



2ND SUNDAY IN ADVENT — PEACE · SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8TH 2024 · 11:00 AM

Prelude *Gentle Shepherd* JoAnn Pendley
Welcome & Announcements Wade Cash

WE APPROACH GOD -----

Invocation Wade Cash
Call to Worship Wade Cash

Leader: Friends, listen, the voice of God calls out across the ages.
People: Yes, we hear it and respond. We rise to worship God from the valleys, the mountains and the plains.
Leader: Like a shepherd, God leads us and tenderly gathers us together.
People: Comfort my people says our God of love.
Leader: For the time has come to dwell in His peace.
Everyone: The seasons pass in this life from life to death, but the word of God never withers or falters, nor does His peace and Goodness!
This morning, we gather to worship Emmanuel; God is With Us. Amen!

†Opening Hymn #20. *Watchman Tell Us of The Night* JoAnn Pendley
†Call to Confession Wade Cash
†Prayer of Confession Wade Cash

Loving and Merciful God, where there seems to be no way to the end of this discord in our world, help us to remember that Jesus’ birth is the way. Father God, be with us and guide us as we seek a path forward through the veil of darkness in our lives. Many days we are blinded by man, because the truth is shrouded in one’s opinions, yet we fail to remember that Christ has already spoken, and His word is inerrant and clear. Father be with us as we seek the peace that comes in our relationship with You the triune God. Father use this season of Peace to reinspire us to seek You first and not to rely our own understanding of the world around us, but Yours. It is only in You we can find Peace within.

Moment of Silent Confession Wade Cash
Assurance of Forgiveness Wade Cash

HEARING GOD’S WORD -----

Second Advent Candle – PEACE Jim Gibson & Ginny Pickett
Advent SongMelissa Swisher
Advent Prayer. Wade Cash
Anthem. *Prepare the Way, O Zion.* Bethel Choir
Prayer of Illumination Pastor Derek
Time with Young People {Luke 24:35}. *Peace Be with You.* Pastor Derek
Scripture Reading {Luke 2:1-20} Pastor Derek
Sermon *Peace is Found In The Chaos.* Pastor Derek

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD -----

†Hymn of Reflection #23 *Angels We Have Heard on High* JoAnn Pendley
†Affirmation of Faith – The Apostles Creed Wade Cash

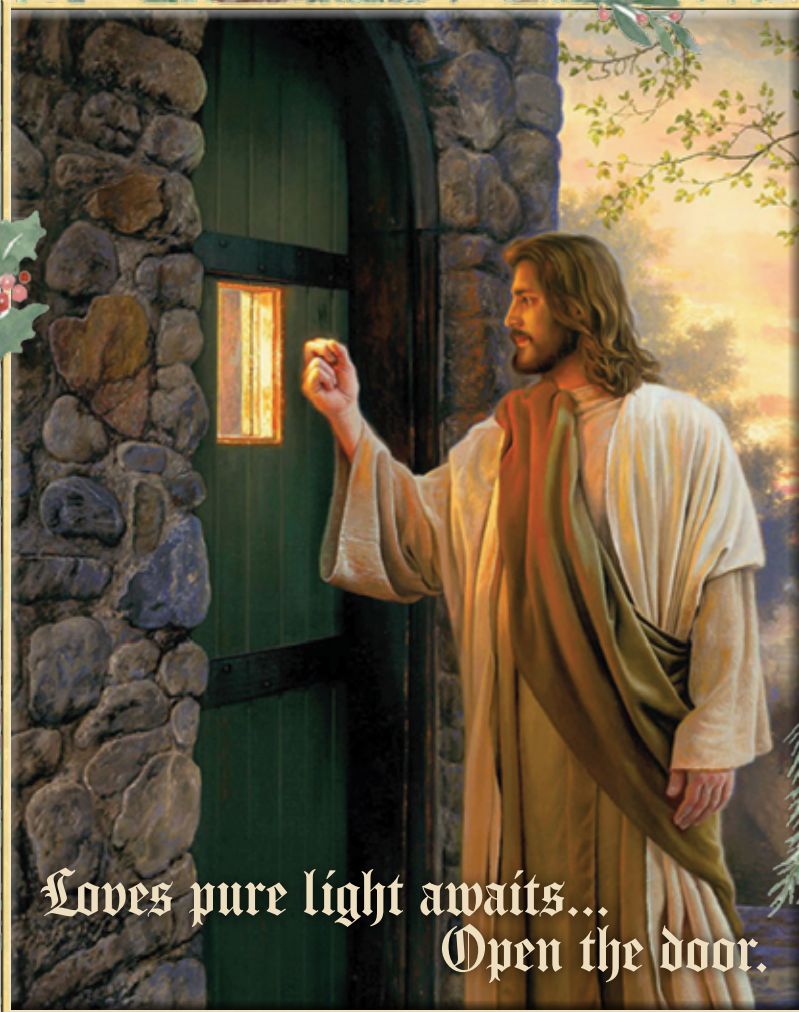
I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His Only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead. 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
Prayers of the People Pastor Derek
Amen #601 Wade Cash

RECEPTION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS -----

Offertory *In the Bleak Mid- Winter* JoAnn Pendley
Doxology #606
†Closing Hymn #38 *It Came Upon a Midnight Clear* JoAnn Pendley
Blessing for the Luncheon Pastor Derek
†Charge & Benediction. Pastor Derek
Postlude *Ceremonial March* JoAnn Pendley



Loves pure light awaits...
Open the door.

