

Welcome to Bethel

December 17th, 2017

Third Sunday of Advent

Welcome to Bethel Lutheran Church. We are glad you are here and we pray God will be real to you as you worship. Bethel is a Reconciling in Christ congregation. Knowing God loves all creation and holds us all, we welcome you who walk through our doors and you who are outside those doors. We welcome everyone and honor the rich diversity and giftedness that age, sexual orientation, race, belief, emotional and physical health, gender identity, marital status and station in life bring to the Bethel family and our relationships.

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN

In the Bleak Midwinter



1 In the bleak mid - win - ter, frost - y wind made moan,
2 Heav - en can - not hold him, nor . . . earth sus - tain;
3 What . . . can I give him, poor . . . as I am?



earth stood hard as i - ron, wa - ter like a stone;
heav'n and earth shall flee a - way when he comes to reign;
If I were a shep - herd I would bring a lamb;



snow had fall - en, snow on snow, snow on snow,
in the bleak mid - win - ter a sta - ble place suf - ficed
if I were a wise . . . man I would do my part;



in the bleak mid - win - ter, long a - go.
the Lord . . . God al - might - y, Je - sus Christ.
yet what I can I give him— give my heart.

Restrooms are located in the basement on the east side of the building. A gender neutral restroom is located behind the worship space next to the church office. Please ask the Usher or Greeter for assistance. There is also a rocking chair in the rear of the Sanctuary. Please use it as you wish.

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ADVENT LITANY

Isaiah 61

O Holy One, we long to bear true witness to your name
The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me

O Holy One, we long to love our neighbors as ourselves
the Lord as sent me to bring good news to the oppressed,
to bind up the brokenhearted

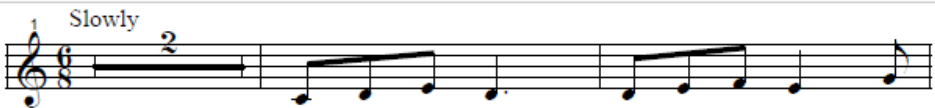
O Holy One, we long for a world of justice where all are fed
to proclaim liberty to the captives and release to the prisoners.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Stir up the wills of your faithful people, Lord God, and open our ears to the words of your prophets, that, anointed by your Spirit, we may testify to your light; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen

LIGHTING OF ADVENT WREATH

ADVENT WREATH
HYMN
Candle of Peace (Verse 1-3)



1. Can-dle	of hope,	can - dle	of hope,	the
2. Can-dle	of peace,	can - dle	of peace,	the
3. Can-dle	of joy,	can - dle	of joy,	the
4. Can-dle	of love,	can - dle	of love,	the
5. Can-dle	of Christ,	can - dle	of Christ,	the



hope	of God	we see	in your	light,
peace	of God	we see	in your	light,
joy	of God	we see	in your	light,
love	of God	we see	in your	light,
Christ	of God	we see	in your	light,



com - ing	to earth	on that	Christ -	mas night	when
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all	of our	flames	will be	burn -	ing bright.
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all	of our	flames	will be	burn -	ing bright.
all	of our	flames	are	burn -	ing bright.

PRAYER FOR ADVENT

We praise you, O God, for this circle of light that marks our preparation for Christ’s advent. As we light the third candle on this wreath, kindle in us a spirit of gratefulness; let us praise you, Lord Jesus, for you continue to do great things for us. Give us, we pray, your gift of peace as we await your coming in joyful anticipation. Amen

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

Savior of the nations, come. Make your home here in us. Feed us with your love, that our faith shine ever new and our lives reveal your light. Amen

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

EUCARISTIC PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER (We join hands as we pray as we have been taught)

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed by thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen


Stewardship of Service	Today:	Next week - Dec 24
Ministers:	All Baptized Members of Bethel	All Baptized Members of Bethel
Pastor:	Pastor Michael Keys	Pastor Michael Keys
Pastor:	Pastor Christine Core	Pastor Christine Core
Musician:	Timmy Straw	Timmy Straw
Usher:	OPEN	OPEN
Reader:	OPEN	OPEN
Communion:	Gary Morris	OPEN

Our welcome extends to the Communion Table. We recognize that this is Christ’s Table and Christ’s invitation. Please come forward as you are invited. If you prefer not to receive Communion at this time, you are welcome to come forward for a blessing – just fold your arms across your chest so that we know you prefer a blessing. Wine is served from the first chalice; grape juice is served from the second. We also offer gluten-free bread and individual cups of wine.


DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN

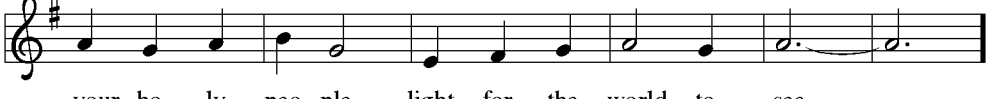
Christ, Be Our Light



1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for
2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for
3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for
4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for
5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the




truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone
wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,
warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants

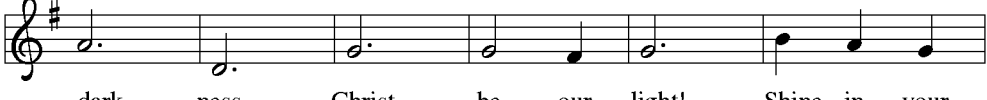


your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.
shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.


