

Poinsettia orders are due tomorrow. Order forms can be found in the November newsletter as well as the Sunday school classrooms and the church office.

The church office will be closed November 22 – November 24 for Thanksgiving.

PRAYER list

Arthur Cummings
Mary Cummings
Libby Davenport
HJ Fleming
Mary Hall
Cathy Hanks

Art Hartzog
David Holder
Toni Holder
Jerry Reitzel
Maxine Reynolds
Jake Sawyer



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Church Office Hours

Monday – Thursday: 8:30 am – 4:00 pm

Friday: 8:30 am – 2:00 pm

Brad Gray
Executive Pastor

Megan Gray
*Pastor of Discipleship &
Belonging*

Chad Deetz
Youth Minister

Dale Fischer
Director of Music

Jana Mathis
*Director of Children's
Ministries*

Jennifer Bartless
*Children's Ministry
Assistant*

Dr. Kristine Lee
Organist

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!"

November 19, 2023

25th Sunday after Pentecost

11:00 AM Worship Service

Prelude *Prelude on “My Lord, What a Morning”* Charles Callahan

Trinity Chimes

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, Rejoice!

God, we delight in your creation. We thank you for soft breezes, crisp apples, and changing seasons that remind us of your presence and provision

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, Rejoice!

God, we delight in our connectedness. We thank you for friends who check in, for church family who lift one another up, for neighbors who show up in the good and challenging times.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, Rejoice!

God, we delight in your peace that dwells among us. We give thanks for neighbors who offer help in times of trouble, gentleness in the midst of pain, and acts of kindness during seasons of struggle.

Let us come into God’s presence with thanksgiving and rejoicing!

Come! Let us worship God together. Amen.

*Passing of the Peace

*Hymn *“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”* UMH 206

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

*Gloria Patri UMH 71

*Psalter Reading *Psalms 90* UMH 809

Offering

Offertory *“The Way, the Truth, the Life”* arr. David Clydesdale
based on John 14:6
Children’s Choir

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

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Children’s Time

Hymn of Preparation *“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”* UMH 400
During the hymn, you are invited to the altar to join the pastor in assuming a posture of prayer. All are welcome.

Prayers of the People

Leader: The Lord be with you.

Response: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

Anthem *“Let Every Thankful Heart”* arr. Douglas Nolan
Sanctuary Choir

Scripture Reading Matthew 25: 14-30
Reader: This is the word of the Lord.
Response: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon *“Enter into the joy of the Master”* Rev. Brad Gray

*Hymn *“A Charge to Keep I Have”* UMH 413

*Benediction

*Postlude *“Cornet Voluntary”* John Travers

**Please stand if able*

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 1st through 5th grade are invited to **Children’s Church**, both in the Children’s Wing.

Ushers: Blair Mathis, Mike Woodrum, Chris Moore & Andy Cannon

Altar Flowers: The flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God and in honor of George and Nancy Barkman’s 58th wedding anniversary.