

# BETHANY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Bethlehem, Pennsylvania 18018

Hours: Mon, Tues and Thurs. 9:30-1:30

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December 26, 2021 First Sunday after Christmas

## **“Moving Forward United in Faith”**

“Committed to Christ, United by Love. We are about God, Christ, the Word, and the Future. No matter who you are or where you are on Life’s journey, you are welcome here. We are Bethany United Church of Christ.”

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December 26, 2021

10:45 AM

If you are looking for a church home, we invite you to become part of the community of faith and mission here at Bethany. As per the Consistory decision, we will return to wearing masks for all services and meetings here at Bethany. We will continue to monitor the situation and make changes when appropriate.

**(\*) PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE  
(Bold Text is said or sung by everyone)**

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: "Angels We Have Heard on High" ...arr. T. Smith

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: People of God, sing and rejoice! God has come to us in Jesus the Christ, to reconcile and make new.

**All: God has entered our existence of joy and sorrow, taking on human likeness in Jesus, born of Mary.**

L: Therefore, we rejoice, praising God, and singing.

**All: Glory to God in the highest, on earth peace to those who will the good. Christ is born. Alleluia!**

\*HYMN: #183 Once in Royal David's City

THE BIDDING PRAYER

CAROL: 198 "Good Christians Friends, Rejoice" vs. 1&3

THE FIRST LESSON: Genesis 3:8-15 Bev Rumble

CAROL: #153 "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus" vs. 1&2.

THE SECOND LESSON: Genesis 22:15-18 Matt Miller

CAROL: #154 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" vs. 1&2

THE THIRD LESSON: Isaiah 9:2, 6-7 Diane Diefenderfer

CAROL: #222 "On Christmas Night All Christians Sing" vs. 1&2

THE FOURTH LESSON: Isaiah 11: 1-9 Mike Reiniger

CAROL: #180 "O Little Town of Bethlehem" vs. 1, 2&4

THE FIFTH LESSON: Luke 1: 26-38 Bev Rumble

CAROL: #184 "What Child is This?" vs. 1&3

OFFERING INVITATION

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES and GIFTS

OFFERTORY: "While by the Sheep" ... arr. Hugo Junger  
Chancel Choir

\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE: #196 In the Bleak Midwinter  
**What can I give him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb, if I were a wise man, I would do my part; yet what I can I give him: give me heart.**

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

**God of grace and glory, you have blessed us with the gifts of all creation. Especially we thank you for the gift of Jesus' birth and the joy of celebrating this gift in our congregation and in our homes. Receive the gifts we offer now and use them to your glory. May our lives give powerful witness to the peace and love that we have first received in our Lord Jesus. Amen.**

THE SIXTH LESSON: Matthew 1: 18-23 Matt Miller

CAROL: #218 “Go Tell it on the Mountain” All Verses

THE SEVENTH LESSON: Luke 2: 8-16 Diane Diefenderfer

CAROL: #185 “Hark! the Herald Angels Sing” All Verses

THE EIGHTH LESSON: Matthew 2: 1-11 Mike Reiniger

CAROL: #233: “We Three Kings” vs. 1&5

THE NINTH LESSON: John 1:1-14 Pastor Todd

THE PRAYER and BLESSING

\*CAROL: “See in Yonder Manger Low” All Verses in bulletin

\*POSTLUDE

***Our worship ends, our service begins!***



FLOWERS: and BULLETINS: are presented to honor all of Bethany’s family who have made it through a difficult year. With God’s help we survived the highs and lows. May he continue to watch over and guide us through 2022. Debbie GREETERS: Jack & Diane Brunner

USHERS: Jack Brunner, Tom Wright, Steve Tarasuk, Lisa Williams

**AUDIO & VIDEO RECORDINGS** If you or anyone you know would like to receive the link to the audio recording of the worship service, please let Bill Rumble know at [wrumble@ptd.net](mailto:wrumble@ptd.net). A copy of the bulletin is included with the audio link. Thank you, Bill, for making sure we are able to see and hear the services.

