

OFFERTORY "Meditation"
by Wilha Hutson
JoAnn Pendley, Organist & Pianist

(please stand)

+ 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 DEDICATIONMark Wilson

SENDING

+ CLOSING HYMN 97 "Watchman, Tell Us of the Night"
JoAnn Pendley, Organist & Pianist

+ CHARGE & BENEDECTIONMark Wilson

POSTLUDE "Double Chorus"
by Roger C. Wilson
JoAnn Pendley, Organist & Pianist

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HAVE A BLESSED & MERRY CHRISTMAS!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 19, 2021
WELCOME TO BETHEL!



GUEST SPEAKER: Mark Wilson

Bethel welcomes Mark Wilson who is the Guest Speaker today, December 19th, 2021.

Mark is from Augusta Stone Presbyterian Church in Ft. Defiance where he is an Elder and Trustee. He has done pulpit supply for a number of local Presbyterian churches, most recently for Hebron Presbyterian Church.

Mark has preached at Bethel many times before and always does a fabulous job! Please let him know how much we appreciate his joining us for worship again this morning!

SANCTUARY POINSETTIAS: Given by the congregation of Bethel
See included list

CHRISTMAS ALIVE PROJECT - RIVERHEADS SCHOOL


DEADLINE IS TODAY for gifts & food donations

Place on table in Bumgardner Classroom

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

Katie McElveen (540) 292-4442

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)



SPONSORED BY MT. TABOR LUTHERAN,
BETHEL PRESBYTERIAN & REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCHES

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Friday, December 24th - Tuesday, January 4th for Christmas & New Year's.

MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Need something? Contact the Elder-on-Call.

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

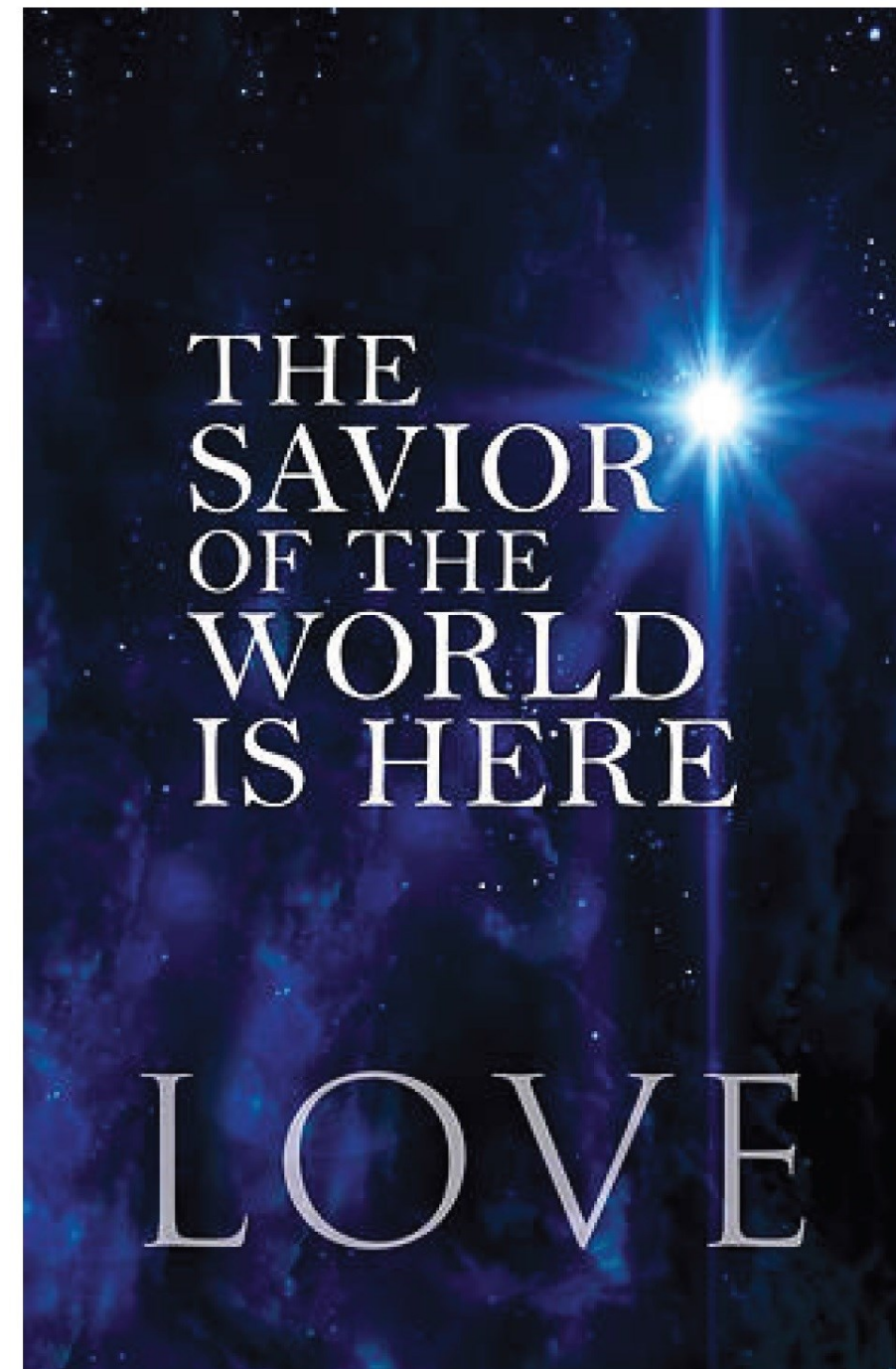
PRAYER LIST Copies of prayer list in vestibule if needed.

