

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

December 29th, 2019
1st Sunday of Christmas
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: Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of Christ have come.

People: *For to us a child is born,*

Leader: to us a son is given;

People: *and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor,*

Leader: Mighty God,

People: *Everlasting Father,*

All: *and Prince of Peace. Let us Worship the Newborn King!*

****Hymn of Adoration 134**

“Joy to the World”

****Prayer of Adoration**

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession by Eliza Buchakjian-Tweedy

Gracious God, we would like to be among those who saw the coming of the Christ Child, those who dropped all that they were doing and traveled to worship the coming of God's love into this world. We would like to be those who cared for God in infant vulnerability; who tickled and cuddled and comforted the growing child, that he might know love and safety.

And yet, merciful God, we must recognize all the times we are more like Herod. Whenever we, in our actions or in our inactions, find our own need for control more compelling than the needs of others for health and safety. Whenever we cling to the security of our privilege, rather than standing up for the rights of the oppressed. Whenever we are complicit in the harming of innocents for the sake of profit, or power, or because we fear to know, and to change, the injustices of this world.

Loving God, we confess our sins against you and one another, and pray that you will fill us with your light, that we may live our lives as true disciples in your name, without counting the cost. In the name of Christ, the one who showed us the way, we pray. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: God's light is present in this world. Present in the Christ child, born to lead us out of darkness. Present in the star, in all that guides us to love.

People: *God's light is in the world, and the darkness did not overcome it. God's grace is in the world, and our missteps will not overcome it. We are loved, we are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen.*

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

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

Christmas Hymn Sing

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

****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 132** *“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”*

****Charge & Benediction**

**** Postlude**

Serving During Worship - December 29th

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



Bethel Church Session

| <u>Class of 2020</u> | <u>Class of 2021</u> | <u>Class of 2022</u> |
|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| John Davis | Derek Almarode | Jimmy Callison |
| Tabby Moore | Pat Quick | *Dan Gano |
| Bob Olson | Kathy Swisher | Dave Schooley |
| Mac Williams | | Tim Turner |

*Serving a one year term

Clerk of Session Dave Schooley

Sessional Committees

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| 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

| <u>Class of 2020</u> | <u>Class of 2021</u> | <u>Class of 2022</u> |
|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Ellen Fitzgerald | Katie McElveen | Wade Cash |
| D.W. Miller | Joe Moore | Charlie Johnson |
| Alex Sproul | Linda Tenney | Brian Lee |
| Dale Thompson | Drury Whitaker | Katie Miller |

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| Co-Chair | Wade Cash |
| Co-Chair | Charlie Johnson |
| Secretary | Linda Tenney |

Diaconate Committee

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| Congregational Care | Barb Gough (Co-Chair) Drury Whitaker (Co-Chair) |
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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.

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