## From the Treasurers Desk

Friday December 31, 2021 is the last day to have your offerings credited as 2021 contributions. You may either do this by insuring they are postmarked by the 31st, bringing them into the office, or outside mailbox by that date.

2022 Offering Envelopes are here. Please pick them up in Snyder Chapel

**FROM US TO YOU.... MERRY  
CHRISTMAS AND A HEALTHY, HAPPY  
NEW YEAR!**

*Marie and Marcie Wolfe*

*Dan and Margy Sabetti*

*Ken and Cindy Beck*

*The Reiniger Family*

*Sharon and Philip Haines*

*Linda Hollabaugh*

*George and Judy Morgan*

*Jack and Diane Brunner*

*Ina Denninger*

*Sue, Tom, Meghann and Katie Wright*

*Susan Wuchter*

*Doris Esslinger*

*The Talijan Family*

*Matt, Susan and Jacob Miller*

*Ted and Marion Hendricks*

*Wendy Glassic*

*Debbie Brown  
Bev and Bill Rumble  
Joan Hottle*

**THIS WEEK AT BETHANY**

**TODAY SUNDAY DECEMBER 26 First Sunday of  
Christmas**

10:45AM      Worship in the Sanctuary, join us for a Service  
of Lesson in Carols.

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 27**

9:30AM      1:30PM Office Hours

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28**

9:30AM      1:30PM Office hours

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30**

9:30AM      1:30PM Office Hours

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31 New Year's Eve**

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 1 Happy New Year**

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 2 Second Sunday of Christmas**

10:45AM      Worship in the Sanctuary with Communion

Now is the time to sign up for the After Christmas Handbell  
and Chancel Choir party on Wed. Jan 12th, 2022. Details on  
the sheet in the music room.

## **Dart Baseball is Back**

**The Bethlehem Interchurch dart league is having a season. Have you ever wondered about the doors in fellowship hall that are on the wall? That is our dart Baseball board. Our matches are on Monday nights at Bethany and other churches in the city. It is a get together for fun and fellowship with a little bit of competition. Our Bethany team has a new Captain/Manager this year so if you have any questions contact Steve Tarasuk, (610) 554-0125 (call or text), [steve.tarasuk@gmail.com](mailto:steve.tarasuk@gmail.com). Watch the bulletin for more information about a fun get together after the holidays to meet the team and have a chance to throw against them. The last time our guests beat the team.**

### **Bethlehem Emergency Shelter**

As the weather grows colder, we need to remember those who have no home and rely on the shelter for a place to stay and a warm meal. Bethany has signed up to provide and serve a meal on Friday February 11 and Tuesday March 8. We need 10 – 15 people each night so please let Wendy Glassic or the office know if you are willing to help. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex.

### **UPCOMING EVENT!**

**A Breakfast (Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Juice & Coffee) will be held in Fellowship Hall on Sat. Jan 22<sup>nd</sup> with seating's @ 9am & 10 am. Tickets of \$7.00 will be available to purchase next Sun. Jan. 2.**

# See in Yonder Manger Low

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HUMILITY, 77.77 D

Edward Caswall, 1859

John Goss, 1871

Unison

1. See in yon - der man - ger - low, born for us on earth be - low,  
 2. Lol with - in a sta - ble lies he who built the star - ry skies;  
 3. Sa - cred In - fant, all di - vine, what a ten - der love was thine,  
 4. Teach, O teach us, ho - ly Child, by thy face so meek and mild;

1. see! the ten - der Lamb ap - pears, prom - ised from e - ter - nal years.  
 2. he who, throned in height sub - lime, sits a - mid the cher - u - bim.  
 3. thus to come from high - est bliss down to such a world as this.  
 4. teach us to re - sem - ble thee in thy sweet hu - mil - i - ty.

Refrain—Harmony

Hail, thou ev - er bless - ed morn; hail, re - demp - tion's hap - py dawn;

sing through all Je - ru - sa - lem, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"