

OFFERTORY "Be Still, and Have Faith"
by James Denton
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 DEDICATION Brian Lee

SENDING

† CLOSING HYMN 463 "How Firm a Foundation"
JoAnn Pendley, Organist & Pianist

† CHARGE & BENECTION Brian Lee

POSTLUDE "Lead, Kindly Light"
by Robert J. Hughes
JoAnn Pendley, Organist & Pianist

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HAVE A FABULOUS & BLESSED WEEK!

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WELCOME TO BETHEL!

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 28, 2021

Hanging of the Greens worship service this morning. The first Sunday in Advent when we begin the season of preparing for the birth of Christ.

GUEST SPEAKER: Brian Lee, Ruling Elder

Bethel welcomes our very own Brian Lee who will be giving the message on Sunday. Brian has preached at Bethel before and we appreciate his willingness to help out with the worship service again!



Brian is married to the lovely one of a kind Penny and they have 5 kids: 3 beautiful daughters, Harleigh 22, Bayleigh 20, and Lydia 18, and 2 all boy sons - Moose 21, and Trevor 9. Brian has served as a Deacon at Bethel and is currently serving as an Elder on the Session.

Many thanks to Brian for speaking and giving of his time and talents!

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.

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: Tuesday, December 7th at 9:00 am.
Forms at end of pews & vestibule with details.

Questions: Contact Adrienne in the Church Office (540) 886-6041

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

Help a local family in need this Christmas.
(1) Pick a gift tag off the tree in Memorial Hall & sign the sheet
(2) Buy the gift, wrap, and attach tag
(3) Return wrapped gift to the church by December 19, 2021
Donations of non-perishable food items are needed
see December Tower for ideas; have food donations turned in by December 19
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 NEW ADDITION: Family & Friends of Eloise Moore
Copies of prayer list in vestibule if needed.

