

BETHEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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LIVING OUR FAITH & SHARING GOD'S LOVE



December 22, 2024
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

In-person Worship Service at 10:00 a.m.

Sunday School at 9:00 a.m.

Live stream Worship Service on our website

View previous Worship Services on our website

ENTRANCE AND PREPARATION

RINGING OF THE BELL

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

GREETINGS

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Liturgist: This is the fourth Sunday of Advent, a time to rejoice in the wondrous things that God is doing.

People: Our hearts are filled with the hope that is coming into the world.

Liturgist: The time is fast approaching, not for parties or presence, but for the awareness of God's loving gift to us--the gift of the Christ child.

People: Help slow us down, Lord, that we may realize that your gift of love is at the center of our lives and our celebrations.

Liturgist: Thanks be to God who again reminds us of God's eternal love.

People: Open our hearts, O Lord, to receive your blessed gift. AMEN.

***OPENING PRAYER¹**

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLES

Sellers Family

***OPENING HYMN**

"Joy to the World"

UMH 246

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO GOD

***DOXOLOGY** *"In the Bleak Midwinter"* UMH 221, vs. 4

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

MESSAGE FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Matthew 1:18-25 NIV

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

¹ (Adapted from Bob Eldan. <https://pilgrimwr.unitingchurch.org.au/?p=677>)

MESSAGE Right or Righteous? Pastor Nadeem
INVITATION
CONFESSION AND PRAYER²

HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING
THE LORD'S PRAYER
BREAKING THE BREAD
GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP
PRAYER FOLLOWING HOLY COMMUNION

SENDING FORTH

*CLOSING HYMN "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"
UMH 224
*BENEDICTION
*RESPONSE "Emmanuel, Emmanuel" UMH 204
*TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*Please stand as you are comfortable

Pastor: Rev. Nadeem Khokhar (540) 347-4874 or nkhokhar@bethelumc.com
In-office: Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Ministers: All Members

Music Director: Pat Martin pat88piano@gmail.com

Tech Team: Roger Broadbent, Brett Hahne, Bill Nelson, Gary Pinson,
Duane Williamson; Video Assistant: Addison Sellers

Administrative Assistant: Christine Winters; bumcofficeassistant@comcast.net

In-office: Monday through Thursday: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Liturgist: Don Otey

ALTAR FLOWERS: Garry and Cheryl Brown provided the flowers
in celebration of Cheryl's birthday on December 25.



On Tuesday, December 24, Bethel will
celebrate worship with a family-friendly
candlelight service. Please join us at 5
p.m. in person or online.

² (By Rev. Nathan Decker)

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME! *We are glad you have joined us for worship. If this is your first time worshipping with us, please let one of the greeters know. We have a small gift to share with you. Coffee and refreshments will be served after the service.*

Advent Worship and Events

Sunday, December 22

Fourth Sunday of Advent
10:00 a.m. Worship Service
Communion will be served.

Tuesday, December 24

Christmas Eve
5:00 p.m. Family Friendly
Candlelight Worship Service

You may remove your purchased poinsettia(s) tonight if you like.

Wednesday, December 25

Merry Christmas!

Sunday, December 29

1st Sunday after Christmas
5th Sunday

Sunday, January 5

Epiphany Sunday

Sunday, January 12

Baptism of the Lord

BAPTISMS SUNDAY - JANUARY 12, 2025!

On the Christian liturgical calendar, Sunday, January 12th, is designated as Lord's Baptism Sunday. On this special day, we will celebrate the baptism of our Lord Jesus Christ and take the opportunity to remember our own baptisms. We encourage everyone to reaffirm the promises made during their baptism, whether those promises were made personally or on their behalf. We invite any adults who have not yet been baptized to take this significant step in their faith. Additionally, if you have children who have not yet been baptized, we encourage you to consider this. If you are interested in scheduling a baptism for yourself or your child Sunday, January 12, please talk to Pastor Nadeem.

United Women in Faith: A new year to gather in fellowship and to plan the many activities of the Women in Faith. Join us in the Pavilion Room on **Saturday, January 4, at 9:30 a.m.**

Motel Ministry: **Sunday, January 5** is our next visit. Donations may be put in the bin in the Social Hall. We need: Shampoo, Conditioner, Lotion, Bar Soap, Razors, Deodorant, Can openers, Canned Foods, Small packs of cookies/crackers, Capri Sun Drink Packets