

† DOXOLOGY "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" 606All

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him all creatures here below;
praise him above ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

† PRAYER OF DEDICATIONDerek Almarode

SENDING

† CLOSING HYMN 123 "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"
JoAnn Pendley, Organist & Pianist

† CHARGE & BENECTIONDerek Almarode

POSTLUDE "Fanfare on 'True Hearted, Whole Hearted'"
by Ellen Jane Lorenz
JoAnn Pendley, Organist & Pianist

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HAVE A FABULOUS & BLESSED DECEMBER WEEK!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 12, 2021

WELCOME TO BETHEL!

GUEST SPEAKER: Derek Almarode



Bethel welcomes our very own Derek Almarode who will be assisting with the worship service along with giving the message this morning. We appreciate Derek's willingness to help out with the worship service (again)!

Derek is active in the life and ministry of Bethel. He served as a Deacon in the past and is currently serving as an Elder. Derek is the Chair of the Stewardship & Finance Committee and serves as a member of the Continuing Education Loan Fund, and the Youth Committee. He lives in Augusta County with wife Cindy and daughter Ashlyn.

In Derek's spare time he has a passion for farming, operating a small beef cattle operation.

SANCTUARY POINSETTIAS: Given by Kay Swisher in loving memory of her grandparents, Mitch & Antha Swisher, her parents Don & Bettie Swisher, her brother Wayne Swisher, and her little forbaby Abby.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

This Tuesday, December 14th while Adrienne in on vacation.

CALLING FOR BELL RINGERS

****IF YOU CAN HELP WE WOULD LOVE TO HAVE YOU!****
to ring Salvation Army bells at Kroger NEXT Saturday, December 18th, 2021
at whatever time(s) work for you!
Contact Mo Kyle to volunteer at: (540) 292-8578

JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM - 2021

~ A DRIVE THROUGH NATIVITY ~

December 18TH & 19TH from 4pm-6pm
Mt. Tabor Lutheran Church - 334 Mt. Tabor Rd - Staunton, VA
(No admission — Free-will offering for WRE)



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CHRISTMAS ALIVE PROJECT - RIVERHEADS SCHOOL

If you took a tag, please bring wrapped gift with tag attached to the church by NEXT SUNDAY, December 19th, 2021

Donations of food items are needed see December Tower for ideas; have food donations turned in by NEXT SUNDAY, December 19th, 2021.

Leave all gifts and non-perishable food on the table in the Bumgardner Classroom. All perishable food leave in kitchen fridge with label.

Questions: Contact Mo Kyle (540) 292-8578 or
Katie McElveen (540) 292-4442

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLE LIGHT SERVICE
FRIDAY (DECEMBER 24TH) AT 8:00 PM

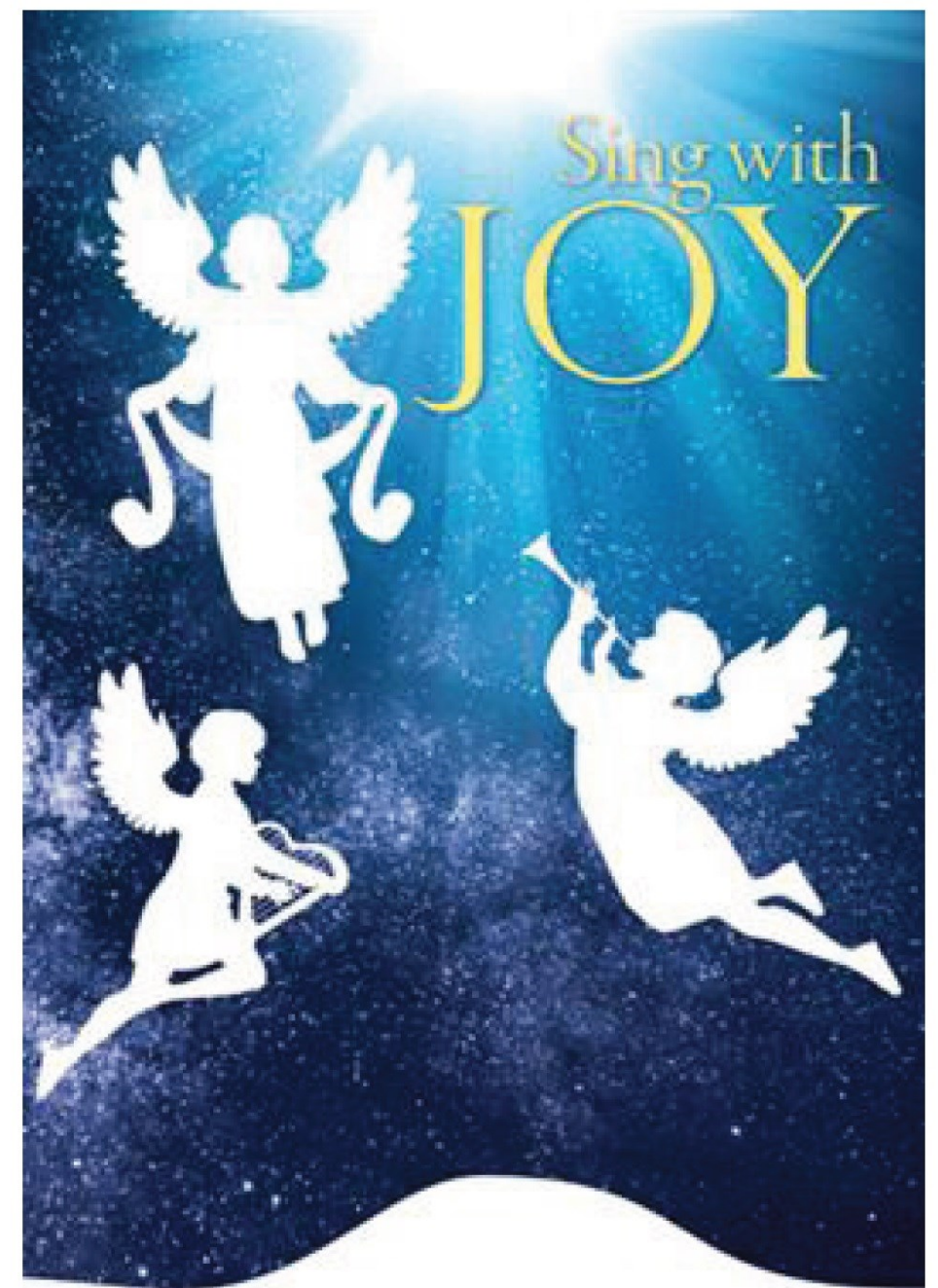
PRAYER LIST Copies of prayer list in vestibule if needed.

