

SENDING

† CLOSING HYMN 132 "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"
JoAnn Pendley, Organist & Pianist
† CHARGE & BENEDICTION Derek Almarode
POSTLUDE "Epilogue"
by Lani Smith
JoAnn Pendley, Organist & Pianist

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HAVE A BLESSED & HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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WELCOME TO BETHEL!

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 26, 2021

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 the congregation of Bethel

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Through Tuesday, January 4th for New Year's
Need something? Contact the Elder-on-Call or any member of the Session

COMMITTEE BUDGET REQUESTS

EMAIL to Derek Almarode (almarodes@verizon.net)
by the week of January 9th, 2022

PRAYER LIST Copies of prayer list in vestibule if needed.

ATTENDANCE: December 19th: 55

WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT Estimated Weekly Budget: \$7,570.00

December 19th 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

ELDER-ON-CALL JANUARY 2021

If you have a pastoral need please contact Derek Almarode.
(540) 280-4940 (call or text) or almarodes@verizon.net



~ "I was glad when they said unto me,
'Let us go to the house of the Lord.'" ~
- Psalm 122:1

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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

DECEMBER 26TH, 2021
1ST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS
11:00 AM

† please stand – in body or in spirit †

GATHERING

PRELUDE "Christmas Rhapsody"
by Roger C. Wilson

WESTMINSTER CHIMES

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Brian Lee, Worship Leader

WE APPROACH GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP Brian Lee

Leader: Glory to you, Almighty God and Father,

People: For you sent your only-begotten Son, that we might have new life.

Leader: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ,

People: for you became flesh and dwelt among us that we might become your people.

Leader: Glory to you, Holy Spirit,

People: for you direct and rule our lives.

Leader: Glory to you, Almighty God,

People: and to your Son, Jesus Christ, and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

(please stand)

† OPENING HYMN 136 "Go, Tell It on the Mountain"
JoAnn Pendley, Organist & Pianist

† CALL TO CONFESSION Brian Lee

Christ Jesus came to save us, not by our works, but according to the mercy of God through the water of rebirth and the renewal of the Holy Spirit.

Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

(service continues – panel 2)

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison) All

God of grace and truth, in Jesus Christ you came among us as light shining in darkness. We confess that we have not welcomed the light or trusted good news to be good. We have closed our eyes to glory in our midst, expecting little, and hoping for less. Forgive our doubt, and renew our hope, so that we may receive the fullness of your grace, and live in the truth of Christ the Lord.

† MOMENT OF SILENT CONFESSION

† ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS Brian Lee

God has poured out the Holy Spirit upon us through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that having been justified by his grace, we might have the hope of eternal life.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

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

(please be seated)

HEARING GOD'S WORD

ANTHEM "Spirit, Open My Heart"
Bethel Choir

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION Derek Almarode, Bethel Ruling Elder

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 2:1-21

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Onward"
Derek Almarode

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

(please stand)

† HYMN OF REFLECTION 145 "What Child Is This"
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; (Statement of Faith continues – panel 3)

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 "Devotion"
by David Paxton
JoAnn Pendley, Organist & Pianist

(please stand)

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

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 DEDICATION Derek Almarode

(service continues – panel 4)