Refrain



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

THE READING OF THE GOSPEL

Luke 2:1-20

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, ‘Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.’ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, ‘Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!’

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, ‘Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.’ So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.



GLORIA

The Cast and Crew

Grandpa – PJ Bentley

Grandma – Simone Michaels

Helen – Mary Bentley

Bobby – Collin Burdick

Gloria – Sofia Carpenter-Rodriguez

Gabriel – Gabriel Moody-Burghard

Shepherds – Josephine Rustvold, Vivian Rustvold

Choir Angels – Clare Alvey, Dorian Bentley, Ruthie Bentley, Meghan Cyr

Raphael – Annika Michaels

Mary – Lisa Siems

Joseph – Chris Siems

Working Angels – Brady Burdick, Jared Burdick, Wesley Rustvold

Animals – Henry Delcambre, Sharon Delcambre, Harry Griffin, Rebecca Griffin, William Griffin, Laura Sullivan, Parker Sullivan

Director and Scenery – Pastor Mike Keys

Music – Timmy Straw

Costumes – Barb Keys

Wranglers – Pastor Christine Core , Svea Erickson

Craft Services – Ronda Bard



Hark, the Herald Angels Sing

Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn king;
peace on earth, and mercy mil
God and sinners reconciled."
Joyful, all you nations, rise;
join the triumph of the skies;
with angelic hosts proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

Refrain
Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn king!"

Christ, by highest heav'n adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord,
late in time behold him come,
offspring of a virgin's womb
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see!
Hail, incarnate deity!
Pleased as man with us to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel!
Refrain

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of peace!
Hail the Sun of righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
ris'n with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by,
born that we no more may die,
born to raise each child of earth,
born to give us second birth.
Refrain

The First Noel

1 The first Noel the angel did say
was to certain poor shepherds in
fields as they lay;
in fields where they lay, keeping
their sheep,
on a cold winter's night that was
so deep.

Refrain
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel!
Born is the King of Israel.

2 They looked up and saw a star
shining in the east beyond them
far;
and to the earth it gave great
light,
and so it continued both day and
night.
Refrain

3 And by the light of that same star
three wise men came from
country far;
to seek for a king was their
intent,
and to follow the star wherever it
went.
Refrain

Silent Night

1 Silent night, holy night!
All is calm, all is bright
round yon virgin mother and
child.
Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace,
sleep in heavenly peace.

2 Silent night, holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight;
glories stream from heaven afar,
heav'nly hosts sing, alleluia!
Christ, the Savior, is born!
Christ, the Savior, is born!

3 Silent night, holy night!
Son of God, love's pure light
radiant beams from thy holy
face,
with the dawn of redeeming
grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

Angels We Have Heard on High

Angels we have heard on high, Sweetly singing o’er the plains, And the mountains in reply, Echoing their joyous strains. Gloria in excelsis Deo; Gloria in excelsis Deo.
Shepherds why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong: What the gladsome tiding be Which inspire your heav’nly song? Gloria in excelsis Deo; Gloria in excelsis Deo.
Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing; Come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the new born king. Gloria in excelsis Deo; Gloria in excelsis Deo

Joy to the World

1. Joy to the world, the Lord is come;
Let earth receive its King;
Let every heart prepare Him room,
And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven and heaven and nature sing.

2. Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns;
Let men their songs employ;
While fields and floods, Rocks, hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

3. No more let sin and sorrow grow
Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make his blessings flow
Far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found,
Far as, far as the curse is found.

4. He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness
And wonders of His love,
And wonders of his love,
And wonders, wonders of his love.

BENEDICTION

May the God of the angels, who heralded Christ’s birth,
Bring joy to your hearts this day and always.
Amen

May the God of love, who gave his only Son to be born for you,
Fill your life with love and peace.
Amen

May Emmanuel, God with us,
Be with you in all your doings and all your celebrations,
Until he brings you into his eternal realm.
Amen

And may almighty God, Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer,
Bless you now and forever.
Amen

