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 and in honor of the congregation at Bethel by Sidewalk Hope.

Lay Reader: Chad Deetz

Ushers: Jim Bowen, Matthew Shealy, Steve Smith, Mike Woodrum

The church office will be closed December 31 and January 1.

Prayer Requests

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

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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

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Invite. Grow. Send.

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 29, 2024 **1st Sunday after Christmas**

10:00 AM Worship Service

Prelude *"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"* Lucy Ann Warriner

Trinity Chimes

Welcome & Announcements

*Call to Worship

Children of God, Jesus Christ is born!
God has come to make a home among us!
Yet the story is not over. After birth comes the ordinary and mundane growing, maturing, and discovering, even for the Christ Child.
In the ordinary and mundane, God has come to make a home among us.
And sometimes, in the midst of the everyday, something surprising happens, and we discover anew just what God is up to in our midst.
In the surprising and spectacular, God has come to make a home among us.
Children of God, let us worship the God who dwells with us in all things and all seasons.
We come to make our home with God who makes a home among us. Amen.

*Passing of the Peace

*Hymn *"There's a Song in the Air"* UMH 249

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

*Gloria Patri UMH 71

Offering

Offertory *"Adore Him"*
Praise Band

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

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Children's Time

Hymn of Preparation *"Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"* UMH 240

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 *"Christmas Lullaby"* David Williams
Sanctuary Choir

Scripture Reading Luke 2: 41-52

Sermon Rev. Brad Gray

*Hymn *"Go, Tell It on the Mountain"* UMH 251

*Benediction

*Postlude *"Joy to the World"* Gilbert M. Martin

**Please stand if able*