



BETHEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

December 13th, 2020

Third Sunday of Advent

11:00 AM

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

## **GATHERING**

### **Ringling of the Bell**

### **Prelude & Chimes**

*“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”*  
arranged by Van Denman Thompson

### **Welcome & Announcements**

Jill Webb, Worship Leader

## **WE APPROACH GOD**

### **Call to Worship** (*responsive*)

Jill Webb, Worship Leader

Leader: We call him--Emmanuel

**People:** *We call him--wonderful and counselor*

Leader: We call him--Lord of Lords

**People:** *We call him--Prince of Peace*

Leader: We call him--

**People:** *Jesus who is both child and savior to come.*

### **Prayer of Adoration**

*Taken from Hymn #459 “O Word of God Incarnate”*

*Prayer of Adoration taken from “Glory to God The Presbyterian Hymnal”*

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### **\*\*Call to Confession**

*Taken from Hymn #416 “O Come unto the Lord”*

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*(service continues)*

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

*Most wonderful God, we asked and pleaded for a savior. We asked and pleaded that you would not see our sin. O God, you sent us just what we asked for in the most unlikely way. We were so excited at first. We have a savior, yet we almost always forget to say thank you. We don't even follow your ways. Send to us once again, in this season of waiting for the savior. May he open our hearts to see our sin, so we can confess them . . .*

**\*\* Moment of Silent Confession \*\***

**\*\*Assurance of Forgiveness**

Jill Webb, Worship Leader

Leader: In Jesus Christ we are set free from the bondage of sin.

People: *In Jesus Christ we are restored, redeemed, and made new.*

All: *Alleluia, Alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.  
Alleluia, Alleluia! Give praise to His name.*

**THE ADVENT WREATH**

**Advent Music**

*"Aria"*  
arranged by George Blake

**Lighting of the Advent Candle**

*"Candle of Joy"*  
Bill & Sally Brubeck

**Congregational Response** (*unison*)

*A candle is burning, a candle of Joy,  
A candle to welcome brave Mary's new boy,  
Our hearts fill with wonder, and eyes light and glow,  
As Joy brightens winter like sunshine on snow.*

**Advent Prayer**

**Advent Music**

*"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"*  
adapted by Edward Hodges

(*service continues*)

***WE HEAR GOD'S WORD***

**Prayer for Illumination**

Rev. Melissa Harmon, Guest Minister

**Scripture Reading**    John 1:6-8, 19-28

**Sermon**

*"Who Are You to be Telling Me About God?"*

Rev. Melissa Harmon

**Music & Time of Reflection**

*"Hymn"*

arranged by Michael Ryan

***WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD***

**\*\*Statement of Faith** (*unison*)

Apostles' Creed

**Joys & Concerns**

Jill Webb, Worship Leader

**The Prayers of the People**

. . . We pray these things in the name of the one who taught us to pray,

***Our Father . . .***

**The Lord's Prayer** (*unison*)

*. . . who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.*

***SENDING***

***\*\*please stand\*\****

**\*\*Charge & Benediction**

Rev. Melissa Harmon

**Postlude**

*"A Christmas Idyl"*

by R. M. Stults

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