

4^{TH} Sunday in advent — Love \rightarrow Sunday, december 22^{ND} $2024 \rightarrow 11:00\text{AM}$	
Prelude	
Welcome & Announcements	
WE APPROACH GOD	
Invocation	
Call to Worship	
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	
†Call to Confession	
†Prayer of Confession	
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord, Emmanuel! God with us!!	

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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.

Assurance of Forgiveness
HEARING GOD'S WORD
Third Advent Candle - JOY
Fourth Advent Candle - LOVE
Advent Song - Verses 3 & 4
Advent Prayer
Anthem In the Bleak Midwinter Bethel Choir
Prayer of Illumination
Time with Young People {1 John 4:9}
Scripture Reading {1 John 4:1-12}
Sermon
WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD
†Hymn of Reflection #38
†Affirmation of Faith - The Apostles Creed
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
Prayers of the People
Amen #601
RECEPTION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS
Offertory
Doxology #606
†Closing Hymn #29
†Charge & Benediction
Postlude
– GYPSY HILL PARK – Celebration of Holiday Lights

Refreshments after church today!

(Bethel display is between the train and the gazebo)

Advent Song



POINSETTIAS

given in memory

IN MEMORY OF RAY DIAMOND

GIVEN BY STEPHANIE RIVERS

IN MEMORY OF JR. & NANCY CASH

GIVEN BY WADE & PHYLLIS CASH

IN MEMORY OF KENITH & VERNA DOYLE

GIVEN BY WADE & PHYLLIS CASH

IN MEMORY OF JAMES WILHITE

GIVEN BY
NELLIE GLENN & GINNY PICKETT

IN MEMORY OF BELINDA WILHITE

GIVEN BY
NELLIE GLENN & GINNY PICKETT

IN MEMORY OF VIRGINIA DICKINSON FRANCISCO

> GIVEN BY BILL FRANCISCO

IN MEMORY OF FRED S. & CLEO HANGER

GIVEN BY JIM & CAROLE HINTON

IN MEMORY OF
VIRGINIA K. HINTON
GIVEN BY

JIM & CAROLE HINTON

IN MEMORY OF OUR GRANDPARENTS

GIVEN BY Brian & Penny Lee

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

GIVEN BY The Leonard Family

IN MEMORY OF GORDON K. LEONARD, SR.

> GIVEN BY The Leonard Family

> > IN MEMORY OF OUR PARENTS

GIVEN BY DALE & LIBBY SMITH

IN MEMORY OF MARY WILLIAMS DRANSFIELD

> GIVEN BY HER FAMILY

IN MEMORY OF DR. H. LYNN & ELOISE MOORE

GIVEN BY FAMILY

IN MEMORY OF
JIM & CHARLOTTE WILLIAMS

GIVEN BY FAMILY

IN MEMORY OF
MILTON & CAROL SCHOOLEY

GIVEN BY
DAVE & BETTY SCHOOLEY

IN MEMORY OF JUDY MCCRAY

GIVEN BY
DAVE & BETTY SCHOOLEY

IN MEMORY OF
EMILY LAW KINSLING
GIVEN BY

HER FAMILY

IN MEMORY OF DANNY & LOUALE ALMARODE

GIVEN BY
DEREK, CINDY & ASHLYN

IN MEMORY OF RICHARD WHITESELL

GIVEN BY DEREK, CINDY & ASHLYN

IN MEMORY OF NATHANIEL LANE ALMARODE

GIVEN BY HIS PARENTS & SISTER

> IN MEMORY OF ALLEN QUICK GIVEN BY PAT QUICK

IN MEMORY OF
MR. & MRS. CARLISLE NEFF
GIVEN BY
PAT QUICK

IN MEMORY OF
WARREN & BETTY ROSS
GIVEN BY

JOHN ROSS



POINSETTIAS

given in memory

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

GIVEN BY STEVE & MO KYLE

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

> GIVEN BY STEVE & MO KYLE

IN MEMORY OF MR. & MRS. STEPHEN GANO

GIVEN BY DAN & GINNY GANO

IN MEMORY OF

COL & MRS. JAMES BUNDY

GIVEN BY

DAN & GINNY GANO

IN MEMORY OF

COL. & MRS. TERRENCE SHAW

GIVEN BY

DAN & GINNY GANO

POINSETTIAS

given in honor

IN HONOR OF ASHLEY, ISAAC & MARGARET WREN NELSON

> **GIVEN BY** STEVE & MO KYLE

IN HONOR OF BILL & SALLY BRUBECK

GIVEN BY KAY & ANNIE SWISHER

IN HONOR OF **DALE & LIBBY SMITH**

GIVEN BY KAY & ANNIE SWISHER

IN HONOR OF **PAT QUICK**

GIVEN BY KAY & ANNIE SWISHER

> IN HONOR OF OUR FAMILY

GIVEN BY BRIAN & PENNY LEE

IN HONOR OF

BILL & MARGARET WADE

GIVEN BY

MARK & PAM WADE

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

BERF DONATIONS

given by

IIM GIBSON

NANCY WEBSTER

KARMAN & MAC WILLIAMS

given in memory

IN MEMORY OF **FAMILY**

GIVEN BY **GLORIA LANDES**

IN MEMORY OF **MEAGAN HOY**

GIVEN BY BOB & LOUISE HOY

given in honor

IN HONOR OF NANCY DIAMOND

GIVEN BY STEPHANIE RIVERS

IN HONOR OF **BETHEL CHURCH FAMILY**

GIVEN BY JOHN ROSS

IN HONOR OF **BETHEL FAMILY**

GIVEN BY THE ALMARODES



Dear Friends,

2025 Stewardship Drive

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

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

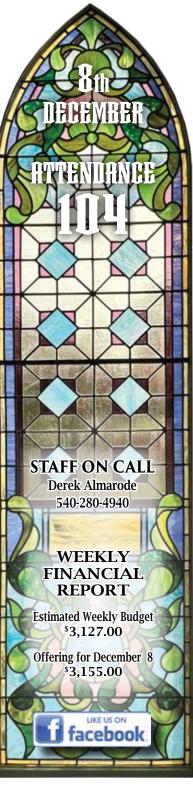
FAMILY and FRIENDS of:

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







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

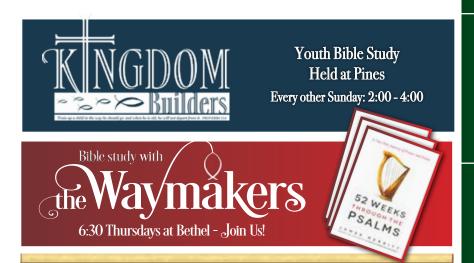
· Mint Spring Ruritan Building - 6pm

Sunday, April 27 - WRE Spring Praise Night

· Raphine Christian Church - 6pm

Monday, February 17 - WRE Council Meeting - 7pm

· Mint Spring Ruritan Building - 6pm



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

Tammy Barbour WORSHIP CHAIR

Wade Cash
PROPERTY & MAINTENANCE CHAIR
CHAIRMEN OF THE DEACONS

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& COMMUNICATIONS CHAIR

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Marsha Sensabaugh DISBURSING TREASURER

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