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

After Children's Time, preschool through 5th grade is invited to **Children's Church** in the Children's Wing.

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

Ushers: Chris Moore, Sally Moore, Kevin Bobo

Prayer Requests

Beth Brewer
Gary Brewer
Arthur Cummings
Cathy Hanks
David Holder
Toni Holder
Patti Moran
Carol Mueller
Tracie Powell-Wilkin
Jerry Reitzel
Maxine Reynolds
Shelley Winkler

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December 18
Blue Christmas
(A service of grief during the holidays)
6:30 pm, Sanctuary

December 23
Christmas Adam
6 pm, Gym

December 24
Christmas Eve Worship
Family Service, 3 pm
Candlelight Service, 7 pm
Both in the Sanctuary

December 29
Combined Worship
10 am, Sanctuary

Church Office Hours
Monday – Thursday: 9:00 am – 4:00 pm
Friday: 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Brad Gray
Pastor

Chad Deetz
Youth Minister

Dale Fischer
Director of Music

Jennifer Bartless
Coordinator of Children's Ministry

Kristine Lee
Organist

Bethel United Methodist Church

December 15, 2024 **3rd Sunday of Advent**

11:00 AM Worship Service

Prelude *"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"* Robert Lau

Trinity Chimes

Welcome & Announcements

*Call to Worship
Sing aloud, daughter Zion; shout, O Israel!
Let us rejoice and exult with all our hearts.
God has taken away the judgements against us.
The King of Israel, the Lord, is in our midst; we shall fear no more.
God is gathering us, bringing us home.
We will sing and praise the Lord.
Come, let us worship God on the Advent journey.

*Passing of the Peace

*Hymn *"O Come All Ye Faithful"* UMH 234

*Opening Prayer
Advent God, you are near, so near we can feel it in our hearts and in our bodies. As the day of your dawning draws close, keep our minds on your presence during this busy holiday season. In a world that tells us that we are supposed to find joy in everything else, remind us that our only true joy is the joy we find in you. Amen.

Advent Candle Lighting Jenifer Steller and family

Congregational Response
Faced with the troubles and the suffering of the world, we choose to live in joyful presence to God and one another. We will not turn away from the pain and the hurt in our world, and we will not stop rejoicing in God, whose salvation fills us to overflowing that God's love might flow through us and flood our troubled world with hope, peace, and joy.

Offering

Offertory *"Angels We Have Heard on High"* arr. Sue Wallace/John Head
Alex Henderson, trumpet

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

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Prayers of the People
Leader: The Lord be with you.
Response: **And also with you.**
Leader: Let us pray.

Christmas Cantata

*Benediction

*Postlude *Postlude on "Antioch"* Gerald Peterson

**Please stand if able*

The Music Ministry of Bethel United Methodist Church
Presents
"PEACE HAS COME"
By
Mary McDonald

Musical Selections

I. Peace Has Come
II. Sing Alleluia! Christ Will Come
III. Treasure of Heaven
IV. O Little Bethlehemtown
V. Child of Peace
VI. Fear Not
VII. Born the Perfect Sacrifice
VIII. Wonders of His Love*
IX. Peace Has Come (Reprise)

Narrators – Jim Bowen, Parker Bowen

Audio/Visual – Jim Griffith, Terry Troutt

Rehearsal Accompanist – Kristine Lee

Director – Dale Fischer

*Wonders of His Love**
(Congregation is invited to join on cue from the director)

Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King;
Peace on earth, and mercy mild; God and sinners reconciled."
Joyful, all ye nations rise. Join the triumph of the skies.
With angelic hosts proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."

Hail the heav'n born Prince of Peace! Hail the Son of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings risn'n with healing in His wings.
Mild He lays His glory by, born that man no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them second birth.
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."

THE SINGERS

Soprano

Patrice Daniels
Sheila Dobbins
Blaine Gray
Peggy Horner
Hayley Moore
Laura Painter
Peggy Parrott
Elaine Ready
Mallory Robson
Dorothy Robuck
Mary Scruggs
Amelia Smith
Tracie Powell-Wilkin*

Alto

Jane Burns
Becky Griffith
Marion Robertson
Dawn Rollins
Peggy Taylor
Sheila Worley

Bass

Brent Daniels
Bill Dobbins*
Mark Fischer
Scott Fleming*
Brad Gray
Carter Pitts
Gerald Pitts
Don Worley

Tenor

Chad Deetz*
Alex Henderson
Lee Richards
Phillip Stone

**Denotes soloist*