
HEARING GOD'S WORD -----

The Advent Wreath	Molly Fitzgerald
First Advent Candle – HOPE	Swisher Family
Advent Song	Melissa Swisher
Advent Prayer	Wade Cash
The Poinsettia	Scripture Reading: Isaiah 11: 1-5 Allie Fitzgerald
*Hymn (Insert)	<i>Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming</i> JoAnn Pendley
The Christmas Tree	Scripture Reading: Isaiah 9:2 Emmy Fitzgerald
Lighting of the Tree (<i>All Young People Come Forward</i>)	Mallory Swisher
*Hymn (Insert)	<i>O Christmas Tree</i> JoAnn Pendley
The Chrismon's	Scripture Reading: Isaiah 2:4 Kallie Poole
*Hymn (Insert)	While We are Waiting, Come JoAnn Pendley
Anthem	<i>O Lord, How Shall I Meet You</i> Bethel Choir
Prayer of Illumination	Pastor Derek
Time with Young People {Matthew 2:2}.	<i>The Worlds Hope or Christ's?</i> Pastor Derek
Scripture Reading {Matthew 2:1-11}	Pastor Derek
Sermon	<i>Real Hope, The Only Hope!</i> Pastor Derek

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD -----

†Hymn of Reflection #9.	<i>O come, O Come, Emmanuel</i> JoAnn Pendley
†Affirmation of Faith – The Apostles Creed	Wade Cash

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 at 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.

**HOLY CATHOLIC CHURCH: IN THIS CREED THE WORD CATHOLIC MEANS "GENERAL, UNIVERSAL, CONCERNING THE WHOLE: THE CHURCH UNIVERSAL" AND DOES NOT REFER TO THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH.

Joys & Concerns	Wade Cash
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SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Leader: The Lord be With You,

People: and also with you,

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

People: It is right to give thanks and praise.

Response

Leader: Great is the mystery of faith.

People: Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again.

Words of Institution

Communion

Hymn of Communion *At Dawning* JoAnn Pendley

Prayer After Communion

Amen #601

RECEPTION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

Offertory *My Hope is Built on Nothing Less.* JoAnn Pendley

Doxology #606

†Closing Hymn #22 *Angels from The Realms of Glory* JoAnn Pendley

Prayer for Advent Luncheon Pastor Derek

†Charge & Benediction. Pastor Derek

Postlude *Intermezzo* JoAnn Pendley

WHILE WE ARE WAITING, COME

1. While we are wait - ing, come; While we are wait - ing, come.
2. With pow'r and glo - ry, come; With pow'r and glo - ry, come.
3. Come, Sav-ior, quick - ly come; Come, Sav-ior, quick - ly come.

Je - sus, our Lord, Em - man - u - el, While we are wait - ing, come.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'While We Are Waiting, Come'. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The vocal line contains three verses of lyrics. The piano accompaniment is in 3/4 time and features a steady bass line and chords. The second system continues the vocal line and piano accompaniment, ending with a final cadence. The lyrics for the second system are 'Je - sus, our Lord, Em - man - u - el, While we are wait - ing, come.'

Advent Song

2090

C C/E G7 G7 G7 G7 G7 C

1. Light the Ad - vent can - dle, one: Now the wait - ing has be - gun;
 2. Light the Ad - vent can - dle, two: Think of hum - ble shep - herds, who
 3. Light the Ad - vent can - dle, three: Think of heaven - ly har - mo - ny;
 4. Light the Ad - vent can - dle, four: Think of joy for - ev - er - more;
 5. Light the Christ - mas can - dles, now: Sing of don - key, sheep, and cow;

E E7 Am F C/E C G7 G7

we have start - ed on our way, time to think of Christ - mas day.
 filled with won - der at the sight of the child of Christ - mas night.
 an - gels sing - ing "Peace on earth" at the bless - ed Sav - ior's birth.
 Christ Child in a sta - ble born, gift of love that Christ - mas morn.
 birth - day can - dles for the King, let the al - le - lu - ias ring.

Refrain
C C/E G7 G7 G7 G7 G7 C

Can - dle, can - dle, burn - ing bright, shin - ing in the cold win - ter night;

E E7 Am F C/E C G7 C

can - dle, can - dle, burn - ing bright, fill our hearts with Christ - mas light.



O CHRISTMAS TREE

O Christmas Tree, O Christmas tree,
How lovely are your branches!

O Christmas Tree, O Christmas tree,
How lovely are your branches!

Not only green in summer's heat,
But also winter's snow and sleet.

O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree,
How lovely are your branches!

O Christmas Tree, O Christmas tree,
Of all the trees most lovely;

O Christmas Tree, O Christmas tree,
Of all the trees most lovely.

Each year you bring to us delight
With brightly shining Christmas light!

O Christmas Tree, O Christmas tree,
Of all the trees most lovely.

O Christmas Tree, O Christmas tree,
We learn from all your beauty;

O Christmas Tree, O Christmas tree,
We learn from all your beauty.

Your bright green leaves with festive cheer,
Give hope and strength throughout the year.

O Christmas Tree, O Christmas tree,
We learn from all your beauty.



CHRISTMAS ALIVE PROJECT

RIVERHEADS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



The Christmas Alive Tree is at the front of the sanctuary. It is decorated with name tags that correspond to gifts that are listed on the clipboards on the table.

These gifts go to a family that we have adopted from Riverheads Elementary.

