

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

December 8th, 2019

2nd 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: We need to worship, Lord!

People: *We need to get clean.*

Leader: We need to get strong,

People: *We need our emptiness filled,*

Leader: Our dryness relieved,

People: *Our deadness revived.*

Leader: So we come here,

People: *To this decisive hour,*

Leader: With these fellow travelers,

People: *To drink of these living waters,*

Leader: And have our thirst quenched,

People: *To have you bring order out of our chaos.*

Leader: Come – let us worship and bow down,

People: *Before the Lord our God,*

Leader: Our maker and our redeemer!

People: *Amen.*

****Hymn of Adoration 123** “It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”

****Prayer of Adoration**

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

God of truth, you are coming in power to bring all nations under your rule. We confess that we have not expected your kingdom, for we live casual lives, ignoring your promised judgment. We accept lies as truth, exploit neighbors, abuse the earth and refuse your justice and peace.

In your mercy, forgive us. Grant us wisdom to welcome your way, and to seek things that will endure when Christ comes to judge the world.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

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

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

Lighting of the Advent Candles “Candles of Hope & Peace”
Steve & Mo Kyle

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

*A Can-dle is burn-ing, a candle of Peace,
A Can-dle to sig-nal that con-flict must cease.
For Je-sus is com-ing to show us the way,
A mess-age of peace hum-bly laid in the hay.*

Advent Prayer

Anthem “Let There Be Peace on Earth”
Bethel Choir

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10
Matthew 3:1-12

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God!*

Message “We Can Change!”
Rev. Malcolm Brownlee

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

****Hymn of Reflection 96** “On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry”

****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 442** “Just as I Am, without One Plea”

****Charge & Benediction**

**** Postlude**

Serving During Worship - December 8th

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: Tabby Moore

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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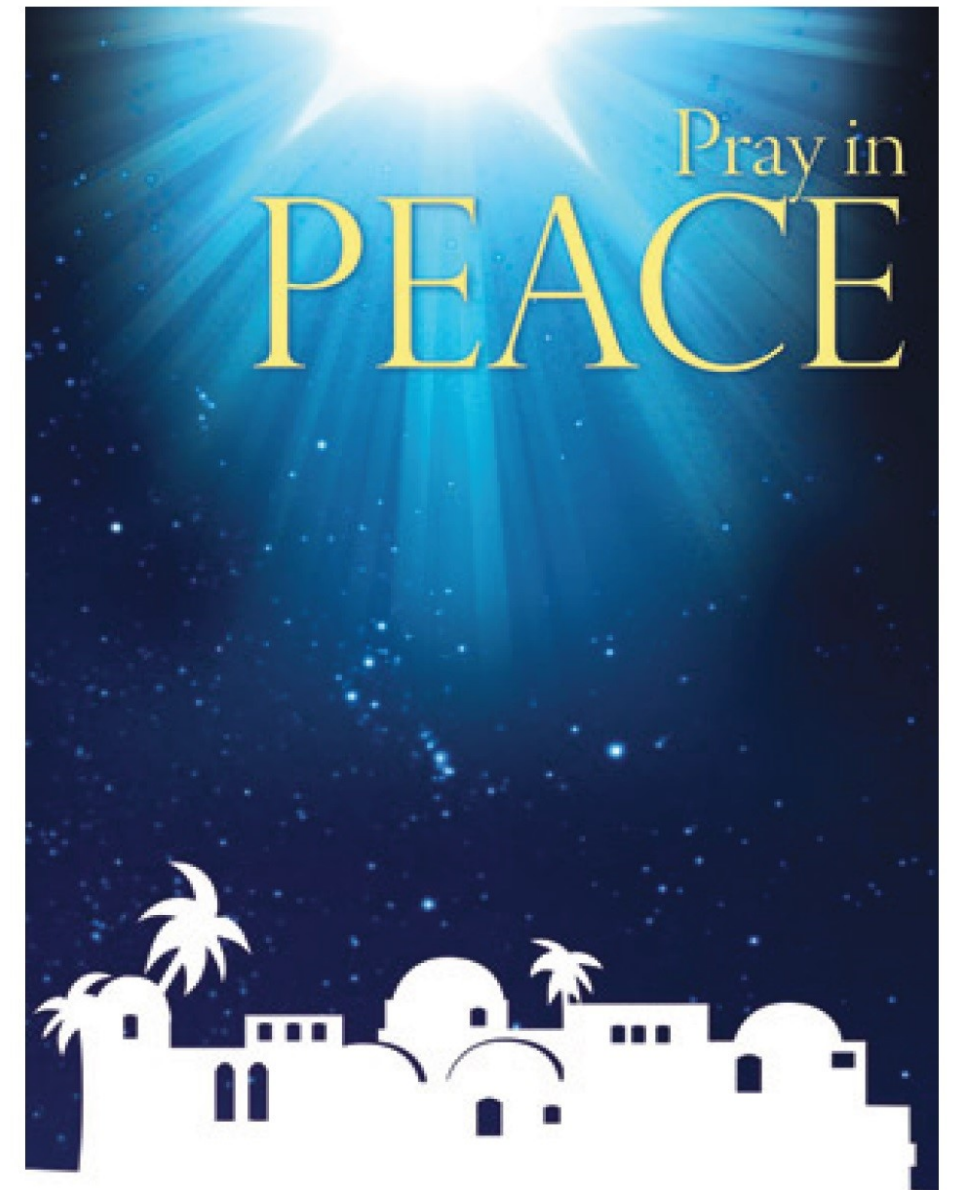
Sara Ann Lamb, Organist

Alex Sproul, Sound & Audio

Kay Thompson, Receiving Treasurer

Lori Miller, Disbursing Treasurer

Donna Bush and Carol Sprouse, Custodians



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