

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

December 15th, 2019

3rd Sunday of Advent

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 - Westminster Chimes

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 Sara Ann Lamb

WE APPROACH GOD

****Call to Worship** Derek Almarode

Leader: In a manger in Bethlehem, God touched the earth in a very special way.

People: *The Savior of the world was born. We are here to honor him.*

****Hymn of Adoration 99** “My Soul Gives Glory to My God”

****Prayer of Adoration**

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Every Christmas we are reminded you gave us an incredible work to do. You called us to love as we have been loved. We are inadequate for that. The life we live is often far short of our potential. Forgive us for sharing so little of your love in Christ.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.

People: *God shows his love for us in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.*

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

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

Prayer of Illumination

Lighting of the Advent Candles
“Candles of Hope, Peace, & Joy”
Dale & Libby Smith

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

*A Can-dle is burn-ing, a candle of Joy,
A Can-dle to wel-come brave Mary’s new boy.
Our hearts fill with won-der, our eyes light and glow,
As joy bright-ens win-ter like sun-shine on snow.*

Advent Prayer

Anthem “Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus”
Bethel Choir

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: John 14:8-11

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God!*

Message “The Appearance of God”
Rev. Bernard Bangley

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

****Hymn of Reflection 150** “As with Gladness Men of Old”

****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 113** “Angels We Have Heard on High”

****Charge & Benediction**

**** Postlude**

Serving During Worship - December 15th

Worship Leader: Derek Almarode

Greeters: D.W. & Beth Miller

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

December Elder-on-Call: Dan Gano

