

The Longest Night service is December 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 pm in the sanctuary.

Christmas Adam service is December 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7 pm in the gym.

We will have two Christmas Eve services. The family service is at 4 pm and the candlelight service is at 6 pm. Both will take place in the sanctuary.

On Christmas Day, we will have one combined worship service at 10 am in the sanctuary.

The church office will be closed December 23 – December 26 and December 30 – January 2.

Any contributions which you would like to appear on your 2022 statement must be brought to the church office by 4 pm on Thursday, December 29<sup>th</sup> or mailed to us with an official postmark no later than December 31<sup>st</sup>. Online giving must also be dated by December 31<sup>st</sup>.



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# PRAYER list

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| Art Hartzog       | Martha Barnett  |
| Cathy Hanks       | David Holder    |
| Eric Robertson    | Carolyn O'Dell  |
| Rick Gray         | Arthur Cummings |
| Richard Davenport | Mary Cummings   |
| Nancy White       | Dale Fischer    |
| Jerry Reitzel     | Linda Seifert   |
| Rita Petoskey     | Bruce Green     |



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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 &amp; 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 18, 2022**

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent**

11:00 AM Worship Service

Prelude *"The First Noel"* David Paxton

Trinity Chimes

Welcome & Announcements

\*Passing of the Peace

\*Hymn *"Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"* UMH 240

\*Affirmation of Faith *The Apostles' Creed* UMH 881

\*Gloria Patri UMH 71

Advent Candle Lighting I John 4: 16b-19  
The Fleming family

Responsive Prayer

**O God, your light continues to shine in the darkness. May the light of Christ illuminate the path that leads us to love. For it is your perfect love that casts out all fear. Come Lord Jesus, Come. Amen.**

Scripture Reading 1 Corinthians 1: 26-31

Offering

Offertory *"Far, Far Away in Old Judea"* arr. Henry Balcombe

\*Doxology *"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"* UMH 95

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Children's Time

Hymn of Preparation *"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"* UMH 216

Prayers of the People

Leader: The Lord be with you.

Response: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

Anthem *"Pavane for a Silent Night"* arr. Patrick Liebergen  
Sanctuary Choir

Scripture Reading Matthew 1: 18-25

Sermon *"The Matthew Story"* Rev. Megan Gray

\*Hymn *"Love Came Down at Christmas"* UMH 242

Benediction

Postlude *"O Little Town of Bethlehem"* Edward Broughton

*\*Please stand if able*

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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

**Ushers:** Blair Mathis, John Hiltgen, Mike Woodrum & Art Hartzog

**Altar Flowers:** The flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God.