

OFFERTORY "Still, Still, Still"
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 119 "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"
JoAnn Pendley, Organist & Pianist

† CHARGE & BENEDECTIONMark Wilson

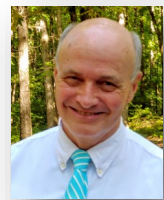
POSTLUDE "Praise Him! Praise Him!"
by Robert J. Hughes
JoAnn Pendley, Organist & Pianist

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HAVE A FABULOUS & BLESSED WEEK!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 5, 2021
WELCOME TO BETHEL!



GUEST SPEAKER: MARK WILSON
Bethel welcomes Mark Wilson who is the Guest Speaker today, December 5th, 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 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.

ADVENT WORKSHOP TODAY FOLLOWING WORSHIP

Join us! Lunch of soup and sandwiches provided.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS AND/OR HOLIDAY BERF DONATION

Purchase a Christmas poinsettia and/or make a holiday donation to BERF
Poinsettias: \$10.00 (red poinsettias available only)
BERF Donation: \$10.00 or more
Deadline: Order and/or donation: this Tuesday, December 7th at 9:00 am.
Forms at end of pews, in vestibule, and December Tower with details.
Questions: Contact Adrienne in the Church Office (540) 886-6041
(if you miss the deadline but would like to order a poinsettia contact Adrienne)

CALLING FOR BELL RINGERS

****WE STILL HAVE 2 SHIFTS AVAILABLE****
the 4 to 6 shift and 6 to 8 shift to ring Salvation Army bells at Kroger
Saturday, December 18th, 2021
Contact Mo Kyle to volunteer at: (540) 292-8578

CHRISTMAS ALIVE PROJECT - RIVERHEADS SCHOOL

WOW! All tags for the Christmas Alive project were picked up last Sunday!
Return wrapped gift with tag attached to the church by December 19th, 2021
Donations of food items are needed see December Tower for ideas; have food donations turned in by December 19th, 2021
Questions: Contact Mo Kyle (540) 292-8578 or Katie McElveen (540) 292-4442

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE
FRIDAY (DECEMBER 24TH) AT 8:00 PM

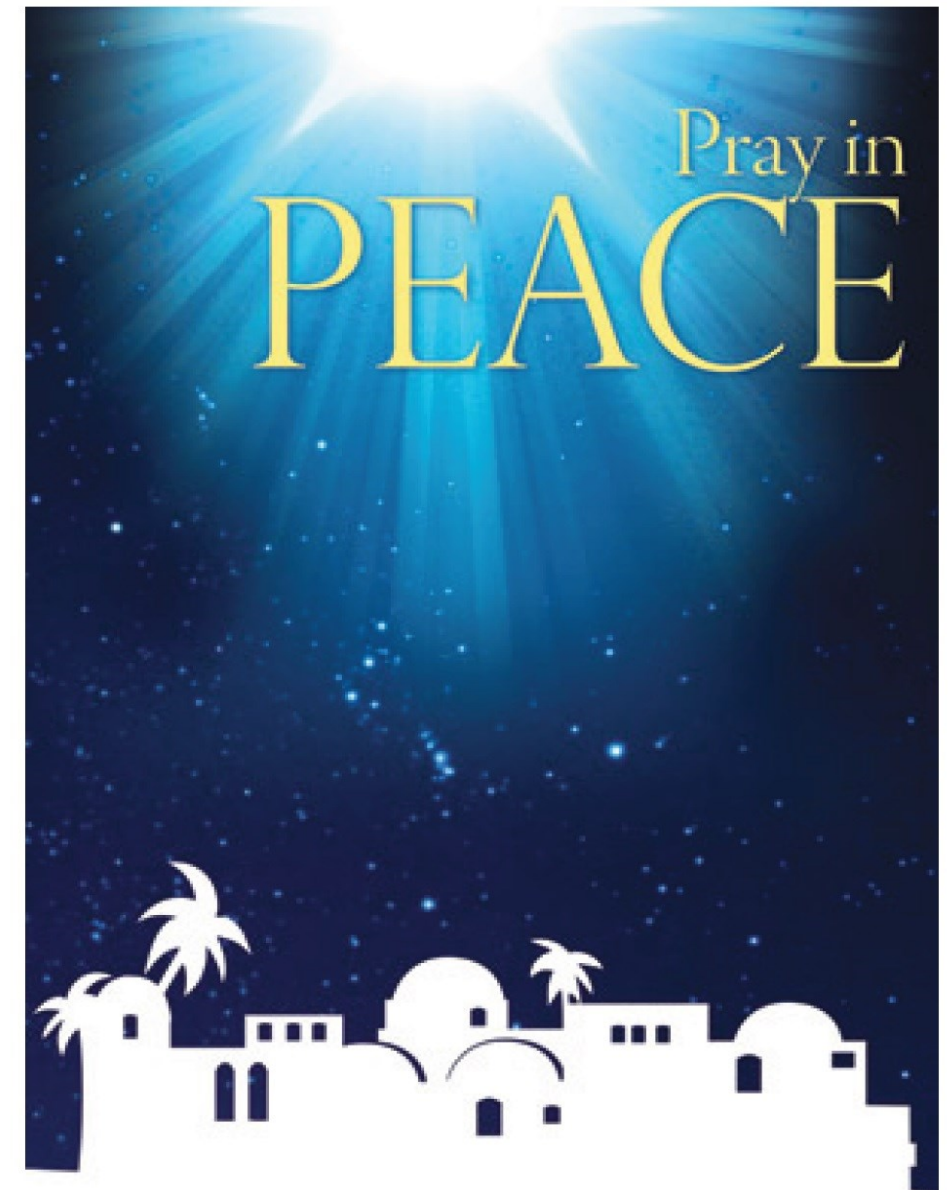
PRAYER LIST Copies of prayer list in vestibule if needed.

