

**THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY**

December 1st, 2019  
1st Sunday of Advent  
Hanging of the Greens  
11:00 am

*\*\*Please stand in body or in spirit.*

*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 Chiming of the Hour starts, you are invited to prepare yourself for the worship of God.*

**GATHERING**

**Ringling of the Bell**

**Chiming of the Hour**

The Bells of Bethel

**Welcome & Announcements**

Derek Almarode

*(If you are a visitor please take a moment and fill out one of the visitor cards located in your pew rack & drop it in the offering plate later on during the worship service. Welcome to Bethel!)*

**Prelude**

*“All Through the Night”*  
arranged by Bill Ingram  
The Bells of Bethel

**WE APPROACH GOD**

**\*\*Call to Worship**

Derek Almarode

Leader: In this the love of God was made manifest among us.

**People:** *That God sent his only Son into the world, that we might live through him.*

Leader: In this is love, not that we loved God, but that God loved us.

**People:** *And sent his Son to be the means by which our sins are forgiven.*

Leader: If God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

**People:** *If we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.*

**\*\*Hymn of Adoration 88**

*“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”*

**\*\*Prayer of Adoration**

**Call to Confession**

**Unison Prayer of Confession**

*Heavenly Father, reveal to us the deeper meaning of these days before Christmas. Lead us to see your patience, humility and goodness. Let our hearts be warm in these days. If we have wronged another, let this be a time we ask forgiveness. If we have failed to serve you, make these the hours when we cast aside our lethargy or fear. If we have kept apart from you, touch these moments of worship, that we may return home with an honest desire to know and to do your will. Amen.*

**Silent Confession**

**Assurance of Forgiveness**

Leader: For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

**People:** *For God sent his Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.*

**\*\*Celebration of God’s Grace 110** *“Love Has Come” (verse 1)*

**WE HEAR GOD’S WORD**

**Lighting of the Advent Candle 1**

*“Candle of Hope”*  
Marion & Marty Simmers

**Congregational Response** *(sung to the tune of “Away in a Manger”)*

*A Can-dle is burn-ing, a flame warm and bright,  
A Can-dle of hope in Dec-cem-ber’s dark night.  
While an-gels sing bless-ing from heaven’s star-ry sky,  
Our hearts we pre-pare now, for Je-sus is nigh.*

**Advent Prayer**

**THE SYMBOLS OF ADVENT & THE LIGHTING OF THE TREE**

**Hymn Insert**

*“O Christmas Tree”*

**Anthem**

*“Advent Grace”*  
Bethel Choir

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Scripture Reading:** Luke 1:26-38

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**People:** *Thanks be to God!*

**Message**

*“How Can This Be?”*  
Rev. Bernard Bangley

**WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD**

**\*\*Hymn of Reflection 82** *“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”*

**\*\*Affirmation of Faith** *Apostles’ Creed (page 35)*

**Sharing of Joys & Concerns** Derek Almarode

**Prayers of the People & The Lord’s Prayer**

*Amen. Amen. Amen.*

**Invitation to Share**

**Reception of Tithes & Offerings**

**\*\*Doxology 606**

**\*\*Prayer of Dedication**

**SENDING**

**\*\*Hymn of Sending 157** *“I Danced in the Morning”*

**\*\*Charge & Benediction**

**\*\* Postlude**

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**Serving During Worship - December 1st**

*Worship Leader: Derek Almarode*

*Greeters: D.W. & Beth Miller*

*Offering: Wade Cash, Charlie Johnson, D.W. Miller, Dale Thompson*

*Children’s Church: Penny Lee*

*Nursery Assistant: Joe or Sally Williams*

*December Elder-on-Call: Dan Gano*



## Bethel Church Session

### Class of 2020

John Davis  
Tabby Moore  
Bob Olson  
Mac Williams

### Class of 2021

Derek Almarode  
Pat Quick  
Kathy Swisher

### Class of 2022

Jimmy Callison  
\*Dan Gano  
Dave Schooley  
Tim Turner

\*Serving a one year term

Clerk of Session     Dave Schooley

### Sessional Committees

Christian Education

John Davis

Communications

Tim Turner

Continuing Education

Jimmy Callison, Dan Gano

Mission

Kathy Swisher

Nominating

Bob Olson

Outreach & Evangelism

(currently vacant)

Personnel

Tabby Moore

Stewardship & Finance

Derek Almarode

Worship

Tammy Barbour (Co-Chair)

Pat Quick (Co-Chair)