ATTENDANCE: December 12th: 50

WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT Estimated Weekly Budget: \$3,365.00
December 12th Offering: \$3,335.00

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



4th Sunday in Advent

BETHEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

DECEMBER 19TH, 2021
4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
11:00 AM

+ please stand – in body or in spirit +

GATHERING

PRELUDE "Danza"
arranged by Kevin McChesney
The Bethel Handbell Choir

WESTMINSTER CHIMES

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Brian Lee, Worship Leader

WE APPROACH GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP (Luke 1)..... Brian Lee

Leader: Come to this sanctuary for rest and renewal.
Let your spirits rejoice in the presence of God.

People: We will sing of God's steadfast love for all people.
We will proclaim God's faithfulness to all generations.

Leader: Nothing is impossible with God;
The Lord, our God is with us.

People: Let the heavens proclaim the wonders of God;
Let all the earth rejoice in Christ's coming!

(please stand)

+ OPENING HYMN 102 "Savior of the Nations, Come"
JoAnn Pendley, Organist & Pianist

+ CALL TO CONFESSION (Luke 21:25-36)..... Brian Lee

Leader: Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be weighted down by the sins
and worries of this life,

People: But watch and pray for the grace of God, who will save you in your
time of trial."

Leader: Let us confess our sin.

+ PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)All

(Prayer of Confession continues – panel 2)

Faithful God, we know that you are always there to guide us, yet we often
make plans without listening to you and discover that our human agenda can
drown out our ability to hear your will for us. We repent of these faults and
turn to you in love. Forgive our offenses and pardon our sins, that our lives
magnify your name forever.

+ MOMENT OF SILENT CONFESSION

+ ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS Brian Lee

Leader: Believe the good news of the gospel.

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

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

(please be seated)

THE ADVENT WREATH

Scripture: John 3:16-19 Tim & Julie Turner

Lighting of the Advent Candle 4 "Candle of Love"

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

A candle is burning, a candle of love,
A candle to point us to heaven above.
A baby for Christmas, a wonderful birth,
For Jesus is bringing God's love to earth.

