

Bethel United Methodist Church
Second Sunday of Advent
December 9, 2018 11:15am

Gathering
 Prelude
 Coming of the Light
 Lighting of the Advent Candles
 Welcome and Announcements: Life and Work of the Community
 Greeting: Praise be to God!

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, who has visited and redeemed the people.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Blessed be the name of the Lord.

*Opening Song.....“Light the Fire in My Heart”.....*Sonicflood*

*Opening Prayer: **O God, whose will is justice for the poor and peace for the afflicted, let your herald’s urgent voice pierce our hardened hearts and announce the dawn of your kingdom. Before the advent of the One who baptizes with the fire of the Holy Spirit, let our complacency give way to conversion, oppression to justice, and conflict to acceptance of one another in Christ. We ask this through the One whose coming is certain, whose day draws near: your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

.....(*Sacramentary, U.S.A., 20TH Cent.*)

*Psalter.....Luke 1:68-79
 UMH 208

*Hymn.....“Glory Be to the Father”.....#71

Young People’s Message

Anthem.....“Shine, Jesus, Shine”

BUMC Chancel Choir

Proclamation

Prayer for Illumination (*in unison*)

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Old Testament Lesson.....Malachi 3:1-4

*Hymn.....“Angels from the Realms of Glory”.....#220

Gospel Lesson.....Luke 3:1-6

Sermon.....“Are We There Yet?”

Response

*Hymn.....“Heralds of Christ”.....#567

*Affirmation of Faith....“The Apostles’ Creed”.....#881

Prayers of the People and Pastoral Prayer

*Passing the Peace

Worship with Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

*Doxology.....#95

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

*The Lord’s Prayer

Sending Forth

*Hymn.....“Marching to Zion”.....#733

*Dismissal with Blessing- Benediction

*Going Forth of the Light

*Postlude

**Please stand as you are able*

Announcements & Upcoming Events:

- ❖ Fairfield’s Meals on Wheels need volunteers to help cater food around the area on M & W from 1045 – noon. If you would like to get involved their phone number is 803.718.0555 and are located at the Senior Citizen Center on East Washington St. in downtown Winnsboro.
- ❖ After Florence: What you can do to help – Donate money to SC disaster response &/or UMCOR disaster response. Go to <http://www.umcsc.org/home/hurricane-florence-what-you-can-do-to-help>
- ❖ Covenant Prayer Group meets tomorrow at 11am

Lectionary Readings for Next Sunday:

Zephaniah 3:14-20 Isaiah 12:2-6
 Philippians 4:4-7 Luke 3:7-8

Our Mission Statement:

The mission of Bethel United Methodist Church is to make each

and every man, woman, and child whom we reach aware of God's love for them as it revealed to us through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, and to give them an opportunity to worship and to serve our Lord.

The Churches Are in Prayer For:

Monticello UMC- Wyllene Boulware, Allen Brock, Sammie Burley, Rebecca Cassadallace, Robert Davis, Margaret DeHart, Noelani Dirnbauer, Nita Goff, Lenny Goldman, The Gunter family, Sandra Harrison, Carolyn Hinson, Kevin Knight, Bobby Mack, Sam Mack, Kenny Martin, Audrey Miles, Will Pope, Anne Robinson, Margaret Robinson, Marion Robinson, Sybil Robinson, Carole Sinkbeil, Bruno Schrieber, James Shugart, Rose Shull, Calvin Stanley, Peggy Steller, Jacob, Lela, & Helen Suber, Betty Tanner, Turner Wilkes,

Bethel UMC- Loen Arrington, Joan Baber, Bob Bazinet, Betty Jo & Harry James Beckham, Karolina Burnette, Everette Burnette, Sherry Crosby, Billy Dove, Jimmy Glass, Kristi Godwin, Norma Grice, Richard Hatchel, Gabriel Herman, Stephen Keller, Lila Lake, Mel, Mike, Ella Kate & twins Leitner, Paul Leitner, Zan Levy, David Mann, Frank Martin, Jackie McDaniel, Anna Odom, Frieda Penn, Sherrill Perry, Greg Robertson, Sonja & Liz Rogers, Anne Stewart, Ford Sweeney, Donna Whitford unity in our county, state, nation, and world.

Special Thanks for:

Flowers

The Chrismon Tree at the altar is given to the glory of God as we prepare for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ, The Light of the World.

December Security

John Glass

The Fairfield Circuit United Methodist Churches welcome all who enter to worship here. Our prayer is that you find us churches of “open hearts, open minds, open doors.” If you are visiting and looking for a church to call your home, this Fairfield Circuit church invites you to prayerfully consider our family of faith. If you are a member of another United Methodist congregation or a baptized member of another denomination, we will be delighted to receive you by transfer of letter. If you have not been baptized, we would rejoice to have you proclaim your faith in Jesus Christ and begin your Christian journey with us. We welcome all requests to consider membership and we are more than happy to visit with you at your invitation.

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