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

Altar Flowers: The flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God and in memory of Mr. and Mrs. James L. Lowry by Carol Charles and Layne Stone.

Prayer Requests: Beth Brewer, Gary Brewer, Dan Buckner, Tim Durham, Dale Fischer, HJ Fleming, Matt Gilley, Martha Greenlee, Cathy Hanks, David Holder, Toni Holder, the Labanick family, Patti Moran, Rita Petoskey, Tracie Powell-Wilkin, Beverly Rakestraw, Andrew Reitzel, Jerry Reitzel, Maxine Reynolds, Linda Seifert, Scott Smith, Ann Towery, 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
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December 14, 2025 **3rd Sunday of Advent**

11:00 AM Worship Service

Prelude *"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"* arr. Douglas Wagner

Trinity Chimes

Welcome & Announcements

*Call to Worship

We gather to rejoice in God who does wondrous things, who promises that someday all manner of things shall be well.

We rejoice in the truth of the day that all the earth awaits.

We worship with joy now, confident that God will not stop until all creation is at peace.

We rejoice in the truth of the day that all the earth awaits.

Come! Let us worship God with joy as we work with God toward the day when all of creation lives in everlasting joy.

Come! Let us rejoice in the truth of the day that all the earth awaits.

*Passing of the Peace

*Hymn *"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"* UMH 211

Advent Candle Lighting Andy and Karen Cannon

Congregational Response

We choose to believe that the day is coming when "the ransomed of the LORD shall return and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away." (Isaiah 35:10)

Offering

Offertory *"The Snow Lay on the Ground"* Wilbur Held

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

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Hymn of Preparation *"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"* UMH 229

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.

Children's Musical Program

*Benediction

*Postlude *"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"* arr. William Stickles

**Please stand as able*

The Music Ministry of Bethel UMC Presents

The Children's Choir in

"Silent Mice, Holy Mice"

by Michael and Jill Galina

I. Silent Mice, Holy Mice
II. A Cozy Little Nest
III. Gentle Servant
IV. Cat and Mouse
V. Two Heads Are Better Than One
VI. Silent Night
VII. Silent Night, Holy Mice (Reprise)

**Congregation – please have your hymnals opened to UMH 239 and join us in singing Silent Night verses 1-3 when directed.*

Cast of Characters

Marcie Mouse – Amley Moore
Mikey Mouse – Henry Cooper
Millie Mouse – Mary Mae Ready
Mortie Mouse – Lucas Summer
Mice Friends:
Elise Timmons
Olivia Summer
Lulu Ready
Aiden Conley
Donna Tiritilli
Sebastian the Cat – EJ Richardson
Pastor Joseph Mohr – Wilson Wildeman
Franz Gruber – Chad Deetz

Sound/Visual – Jim and Becky Griffith
Costumes/Set – Jennifer Bartless
Director – Dale Fischer

Special thanks to Karen Summer and Becky Griffith for directing choir rehearsal during Dale's recovery.

Poinsettias

In Memory of:

Rev. & Mrs. Charles Graves
William & Rita Pinkerton
James Gerald Daniel
Clyde "Flip" & Dorothy Hawkins
Charles & Stella Moore
Walter and Ingrid Hetfield
Karen Glenn
Our parents
Tammy Pittman
Martha Barnett
Mr. & Mrs. George Bridges
Mr. & Mrs. Henry C. McDonald, III
Mr. & Mrs. Coble Tate
Mr. & Mrs. J.L. Lowry, Sr.
Richard Strawhorn

Given by:

Andy, Karen, and Colleen Cannon
Marilyn Culverhouse
Brent & Patrice Daniel and family
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Cathy & Bobby Hanks
Peggy Horner
Maureen King
Ted & Rita Petoskey
Donna Pittman & Leslie Young
Joyce B. Roland
Rick & Mary Scruggs
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Phil & Layne Stone
Joyce Strawhorn, children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren

In Honor of:

Cathy Hanks
Bethel United Women in Faith
Caroline Hyde, Katherine Arledge, and Anna Horner
W. Ashley Long
David & Toni Holder

Given by:

Andy & Karen Cannon
Jan Fleming
Peggy Horner
Connie Culver Long
Marion Keller Robertson