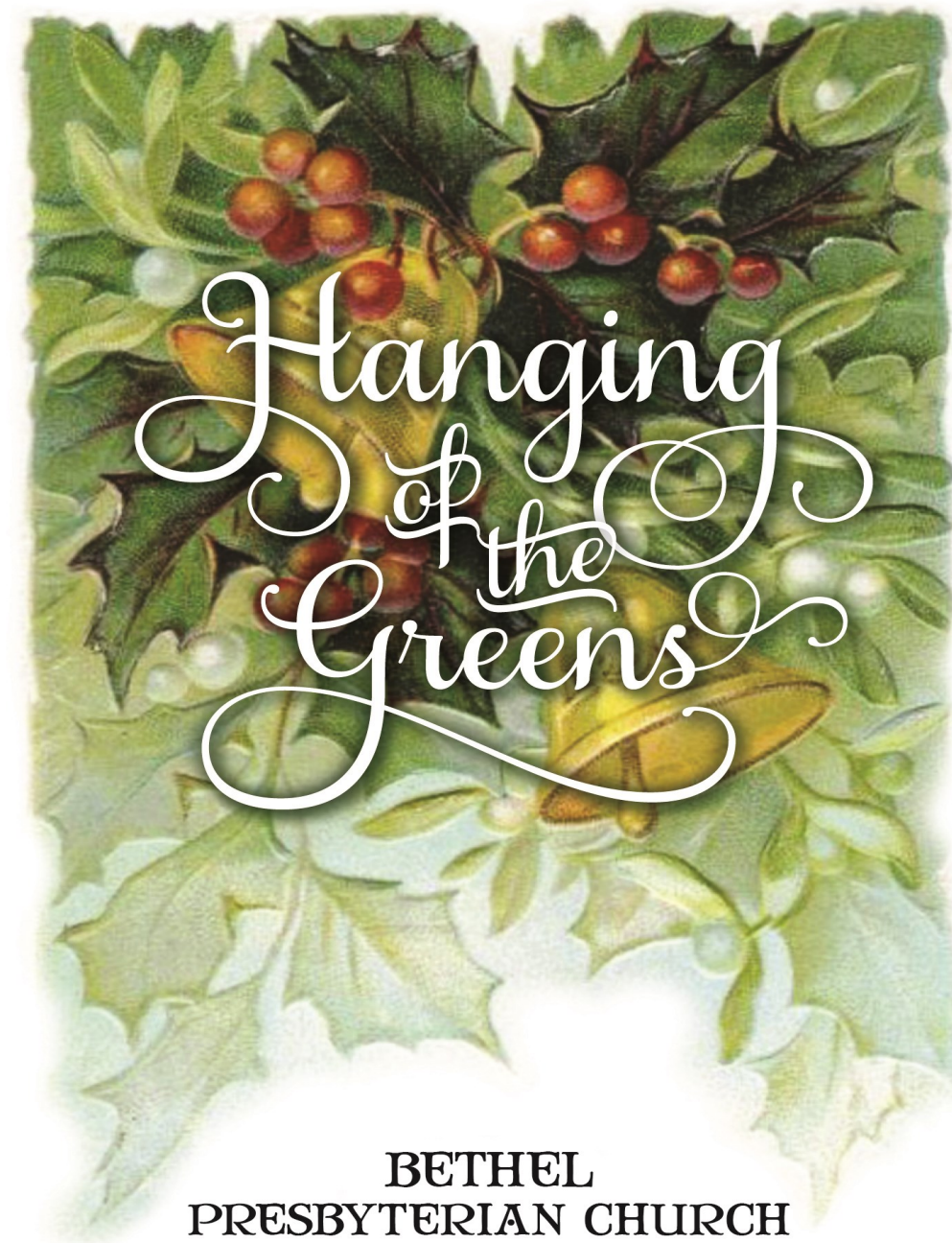
ATTENDANCE: November 21st: 39

WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT Estimated Weekly Budget: \$3,365.00
November 21st Offering: \$1,795

ADVENT DEVOTIONALS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE VESTIBULE &
CAN BE MAILED UPON REQUEST

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



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MISSION STATEMENT

We strive to live peacefully with all and respect one another while loving and serving the Lord; our doors and mission are open to all!

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

NOVEMBER 28, 2021

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT & HANGING OF THE GREENS

11:00 AM

+ please stand - in body or in spirit +

GATHERING

PRELUDE "The Quiet Hour"
arranged by Franklin Ritter
JoAnn Pendley, Organist & Pianist

WESTMINSTER CHIMES

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTSDavid Schooley, Worship Leader

WE APPROACH GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP (Luke 21:25-36)David Schooley

Leader: There will be signs in the heavens and distress among the nations.

People: **When Christ returns in power and glory, people will faint with fear.**

Leader: But when you see these things, lift up your heads:

People: **our redemption is drawing near!**

Leader: Heaven and earth may pass away,

People: **But the Word of God will stand unshaken.**

Leader: Let us welcome God to our midst with song!

(please stand)

+ OPENING HYMN 667 "When Morning Gilds the Skies"
JoAnn Pendley, Organist & Pianist

+~ CALL TO CONFESSION (Luke 21:25-36).....David Schooley

Leader: Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be weighed 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 on panel 2)

Lord have mercy on us. We are not ready for your coming. We live in sin, as though there were no justice. We live in fear, as though there were no grace. Forgive us Lord. Show us your mercy and steadfast love. Lead us in your truth, and teach us your paths, for you are the God of salvation.

+ MOMENT OF SILENT CONFESSION

+ ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESSDavid Schooley

Leader: In Christ you are forgiven.

People: Hallelujah! Let us accept God's grace and give thanks!

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

(please be seated)

SYMBOLS OF ADVENT & LIGHTING THE TREE

"THE ADVENT WREATH"

Wade & Phyllis Cash

Scripture: Isaiah 2:4

Lighting of the Advent Candle I

"Candle of Hope"

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

**A Candle is burning, a flame warm and bright,
A Candle of hope 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, heaven and earth may pass away but your realm is eternal and your promise is sure. Leaven our hearts with hope as our redeemer draws near. Help us to heed the signs of the times, so that we may be ready to stand before Christ, our judge and savior; in whose powerful, glorious name we pray.

Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC..... "Wexford Carol"

Soloist: Melissa Sumner Swisher

"THE POINSETTIA"

Betty Schooley

Scripture: Isaiah 11:1-5

Hymn 129 "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"

"THE CHRISTMAS TREE"

Jonah Williams; Samuel Williams; Mallory Swisher; Trevor Lee

Scripture: Isaiah 9:2

Lighting of the Tree

Hymn Insert "O Christmas Tree"

"THE CHRISMONS"

Ashlyn Almarode

Scripture: Jeremiah 33:14-16

Hymn 113 "Angels We Have Heard on High"

HEARING GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGSMatthew 24:3-5; 10-13

.....Isaiah 7:14

.....Revelation 1:7

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Hope You Are Ready!"

Brian Lee, Ruling Elder

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

(please stand)

+ HYMN OF REFLECTION 738 "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"

+ 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 & CONCERNSDavid Schooley

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLEBrian Lee

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

3 (music included on insert)

"O Christmas Tree"

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Not only green when summer's here, But also when 'tis cold and dreary.
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O Christmas Tree! O Christmas Tree! Much pleasure thou can'st give me;
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How often has the Christmas tree Afforded me the greatest glee!
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MUSIC: Anon. Danish

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