluia, Amen!)*

•**Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks #106** *(refrain)*

**Alleluia, Alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.**

**Alleluia, Alleluia! Give praise to His Name.**

•**The Peace**

Alex Strausbaugh

Leader: . . . The peace of Christ be with you all!

**People: And also with you.**

•**Gloria Patri** (#579)

### Proclamation of the Word

**"The Advent Wreath"**

Joe, Tabby, & Samantha Moore

**Scripture**

**Lighting of the Advent Candle IV**

*"Candle of Love"*

**Advent Prayer**

**Prayer for Illumination**

Samantha Moore

**Old Testament Reading:** Isaiah 7:7-16 *(page 603)*

Michaela Miller

*Yet this is what the Sovereign LORD says: "It will not take place, it will not happen, for the head of Aram is Damascus, and the head of Damascus is only Rezin. Within sixty-five years Ephraim will be too shattered to be a people. The head of Ephraim is Samaria, and the head of Samaria is only Remaliah's son. If you do not stand firm in your faith, you will not stand at all." Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, "Ask the LORD your God for a sign, whether in the deepest depths or in the highest heights." But Ahaz said, "I will not ask; I will not put the LORD to the test." Then Isaiah said, "Hear now, you house of David! Is it not enough to try the patience of humans? Will you try the patience of my God also?" Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel. He will be eating curds and honey when he*

*knows enough to reject the wrong and choose the right, for before the boy knows enough to reject the wrong and choose the right, the land of the two kings you dread will be laid waste.*

Leader: This is the word of the Lord!

**People: Praise be to God!**

**Children's Message**

Moose Lee

**Special Offering**

*(Offering will benefit Riverheads WRE program)*

Jonah Williams, Samuel Williams,

Graham Schooley, Trevor Lee

**Prayer of Thanks**

Moose Lee

**Anthem**

*"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"*

Adult Choir

**New Testament Reading:** Luke 2:1-20 *(pages 53-54)*

Madison Miller

*In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria, and everyone went to their own town to register. So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no room available for them, and there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests." When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about." So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all*

who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord!  
**People: Praise be to God!**

**Special Music** "Away in a Manger"  
 Acoustic Guitar: Lydia Lee  
 Singing: Trevor Lee, Jonah Williams,  
 Samuel Williams, Isabelle Bosserman

**Sermon/Message** "Jesus, The Gift of All Gifts"  
 Harleigh Lee, Ashlyn Almarode, James Schooley

**Response to the Word**

•Apostles' Creed Ramsey Hanger  
 •Hymn 44 "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

**Announcements/Joys & Concerns** Will Hanger

**Prayers of the People** Harleigh Lee  
**Amen #583 - Amen. Amen. Amen.**

**The Offering of Tithes & Gifts**  
 Moose Lee, Jarod Davis, Kenneth Olson, Ramsey Hanger

**Offertory**  
 •Doxology (#592)  
 •Prayer of Dedication Ashlyn Almarode  
 •Hymn 40 "Joy to the World!"

•Charge and Benediction Harleigh Lee  
 •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

**Serving During The Worship**  
**Service Today**

**Greeters** Ben & Faye Brown  
**Nursery** Joyce Davis; Louise Hoy



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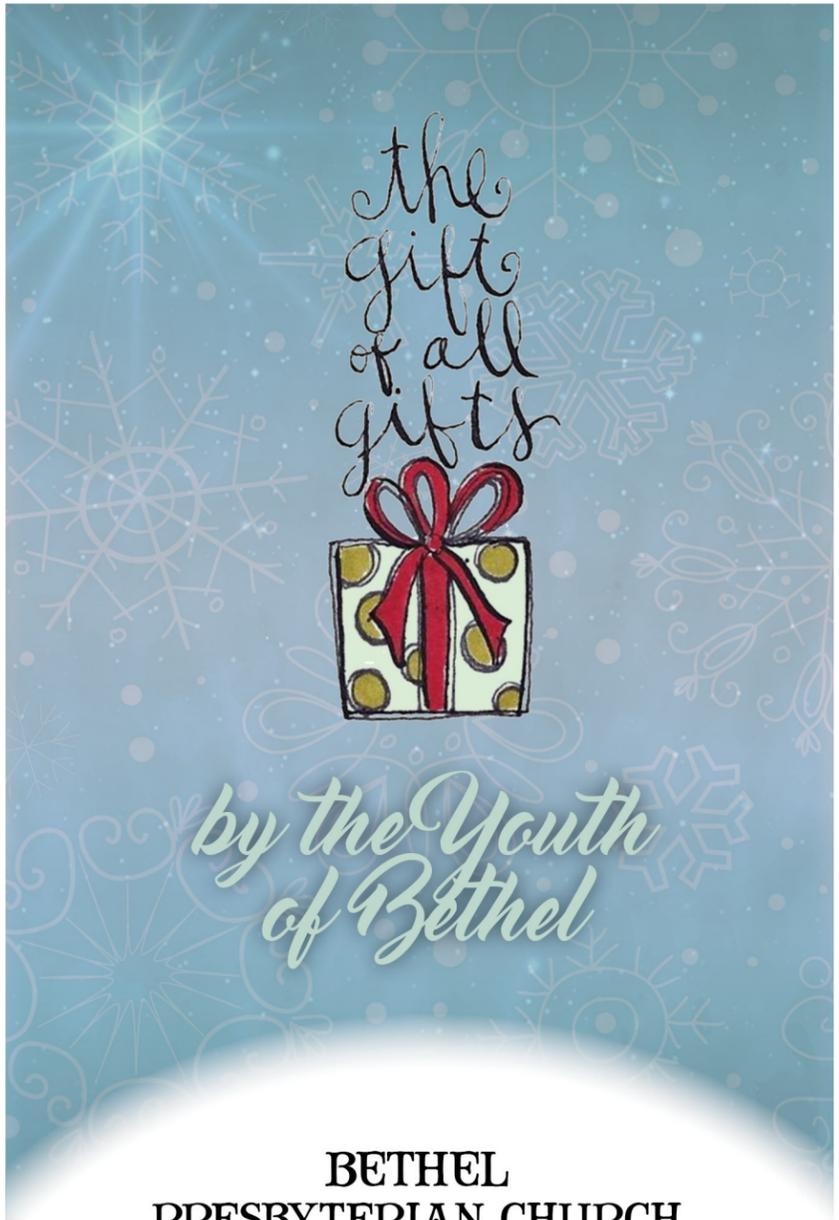
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Afternoon Circle - Barbara Gough & Jackie Law  
 Evening Circle - Irene Elliott & Louise Hoy

**MEN OF THE CHURCH**

Mac Williams, President

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