*If you choose to participate
in the Christmas Alive project:*

**Please have your gifts to church by
Sunday, December 15, 2024
Already wrapped with the tag attached.**



— GYPSY HILL PARK —

Celebration of Holiday Lights

Check out the Bethel display!

(between the train and the gazebo)

Living Nativity
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19TH @ 6:30

HUGE COMMUNITY EVENT & AMAZING FELLOWSHIP!
SONG · REFRESHMENTS · BONFIRE · ANIMALS · THE BIRTH OF THE CHRIST CHILD

2025 Stewardship Drive

Dear Friends,

It is the season of “giving”! It is also the season when we make a pledge to serve our Lord in His ministry at Bethel by using our talents and pledging our finances. Bethel is home to the most passionate followers of Christ. As we seek to begin our 279th Year of ministry together, we must jointly commit to the physical and spiritual health of our beloved church as we focus on her mission and her vision. Through the prayerful giving of our time, talent, and finances, together Bethel will continue to serve Christ in our community, both diligently and faithfully.

Always remember, as Christ’s disciples, our giving is not a debt we owe; it is a seed we sow in His glorious name. We have heard Derek say before, we can give anonymously as followers of Christ without loving, but that is not the example of Jesus’ life, ministry, and ultimately His death. It also is not what He instructs or expects. Derek finished by saying, if we are to follow Christ example and His instructions “to love as we have loved”, then we must love unconditionally through our giving. Giving is one of the greatest accolades of our Savior Jesus Christ. It is also one of our greatest duties.

Please prayerfully consider how you can contribute to Bethel in the coming year. Should you have questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to our committee or specific individuals that make up our committee. (Brian Lee, Wade Cash, Dave Schooley, Charlie Johnson)

In Christ, Stewardship Committee

lift up in prayer

Bethel Leadership and Our Bethel Church Family

Bill Brubeck | Doris Cason | John Davis | Yvonne & Ed Eisenberg
Hunter Harris | Jed Katt | David Killingsworth | Jane Law
JoAnn Pendley | Jim Rankin | Tommy & Sharon Roadcap
Butch Rohrbaugh | John Rohrbaugh | Sean Shoe
Lucy Sproul | Dale Smith | Libby Snyder | Kay Swisher
Cathy Ward | Ivy, Harvey & Henry Wheeler

sympathy & condolences

FAMILY and FRIENDS of:

Chase Killingsworth

PRAYER REQUESTS OR CHANGES

If you have any changes, additions or updates
to the Prayer List please contact:

Tammy Barbour @ 540-471-0450 or Penny Lee @ 540-416-8996

the flowers Today

are given by **Kay & Annie Swisher**
in memory of Bethel Members:

Mitch & Antha Swisher, Grandparents

Don & Bettie Swisher, Parents

Wayne Swisher, Brother

24th

NOVEMBER

ATTENDANCE

78

STAFF ON CALL

Derek Almarode
540-280-4940

WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Estimated Weekly Budget
\$3,127.00

Offering for November 24
\$2,879.00





UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

INCLUDING OUR
COMMUNITY FAMILY OF FAITH

Sunday, December 1 - TODAY

- Hanging of the Greens & Advent Workshop
- Brief congregational meeting immediately after church to approve the Nominating Committee for 2025 and to review the approved FY25 Church Budget
- Everyone is more than welcome to stay for the meeting.

Sunday, December 8 - Covered dish meal

- Tenderloin is provided
- EVERYONE please join us!!
- Bethel fellowship in the best way - around a meal!

Thursday, December 19 - Living Nativity

Tuesday, December 24 - Candle Light Service

Sunday, January 18 - Installation Service & Celebration

- Special guests and refreshments after!

Kingdom Builders

Youth Bible Study
Held at Pines

Every other Sunday: 2:00 - 4:00

Bible study with

the Waymakers

6:30 Thursdays at Bethel - Join Us!

ELDERS

Cindy Almarode
YOUTH CHAIR
MODERATOR, WOMEN OF THE CHURCH

Derek Almarode
LAY PASTOR
MODERATOR

Tammy Barbour
WORSHIP CHAIR

Wade Cash
PROPERTY & MAINTENANCE CHAIR
CHAIRMAN OF THE DEACONS

Brian Lee
STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE CHAIR
SECURITY

Penny Lee
OUTREACH, EVANGELISM
& COMMUNICATIONS CHAIR

Betty Schooley
WITNESS & MISSION CHAIR

Dave Schooley
PERSONNEL
CLERK OF SESSION

Tim Turner
CHRISTIAN ED CHAIR

Mark Wade
CONGREGATIONAL CARE CHAIR

DEACONS

Mitch Lathrop

Harleigh Rahnvard-Tehrani

Katie McElveen

Beth Miller

D.W. Miller

John Ross

TRUSTEE COMMITTEE

Guy D. Brooks

Ginny Gano

Charlie Johnson

Mo Kyle

Dale Thompson

Billy Wade

Treasurer, Dale C. Smith

CHURCH STAFF

JoAnn Pendley
PIANIST, ORGANIST
BELL CHOIR AND CHOIR

Kay Thompson
RECEIVING TREASURER

Marsha Sensabaugh
DISBURSING TREASURER

Donna Bush
CUSTODIAN

YOUTH COMMITTEE

Meets the last Sunday of each month.

SECURITY COMMITTEE

Meets the 3rd Sunday of each month.