Advent Prayer

God of hope, God of peace, God of joy, and God of love,
Teach us how to love one another as reflections of your light in the world.
God of promise, God of love, into our darkness – come. Amen

HEARING GOD'S WORD

SPECIAL MUSIC "Circle of Love"
Julie Turner, Soloist

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION Mark Wilson, Ruling Elder
Augusta Stone Presbyterian Church

SCRIPTURE READINGS Exodus 3:1-12
..... Luke 1:26-45

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

(service continues – panel 3)

SERMON "I'll Be There For You!"
Mark Wilson

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

(please stand)

+ HYMN OF REFLECTION 82 "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"
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 bur-
ied; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he as-
cended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Al-
mighty; 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 for-
giveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

(please be seated)

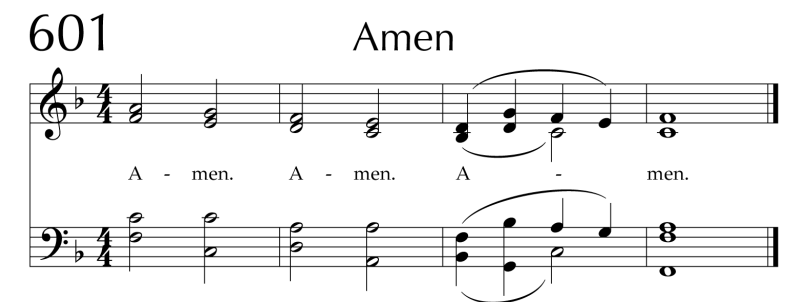
JOYS & CONCERNS Brian Lee

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Mark Wilson

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

(service continues – panel 4)

Christmas Bethel Emergency Relief Fund Donations (BERF)
& Christmas Poinsettias
December 2021

BERF Donations Given In Honor Of . . .

Brian & Penny Lee, Dale & Kay Thompson
Given by: Harleigh Lee and Nick Tehrani

BERF Donations Given In Memory Of . . .

Mrs. Eloise Moore
Given by: Dr. H. Lynn Moore and Family

Liz Erskine
Given by: Jill Webb

Family
Given by: Jill Webb

Poinsettias Given In Honor Of . . .

Nancy Diamond
Given by: Stephanie Rivers

My Bethel family!
Given by: John Ross

Dr. H. Lynn Moore
Given by: Steve & Mo Kyle

Poinsettias Given In Memory Of . . .

Mo's parents - R.W. & Moggie Moffett
Steve's parents - Elmer Kyle and Betty Kyle Ott
Given by: Steve & Mo Kyle

Paul W. Law
Given by: Jane Law, daughters and their families

My parents - Clarkson & Emma Hawpe and other loved ones
Given by: Jane Law & Family

Allen W. Quick, Mr. & Mrs. Carlisle Neff,
Katherine Quick, Wesley Quick
Given by: Patricia Quick

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(continues) Poinsettias Given In Memory Of . . .

Our grandparents
Mr. & Mrs. W. H. Bailey, Mr. & Mrs. Calvin Swisher,
Mr. & Mrs. Hassel Sumner, Mr. & Mrs. Elwood Painter
Given by: Shawn & Melissa Swisher

Sandra Baily Sumner
Given by: Mallory Swisher (granddaughter)

Uncle Jimmy Painter
Given by: Shawn & Melissa Swisher and Mallory Swisher

Jim & Charlotte Williams
Given by: The Williams Family

Mary Williams Dransfield
Given by: The Williams Family

Laurence & Ann Arehart
Given By: Dale & Libby Smith

Ray Diamond & Mary Rivers
Given by: Stephanie Rivers

A. Wade & Nancy Cash, Kenith & Verna Doyle
Given by: Wade & Phyllis Cash

John Liptrap
Given by: His Family

Ronnie Liptrap
Given by: His Family

Mrs. Eloise Moore
Given by: Steve & Mo Kyle

My husband, James F. Heizer
My son, Wayne E. Heizer
Given by: Betty Heizer

Milton & Caroline Schooley
Given by: Dave & Betty Schooley

Thanks to those who also made an additional donation to BERF:
Jane Law, Pat Quick, Bill & Sally Brubeck, Dale & Libby Smith,
John Ross, Betty Heizer