

The Longest Night service is this Tuesday at 6 pm in the sanctuary.

Christmas Adam service is this Thursday at 7 pm in the gym.

We will have two Christmas Eve services on Friday, December 24th. The family service is at 4 pm and the traditional service is at 6 pm. Both will take place in the sanctuary.

Our offering from the Christmas Adam and Christmas Eve services will support the Bethlehem Center unless otherwise designated.

If you would like to check on the status of your giving, please log into your Realm account or call the church office.

Prayer Requests

Art Hartzog
Joe Greenlee
Eric Robertson
Marion Robertson
Mike White
Richard Strawhorn
Curtis Anderson
Beth Brewer
Cathy Hanks
David Holder
Ignacio Rivera
Pat Fowler
Nancy White
Don O'Dell
Carolyn O'Dell
Vivian O'Dell



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Church Office Hours

Monday – Thursday: 8:30 am – 4:00 pm

Friday: 8:30 am – 2:00 pm

Brad Gray <i>Executive Pastor</i>	Megan Gray <i>Pastor of Discipleship & Belonging</i>	Chad Deetz <i>Youth Minister</i>	Adam Rollins <i>Youth Ministry Assistant</i>
Dale Fischer <i>Director of Music</i>	Jana Mathis <i>Director of Children's Ministries</i>	Jennifer Bartless <i>Children's Ministries Assistant</i>	Kristine Lee <i>Organist</i>

To all who are weary and need rest; To all who are burdened and need relief; To all who are lonely and need friends; To all who are looking for something that only God can provide; To all who sin and need a Savior; To whosoever will come, Bethel UMC, the House of God, opens her doors, and in the name of Jesus Christ says, "Welcome!"

December 19, 2021

4th Sunday of Advent

10:00 AM Worship Service

Prelude *“Cantique de Noel”* arr. Robert J. Hughes

Trinity Chimes

Welcome & Announcements

*Hymn *“Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”* UMH 213

*Affirmation of Faith *“The Apostles’ Creed”* UMH 881

*Gloria Patri UMH 71

Advent Candle Lighting Art & Jean Hartzog

Offering

Offertory *“Melody for Christmas”* David H. Hegarty
Kristine Lee, organ

*Doxology *“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”* UMH 95

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Hymn *“Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming” (verses 1 & 2)* UMH 216

During the final verse of the hymn, you are invited to the altar rail to join the pastor in assuming a posture of prayer as we move to a time of prayer. All are welcome.

Children’s Time

Pastoral Prayer

Leader: The Lord be with you.

Response: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

Anthem *“While Shepherds Watched”* arr. Joseph Martin
Sanctuary Choir

Scripture Reading

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

Response: **Thanks be to God.**

Luke 1: 39-55

Sermon

“Nurturing God’s Promise”

Rev. Megan Gray

Hymn

“It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”

UMH 218

As we close out our worship service in song, know that the altar rail is always open for you to come and pray, offering a word for someone else, re-committing your heart to God, or to come for the first time to accept Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior. Come as you feel led.

Benediction

Postlude

“Postlude on Antioch”

Gerald Peterson

**Please stand if able*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A nursery is available on the First Floor for infants and children 3 years and under.

After Children’s Time, preschool and kindergarten are invited to **Wee Church** and 1st through 5th grade are invited to **Children’s Church** both in the Children’s Wing.

Ushers: Art Hartzog, John Hiltgen, Mike Woodrum & Curtis Anderson

Altar Flowers: The flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God and in honor of Joe & Debbie Locke on their 40th wedding anniversary.