



4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ADVENT — LOVE · SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22<sup>ND</sup> 2024 · 11:00 AM

Prelude . . . . . *The King Is Coming* . . . . . JoAnn Pendley  
Welcome & Announcements . . . . . Wade Cash

**WE APPROACH GOD** -----

Invocation . . . . . Wade Cash  
Call to Worship . . . . . Wade Cash

**Leader:** We come seeking a sign from You, the One who sits upon the throne.  
**People:** Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved.  
**Leader:** We come seeking to worship You, the One who dwells with us always.  
**People:** Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved.  
**Leader:** We come seeking to witness your might, a child to be born in a coming night.  
**Everyone:** Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved. Let Your love reign throughout the world today and in everyday to come. Amen!

†Opening Hymn #31. . . . . *Hark the Herald Angels Sing* . . . . . JoAnn Pendley  
†Call to Confession . . . . . Wade Cash  
†Prayer of Confession . . . . . Wade Cash

**O come to us, abide with us, our Lord, Emmanuel! God with us!!**

**Lord, you came to us long ago as a helpless babe, as one in need of human love and care. You taught us how to love and care for one another. Help us to hold on to that childlike wonder, amazement, and love, and help us to love one another all year long not just in this season. Lord in this world we call home, even with all its good, we find and see total chaos. Guide our feet Lord, into your way of peace, as only the Prince of Peace can lead us. Please help us Lord, to understand that a repenting heart is the first step in laying down our burdens to you as we seek to surrender ourselves to you, so that we may serve you, and serve one another in your name. Lord, this Christmas as we celebrate your coming; let us never forget its purpose, its mission, and its victory. In the name of Christ, Emmanuel, God with Us, we pray.**

Moment of Silent Confession . . . . . Wade Cash

Assurance of Forgiveness . . . . . Wade Cash

**HEARING GOD'S WORD** -----

Third Advent Candle - JOY . . . . . D.W. & Beth Miller

Fourth Advent Candle - LOVE . . . . . Wes & Katie McElveen

Advent Song - Verses 3 & 4 . . . . .Melissa Swisher

Advent Prayer. . . . . Wade Cash

Anthem . . . . . *In the Bleak Midwinter.* . . . . . Bethel Choir

Prayer of Illumination . . . . . Pastor Derek

Time with Young People {1 John 4:9} . . . . . *Why a Baby?* . . . . . Pastor Derek

Scripture Reading {1 John 4:1-12} . . . . . Pastor Derek

Sermon . . . . . *Real Love!* . . . . . Pastor Derek

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

†Hymn of Reflection #38 . . . . . *It Came Upon a Midnight Clear* . . . . . 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 Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Joys & Concerns . . . . .Wade Cash

Prayers of the People . . . . . Pastor Derek

Amen #601 . . . . .Wade Cash

**RECEPTION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS** -----

Offertory . . . . . *A Legend* . . . . . JoAnn Pendley

Doxology #606

†Closing Hymn #29 . . . . . *Go Tell It on The Mountain* . . . . . JoAnn Pendley

†Charge & Benediction. . . . . Pastor Derek

Postlude . . . . . *Pastoral Symphony.* . . . . . JoAnn Pendley

– GYPSY HILL PARK – Celebration of Holiday Lights  
(Bethel display is between the train and the gazebo)

*Refreshments after church today!*

## 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.

# POINSETTIAS

*given in memory*

IN MEMORY OF  
**RAY DIAMOND**

GIVEN BY  
STEPHANIE RIVERS

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IN MEMORY OF  
**JR. & NANCY CASH**

GIVEN BY  
WADE & PHYLLIS CASH

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IN MEMORY OF  
**KENITH & VERNA DOYLE**

GIVEN BY  
WADE & PHYLLIS CASH

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IN MEMORY OF  
**JAMES WILHITE**

GIVEN BY  
NELLIE GLENN & GINNY PICKETT

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IN MEMORY OF  
**BELINDA WILHITE**

GIVEN BY  
NELLIE GLENN & GINNY PICKETT

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IN MEMORY OF  
**VIRGINIA DICKINSON  
FRANCISCO**

GIVEN BY  
BILL FRANCISCO

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IN MEMORY OF  
**FRED S. & CLEO HANGER**

GIVEN BY  
JIM & CAROLE HINTON

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IN MEMORY OF  
**VIRGINIA K. HINTON**

GIVEN BY  
JIM & CAROLE HINTON

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IN MEMORY OF  
**OUR GRANDPARENTS**

GIVEN BY  
BRIAN & PENNY LEE

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IN MEMORY OF  
**COL. (USA RET.) & MRS.  
DOW S. GRONES, JR.**

GIVEN BY  
THE LEONARD FAMILY

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IN MEMORY OF  
**GORDON K. LEONARD, SR.**

GIVEN BY  
THE LEONARD FAMILY

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IN MEMORY OF  
**OUR PARENTS**

GIVEN BY  
DALE & LIBBY SMITH

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IN MEMORY OF  
**MARY WILLIAMS  
DRANSFIELD**

GIVEN BY  
HER FAMILY

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IN MEMORY OF  
**DR. H. LYNN & ELOISE MOORE**

GIVEN BY  
FAMILY

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IN MEMORY OF  
**JIM & CHARLOTTE WILLIAMS**

GIVEN BY  
FAMILY

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IN MEMORY OF  
**MILTON & CAROL SCHOOLEY**

GIVEN BY  
DAVE & BETTY SCHOOLEY

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IN MEMORY OF  
**JUDY MCCRAY**

GIVEN BY  
DAVE & BETTY SCHOOLEY

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IN MEMORY OF  
**EMILY LAW KINSLING**