SHARING OF THE PEACE

<u>Prayer Requested for:</u>	<u>Prayer Concern:</u>	<u>Prayer Contact:</u>
Bertha Anderson	Prayers for healing	Karen Anderson
For all victims of hate speech and prejudice	Peace and healing	Bethel Staff
Baby Dot Keener	Prayers for healing and guidance for the family and doctors	Joann Noll
Prayers that immigrant workers be treated justly by employers, supervisors, fellow workers and all who are in a position of advantages over these workers	Prayers for peace and justice	Bethel Sanctuary Justice Team
Skip Getman	Prayers of peace and comfort as he battles cancer	Bethel Players and Congregation
Judy Merchant and family in Iowa	Prayers for peace and comfort as Judy prepares to go home to her Lord	Mary Rix
Vance Burghard	Prayers for support and healing as he works through medical issues	The Burghard/ Moody family
Steve Greenfelt	Prayers for peace and comfort as her battles brain cancer	Pr. Mike
Dennis Mitchell	Prayers of healing and comfort as his throat cancer has returned	Stephanie Burdick
Family and Friends of Deb Cornils (Karen Anderson's favorite college roommate)	Prayers for peace and comfort upon the death of Deb	Karen Anderson
Dale Tersey (JulieAnn and Marlo Edman's son-in-law)	Prayers of healing and comfort as he battles a very rare and potentially aggressive form of cancer	JulieAnn Edman
Timothy Collins (JulieAnn's good friend)	Prayers of healing and comfort as he battles a very rare and potentially aggressive form of cancer	JulieAnn Edman
Family and friends of Betty Hahn (Mary Rix's Mother)	Prayers for God's peace following Betty's death Monday 12/11	Bethel Staff

December Birthdays!

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JulieAnn Edman

14

Andrew Van Dyke

15

Lily Burdick

19

Don Worthington



Coming Up:

Weds. Dec 20:

Advent Soup and Supper 6:15

Vespers 7:00

December 24:

Community Breakfast 9am

Worship 10am

Family Christmas Eve Service 5pm

Christmas Eve Service 10pm, Music at 9:30

Advent Emphasis

Huch'uy Runa

(Little important person)

Peru
ELCA.org/hunger

Every weekday morning , 120 elementary school children fill the dining hall at the Help the Children Association School to eat a warm breakfast. While each child has a different story, the children have one thing in common -- they all come from an area of extreme poverty in and around the ancient Incan capital city of Cusco, Peru. The school, known locally as Huch'uy Runa, began 31 years ago to meet the basic needs of the children in Cusco. In Quechua, “huch'uy” means little and “runa” means a well-rounded person who contributes to the well-being of the community. The two words combined “huch'uy runa” mean “little important person.” And the children of this city carry this identity with pride. The school, with the support from ELCA World Hunger, has been able to change the lives of many “little important person(s)” and their families for more than a decade. Through your gifts, the children of this city receive a primary education, meals and snacks, and training in trade skills that include carpentry, metalwork, pottery, and weaving -- skills they can use to support themselves and their families in the future. Thanks to your support, the children in Peru are gaining lifelong skills. AS one teacher shares, ‘[It] is like a family trying to equip the children to be able to survive and succeed in life, hoping to build a solid base on which they can stand.’

See Advent/Hunger Materials at the back of the church.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Advent Midweek Service

Wednesday Evening December 20

Soup Supper 6:15-6:55 Holden Vespers 7:00-7:30.

Looking for Soup Makers.

Help? Call Pastor Mike Keys at Bethel 503-285-4919



CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

10am - Worship Service

5pm - Family Friendly Service with Holy Communion

10 pm with a Musical Prelude of Carols at 9:30

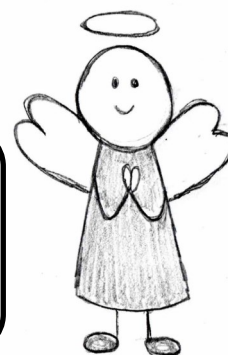


Children's Library has expanded!!



We've added a few more titles to the children's book section in the Fireside Room. Come check out the new books on the bookshelves ... *The Holy Moly Christmas Story*, *God Made Feelings*, *God's Great Big World*, and *May God is Like That Too* are among the new titles.

A HUGE thank you to everyone who made this year's Angel Project a success. It makes a big difference in the lives of these families during this special time of year.



Three Great Listenings

Over the past several weeks, the council has been sharing information about our financial challenges this year and next. We can “ring our hands” or just throw them “up in the air” neither of which resolves anything.

Or we can do that thing which is the most important action we can do... LISTEN.



Listening is always the best first step. Listening to each other helps center of thinking and planning on the right stuff; those things common to all. When we have truly listen to another, we have shown respect to them as a person and honored what they have to share. Listen to another also helps us listen to what our own hearts and minds are trying to tell us. It gives us clarity to our own thinking, values and beliefs.

This is also where we discover how God is speaking in our lives. Listening deeply to my heart is often where God is speaking. Listening to you, I find the Holy Spirit stirring in our common hopes, dreams and even our shared fears. All the while God is listening to you.

Annual Meeting January 28th

The Annual Report is in the process of gathering information from groups, committees, and liaisons. Please send into to bethellutheran@bethelpdx.org



Laundry is my Life!

Help is always appreciated for laundry generated each week by the Drop-In Center and the Sunday Morning Breakfast Service. Stop by after any Sunday worship service and talk to Nash. He’ll supply you with a basket full of wet and soiled towels. A capful of detergent, a splash of bleach and return the basket with clean and folded towels is all it takes.

Thank you and your laundry facilities. Know that St. Hunna, who died in 679 and who is the patron saint of laundry workers is smiling down on you with the deepest affection.