Youth

Mac Williams



## Bethel Church Deacons

### Class of 2020

Ellen Fitzgerald  
D.W. Miller  
Alex Sproul  
Dale Thompson

### Class of 2021

Katie McElveen  
Joe Moore  
Linda Tenney  
Drury Whitaker

### Class of 2022

Wade Cash  
Charlie Johnson  
Brian Lee  
Katie Miller

Co-Chair     Wade Cash

Co-Chair     Charlie Johnson

Secretary     Linda Tenney

### Diaconate Committee

Congregational Care

Barb Gough (Co-Chair)

Drury Whitaker (Co-Chair)



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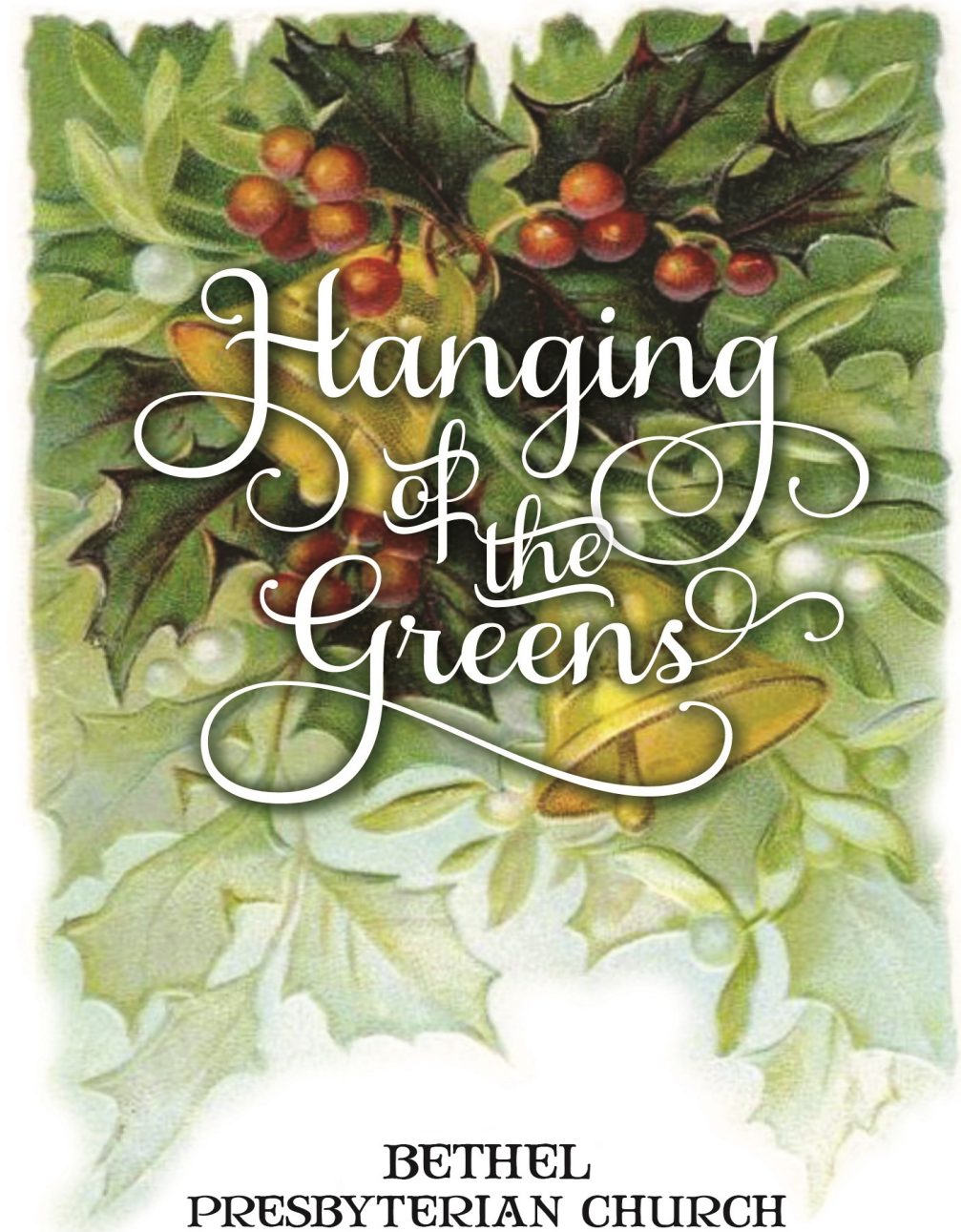
Sara Ann Lamb, Organist

Alex Sproul, Sound & Audio

Kay Thompson, Receiving Treasurer

Lori Miller, Disbursing Treasurer

Donna Bush and Carol Sprouse, Custodians



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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!