

**Order of Worship**  
**Second Sunday of Advent**  
**December 10, 2017 10:45 AM**

*Bethel United Methodist Church seeks to be a church that fulfills the spiritual needs of the community, shows God's love to all, and serves God in all it does.*

**Fanfare**

**The Chiming Hour** While the chimes play, pray.

**Lighting of the Candles** Welcome God into our midst.

**Prayer of Meditation** Open our hearts to receive you, God.

**Prelude**

**Announcements**

\***Opening Hymn** UMH #211 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (verses 1, 2)

\***Greeting**

L. Look! Faithful love and truth have met in this place.

**C. Righteousness and peace have kissed in our midst.**

L. Listen! God is speaking words of hope.

**C. Christ is calling us into God's flock.**

L. See! The glory of God shines all around us. The love of Christ flows through our lives.

**C. Come! Let us worship. Amen.**

**Lighting of the Second Advent Candle** - Cheryl and Ralph Emery

Advent Song FWS #2090 (verse 2)

Liturgist - Today we light the second candle of Advent, the candle of peace.

(Two purple candles are lit.) God has a peaceful dream for the world, and we dream it too.

Let us pray:

**All: Jesus, you are peace even when there is hatred. Help us to forgive like you when we are hurt or wounded. Bring peace into our hearts we pray. Amen.**

Hymn UMH #213 "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates" (verses 1, 4)

**Opening Prayer (unison)**

Shepherding God, as lambs of your flock, we long to lie down in green pastures.

Lift us into your lap, and comfort our troubled minds. Give us your rest, and strengthen our weary bodies. Guide us through this season of anticipation and hope,

that we might lift our voices in laughter and song. Make our paths straight, that we might move boldly forward as we prepare for your arrival. Amen.

**Choir Anthem** "In the First Light" - Robert Kauflin, arrg. J. Daniel Smith

**Prayer of Illumination**

Lord, it is not the words on these pages that bring life, it is the deepening of our relationship with you that these words enable. We beg you now to fill them with your truth, yourself, that as they are read, sung and preached we know you more. Amen.

**Old Testament Lesson** Isaiah 40.1-5 (OT page 627)

**Children's Message**

Pastor Hines  
Hymn FWS #2233 "Where Children Belong"

**Sermon**

"Christmas Comfort"  
Pastor Hines  
Invitation to Christian Discipleship  
UMH #117 "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" (verses 1, 2)

**Sharing, Joys and Concerns**

**The Lord's Prayer**

\***Passing of the Peace**" (ushers please come forward as people are seated)

**Offering** "Jesus said to them, 'Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions'". (Luke 12:15 NIV)

\***Doxology**

**Praise and glory to the Father, praise and glory to the Son. Praise and glory to the Spirit, ever three and ever One. Amen.**

\***Prayer of Dedication**

\***Closing Hymn** UMH #384 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" (verses 1, 3)

\***Benediction**

\***Postlude**

\*indicates stand if able—

**PARTICIPATING IN WORSHIP THIS DAY**

**Greeter:** Chad Haring

**Liturgist:** Ron Moore

**Nursery** (Birth-2 yr.): Bachrach/Vanderwerf/Wynn      **Pre-School** (3-4 yr.): Open  
**Computer Operators:** Haring/Desimone/Raab/Spiece/Murray/Bates/Hanlon  
**Tellers:** Terrie McKinley/Amy Keller  
**Ushers:** Joan Spiece, Sandy Davies, Corey Murray, Peggy Linderman  
**Flowers:** Trish & Dale Richards - In Honor of Our Children and Grandchildren  
**Coffee Hour:** Congregation. Gluten-free items available.

**SERVING NEXT WEEK IN WORSHIP**

**Greeters:** The Collins Family      **Liturgist:** Denise Barton  
**Nursery** (Birth-2 yr.): Bachrach/Vanderwerf/Wynn      **Pre-School** (3-4 yr.): Open  
**Computer Operators:** Haring/Desimone/Raab/Spiece/Murray/Bates/Hanlon  
**Tellers:** Trish Richards/Michelle Vondercrone  
**Ushers:** Dot Shantz, Jean Domin, Anne Hoffman, Kim Bradbury  
**Flowers:** Kay & Clair Weikel - In Honor of Grandchildren  
**Coffee Hour:** Congregation. Happy Birthday, Jesus. Gluten-free items available.

**LOOKING AHEAD...**

Monday, Dec. 11	6:30 - 8:00 p.m. - Troop 4847 - B2 (Board Room) 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. - Bear Den - B8 (Fellowship Hall) 7:15 p.m. - Bible Study resumes on January 15
Tuesday, Dec. 12	7:00 p.m. - Bethel Advent Study - B7 (Library) 7:00 p.m. - Webelos - Room 203
Wed., Dec. 13	6:30 p.m. - Finance Meeting - B2 (Board Room) 6:45 - 8:00 p.m. - Wolves Den - Room 203 7:30 p.m. - Council Meeting - B2 (Board Room)
Thursday, Dec. 14	6:45 - 7:15 p.m. - Praise & Worship Rehearsal 7:15 - 8:15 p.m. - Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. - Pack 4 Committee Meeting - B5 (Café)
Monday, Dec. 18	6:15 - 8:00 p.m. - Troop 4912 - Room 204 6:30 - 7:45 p.m. - Troop 41098 - B5 (Café) 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. - Troop 4317 - Room 203 7:15 p.m. - Bible Study resumes on January 15
Tuesday, Dec. 19	1:00 p.m. - U.M.W. Meeting - B5 (Café) 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. - Tiger Den - Room 203