ATTENDANCE: November 28th: 62

WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT Estimated Weekly Budget: \$3,365.00
November 28th Offering: \$1,040

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



2nd Sunday in Advent

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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

DECEMBER 5TH, 2021
2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
11:00 AM

† please stand – in body or in spirit †

GATHERING

PRELUDE "Prelude on "Ellers""
by David H. Hegarty
JoAnn Pendley, Organist & Pianist

WESTMINSTER CHIMES

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Brian Lee, Worship Leader

WE APPROACH GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP Brian Lee

Leader: Do you hear the sounds of joy?
Have you heard the messenger's good news?

People: **The Word was with God from the beginning.
In Jesus, the Word has come to dwell among us.**

Leader: We celebrate the true light that opens our eyes.
We scan the horizon eagerly awaiting the arrival of new life.

People: **The voice calls us from the desert.
Make straight the way of the Lord.**

ALL: **Let the heavens proclaim the wonders of God.
Let all the earth rejoice in Christ's coming.
We have seen His glory,
The One who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.**

(please stand)

† OPENING HYMN 143 "Angels, from the Realms of Glory"
JoAnn Pendley, Organist & Pianist

†~ CALL TO CONFESSION Brian Lee

God calls us to "prepare the way of the Lord" and in order to do so we are to "make his paths straight." While we do strive to do just these things, we often find curves and bumps in the road along the way. Let us confess our sin together so that God can help us continue to prepare the way going forward.

(service continues – panel 2)

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Luke 1:75, Malachi 3:2) (unison)All

Holy and righteous God, far too often we are a far cry from the holiness you invite us into. And often we fail to live up to your righteous standards for how we are called to live. Refine us with your righteous refiner's fire to remove all our sinful impulses and impurities. Cleanse us with the fullers' soap to make us pure and holy once again. Help us to live in a way that would be pleasing to you, our Lord. Amen .

† MOMENT OF SILENT CONFESSION

† ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (James 5:15-16) Brian Lee

We are not perfect, but we do not need to be. God in Christ is! And God in Christ has taken care of us and this world once again: "Every valley shall be filled ... and the rough ways made smooth." In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven and freed! May your ears hear this good news, and your eyes see the salvation of God!

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

(please be seated)

THE ADVENT WREATH

Scripture Isaiah 11:6 Steve & Mo Kyle

Lighting of the Advent Candle 2 "Candle of Peace"

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

**A Candle is burning, a flame warm and bright,
A Candle of peace in December's dark night.
While angels sing blessing from heaven's starry sky,
Our hearts we prepare now, for Jesus is nigh.**

Advent Prayer

Holy God, we thank you for the gift of peace that is found in Christ Jesus. Remind us of the safety and security of your peace as we enter into another week. Amen.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

ANTHEM "Soon and Very Soon"
Bethel Choir

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

SCRIPTURE READINGS Isaiah 11:1-6
..... John 1:1-18

2 (service continues – panel 3)

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "The Christmas Horizon"
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 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 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



A - men. A - men. A - men.

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text
MUSIC: Anon. Danish

DANISH AMEN

3 (service continues – panel 4)