Advent Song

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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.

FOR TO US A CHILD IS BORN,
TO US A SON IS GIVEN,
AND THE GOVERNMENT WILL BE ON HIS
SHOULDERS. AND HE WILL BE CALLED
WONDERFUL COUNSELOR,
MIGHTY GOD, EVERLASTING FATHER,

Prince of Peace.

ISAIAH 9:6

LIVING NATIVITY!

If you are planning to bring your livestock, please confirm with Penny, 540-416-8996.

Gilbert the donkey and Belle the horse are confirmed already.

All of you that have signed up to contribute food items, please have them in the kitchen by Wednesday evening, Dec. 18, if you don't plan to attend. We will be taking everything to the chapel early in the day on Thursday, Dec. 19. Thank you all!

Congratulations to Mo & Steve Kyle on the birth of their granddaughter!

Margaret Wren Nelson
was born December 7 at 4:30am
7 lbs 2 oz | 21 inches
Ashley, baby & Isaac are doing well!



The Candle of PEACE

God kept his promise of a Savior
who would be born in Bethlehem.

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.

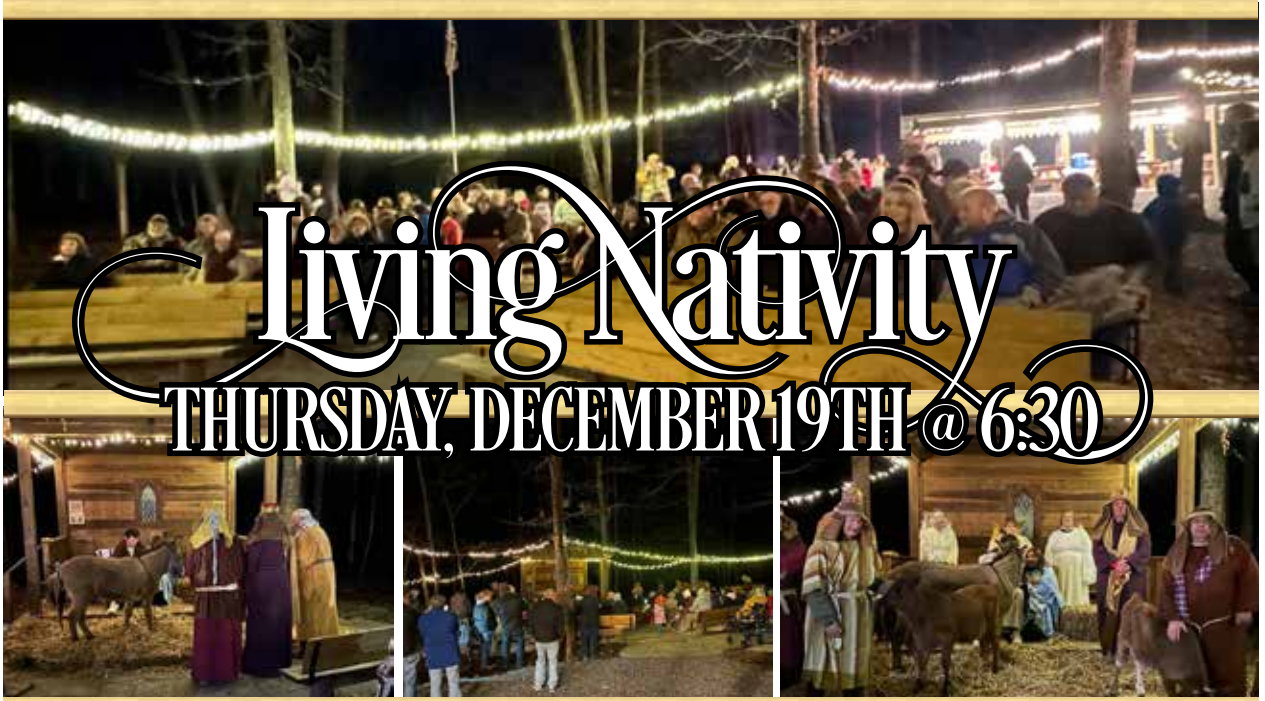
If you choose to participate in the Christmas Alive project:

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

Peyton & Justin Branch | Bill Brubeck | Doris Cason | John Davis
Yvonne Eisenberg | Hunter Harris | Skylar Harris | Jed Katt
David Killingsworth | Jane Law | Ashley Kyle Nelson | JoAnn Pendley
Tommy & Sharon Roadcap | 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

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

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DECEMBER

ATTENDANCE

93

STAFF ON CALL

Derek Almarode
540-280-4940

WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Estimated Weekly Budget
\$3,127.00

Offering for December 1
\$4,449.00





UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

INCLUDING OUR
COMMUNITY FAMILY OF FAITH

Sunday, December 8 - TODAY

- Covered dish meal
- Everyone please join us!
- **Youth Bible Study at Pines 2:00 - 4:00**

Thursday, December 19 - Living Nativity

- Live animals
- Bonfire
- Hot chocolate & snacks
- Everyone please join us!

Tuesday, December 22 - Christmas Caroling with Pines

- Anyone that wants to go caroling meet at Pines at 2:00!

Tuesday, December 24 - Candle Light Service

- Beautiful service of song & scripture!

Sunday, January 18 - Installation Service & Celebration

- Special guests and refreshments after!

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.