ATTENDANCE: December 5th: 40

WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT Estimated Weekly Budget: \$2,670.00
December 5th Offering: \$2,670

ELDER-ON-CALL DECEMBER 2021

If you have a pastoral need please contact Penny Lee.
(540) 416-8996 (call or text) or brianpennyfamilee@gmail.com



3rd Sunday in Advent

BETHEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

DECEMBER 12TH, 2021
3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
11:00 AM

† please stand – in body or in spirit †

GATHERING

PRELUDE "A Prayer"
by William Stickles
JoAnn Pendley, Organist & Pianist

WESTMINSTER CHIMES

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Brian Lee, Worship Leader

WE APPROACH GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP (adapted from Isaiah 9)..... Brian Lee

Leader: You, O God, have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy;

People: they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest.

Leader: For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given;

People: authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful
Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Leader: His authority shall grow continually,

People: and there shall be endless peace.

(please stand)

† OPENING HYMN 93 "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"
JoAnn Pendley, Organist & Pianist

†~ CALL TO CONFESSION (Isaiah 35:1,4)..... Brian Lee

Leader: Let the desert rejoice, and let the dry land be glad,

People: for God has come to save us!

Leader: Let us confess our sin.

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison) All

God of majesty and glory, we are thirsty, for your grace. You make a way for us in the wilderness, and still, in our foolishness, we go astray. We hide our eyes from your presence. We do not listen to your word. We are lifeless when we ought to dance, and speechless when we ought to sing.

(Prayer of Confession continues – panel 2)

Forgive us, O Lord. Speak peace to our fearful hearts, strengthen our weak hands, and make firm our feeble knees, as we seek to follow in your holy way.

† MOMENT OF SILENT CONFESSION

† ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (Isaiah 35:10) Brian Lee

Leader: Now return to the Lord with joy and gladness. Sing a song of redemption! Let sighing and sorrow be no more.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God.

And all God's people joyfully say, "Amen".

(please be seated)

THE ADVENT WREATH

Scripture: Matthew 2:10-11 Irene Elliott and Jill Webb

Lighting of the Advent Candle 3 "Candle of Joy"

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

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

Surely God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid, for the LORD is my strength and my might; God has become my salvation. With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. And you will say in that day: Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, Rejoice! Sing praises to the LORD, for God has done gloriously!

HEARING GOD'S WORD

ANTHEM "While We Are Waiting, Come"
Bethel Choir

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION Derek Almarode, Ruling Elder

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 1:26-55

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "The Perfect Recipe"
Derek Almarode

2 (service continues – panel 3)

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

(please stand)

† HYMN OF REFLECTION 104 "O Lord, How Shall I Meet You"
JoAnn Pendley, Organist & Pianist

† STATEMENT OF FAITH – APOSTLES' CREED (unison) All

Let us confess the faith of our Baptism.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

(please be seated)

JOYS & CONCERNS Brian Lee

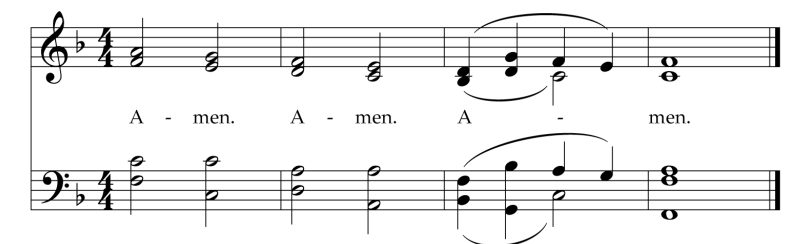
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Derek Almarode

THE LORD'S PRAYER (unison) All

... Our Father 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.

AMEN 601 "Amen, Amen, Amen" All

601 Amen



TEXT: Trad. liturgical text
MUSIC: Anon. Danish

DANISH AMEN

OFFERTORY "In the Bleak Midwinter"
by Charity Boyles
JoAnn Pendley, Organist & Pianist

(please stand)

3 (Doxology continues – panel 4)