GIVEN BY  
HER FAMILY

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IN MEMORY OF  
**DANNY & LOUALE ALMARODE**

GIVEN BY  
DEREK, CINDY & ASHLYN

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IN MEMORY OF  
**RICHARD WHITESELL**

GIVEN BY  
DEREK, CINDY & ASHLYN

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IN MEMORY OF  
**NATHANIEL LANE ALMARODE**

GIVEN BY  
HIS PARENTS & SISTER

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IN MEMORY OF  
**ALLEN QUICK**

GIVEN BY  
PAT QUICK

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IN MEMORY OF  
**MR. & MRS. CARLISLE NEFF**

GIVEN BY  
PAT QUICK

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IN MEMORY OF  
**WARREN & BETTY ROSS**

GIVEN BY  
JOHN ROSS

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## POINSETTIAS

*given in memory*

IN MEMORY OF  
**ELMER KYLE &  
BETTY KYLE OTT**  
(STEVE'S PARENTS)

GIVEN BY  
STEVE & MO KYLE

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IN MEMORY OF  
**R.W. & MOGGIE MOFFETT**  
(MO'S PARENTS)

GIVEN BY  
STEVE & MO KYLE

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IN MEMORY OF  
**MR. & MRS. STEPHEN GANO**  
GIVEN BY  
DAN & GINNY GANO

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IN MEMORY OF  
**COL & MRS. JAMES BUNDY**  
GIVEN BY  
DAN & GINNY GANO

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IN MEMORY OF  
**COL. & MRS. TERRENCE SHAW**  
GIVEN BY  
DAN & GINNY GANO

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## POINSETTIAS

*given in honor*

IN HONOR OF  
**ASHLEY, ISAAC &  
MARGARET WREN NELSON**  
GIVEN BY  
STEVE & MO KYLE

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IN HONOR OF  
**PAT QUICK**  
GIVEN BY  
KAY & ANNIE SWISHER

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IN HONOR OF  
**BILL & SALLY BRUBECK**  
GIVEN BY  
KAY & ANNIE SWISHER

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IN HONOR OF  
**OUR FAMILY**  
GIVEN BY  
BRIAN & PENNY LEE

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IN HONOR OF  
**DALE & LIBBY SMITH**  
GIVEN BY  
KAY & ANNIE SWISHER

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IN HONOR OF  
**BILL & MARGARET WADE**  
GIVEN BY  
MARK & PAM WADE

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IN HONOR OF  
**SUE WHITESELL**  
GIVEN BY  
DEREK, CINDY  
& ASHLYN ALMARODE

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## BERF DONATIONS

*given by*

JIM GIBSON  
NANCY WEBSTER  
KARMAN & MAC  
WILLIAMS

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*given in memory*

IN MEMORY OF  
**FAMILY**  
GIVEN BY  
GLORIA LANDES

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IN MEMORY OF  
**MEAGAN HOY**  
GIVEN BY  
BOB & LOUISE HOY

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*given in honor*

IN HONOR OF  
**NANCY DIAMOND**  
GIVEN BY  
STEPHANIE RIVERS

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IN HONOR OF  
**BETHEL CHURCH FAMILY**  
GIVEN BY  
JOHN ROSS

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IN HONOR OF  
**BETHEL FAMILY**  
GIVEN BY  
THE ALMARODES

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A SERVICE OF  
SONG & SCRIPTURE

# Candlelight Service

**CHRISTMAS EVE ▸ 8:00PM**

BRING YOUR FRIENDS, FAMILY & THE KIDS IN THEIR JAMMIES.

NO BETTER TIME TO START YOUR CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY TRADITION!

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 been 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

## 2025 Stewardship Drive

# *lift up in prayer*

## **Bethel Leadership and Our Bethel Church Family**

Peyton & Justin Branch | Bill Brubeck | Dale Burke | Doris Cason  
John Davis | Yvonne Eisenberg | Hunter Harris | Skylar Harris  
Jamie Humphries | Jed Katt | David Killingsworth | Jane Law  
Amanda Morgan | Jackie Morgan | Judy Norris | JoAnn Pendley  
Butch & Renee Rohrbaugh | Sean Shoe | Lucy Sproul  
Mickey & Darlene Strickler | Zack & Kylee Strickler  
Cathy Ward | Ivy, Harvey & Henry Wheeler | Alice Woodell

# *sympathy & condolences*

## **FAMILY and FRIENDS of:**

Chase Killingsworth | John Rohrbaugh | James Rankin

## **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



*Loves pure light awaits...  
Open the door.*

8<sup>th</sup>

**DECEMBER**

**ATTENDANCE**

**104**

## **STAFF ON CALL**

Derek Almarode  
540-280-4940

## **WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT**

Estimated Weekly Budget  
\$3,127.00

Offering for December 8  
\$3,155.00





# UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

INCLUDING OUR  
COMMUNITY FAMILY OF FAITH

**Sunday, December 22 - Refreshments After Worship!**

**Tuesday, December 24 - Candle Light Service**

- Beautiful service of song & scripture!

**Sunday, January 18 - Installation Service & Celebration**

- Special guests and refreshments after!

**Saturday, March 15 - WRE Cake Walk**

- Mint Spring Ruritan Building - 6pm

**Sunday, April 27 - WRE Spring Praise Night**

- Raphine Christian Church - 6pm

**Monday, February 17 - WRE Council Meeting - 7pm**

- Mint Spring Ruritan Building - 6pm

**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!

## YOUTH COMMITTEE

Meets the last Sunday of each month.

## SECURITY COMMITTEE

Meets the 3rd Sunday of each month.

## ELDERS

**Cindy Almarode**

YOUTH CHAIR  
MODERATOR, WOMEN OF THE CHURCH

**Derek Almarode, 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