



Bethany United Methodist Church

The Church with Open Hearts, Minds, and Doors

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VOLUNTEERS SERVING TODAY

Acolyte:	Josiah Minor
Media Team:	Scott Berry, Aidan Dumbrocyo, Susannah Hogge, Jeremy Nardozi, Cathy Raines,
Altar Guild this month:	Kathy Jacobs, Nancy Kendall, Shannon Roane
Liturgist:	Ann Byrd
Trustee Contact this week:	Rob Raines
Ushers:	Milton Hudgins, Kirk Bell
Greeter:	Betty Durette, Tom Smith
Counting Team:	Mary Kaylor, Ann Byrd, Pat Hasty

STEWARDSHIP	12/15
General Fund	6366.00
Pastor’s Discretionary Fund	539.00
Hospitality	50.00
ATTENDANCE	12/15
In-person Worship 10:00 am	106
Online Worship (Facebook/YouTube)	61
Total in Worship	167

BUMC STAFF DIRECTORY

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All Services May be Viewed On:



December 22, 2024

11:00 a.m.



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4th Sunday of Advent

WELCOME EVERYONE! Thank you for worshiping with us!

— *As the music begins, please quiet your hearts in preparation for worship.* —

**Please stand as you are able and please silence your mobile devices.*

Carillon Prelude	<i>Coventry Carol</i>	Old English (1591)
	<i>What Child is This (Greensleeves)</i>	Old English (16 th Century)

Welcome and Announcements Pastor Paul Song

***Call to Worship** Ann Byrd

Leader: Praise be to God!

Congregation: Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, who has visited and redeemed the people.

Leader: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Congregation: Blessed be the name of the Lord.

Advent Candle Lighting Regina & Scott Berry

We light this Candle as a symbol of Christ our Joy. May the joyful promise of your presence, O God, make us rejoice in our hope of salvation.

O come, O come, Emmanuel. “ For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.” (Isiah 9:6) **O come, O come, Emmanuel.**

***Hymn** *Hark! the Herald Angels Sing* UMH 240

***Affirmation of Faith** The Apostle’s Creed UMH No. 881

Opening Prayer Ann Byrd

Gracious God,
Your servant Mary discovered new life growing within her and knew it to be your promised presence. In tender reverence for the holy mystery of your Incarnation, may we be as a womb for your blessed presence, ready to receive and nourish your Word in our lives, open to the stirrings of your Spirit within us. May we faithfully bear your love in the world, that by your grace Christ may be born in us. In His name, we pray. Amen.

Dedication of Reverse Advent Bags

Anthem *"O Holy Night"* Adolphe Adam
Soloists Carter Roane and Kelly Fox

Concerns and Prayers of Intercession, Petition "Lord, hear our prayer."

The Lord's Prayer UMH No. 895
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be 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. Amen.

Meditation *Carol: "From Heaven Above to Earth I Come"* Martin Luther
"From heaven above to earth I come, To bring good news to everyone! (1539)
Glad tidings of great joy I bring, To all the world and gladly sing:
To you this night is born a child, Of Mary, chosen Virgin mild;
This newborn child of lowly birth, Shall be the joy of all the earth."

Canonic Variations on "From Heaven Above to Earth I Come," BWV 769 J.S. Bach
Variations Nos. 1,2 and 5 (1685-1750)

Offering and Offertory Prayer Pastor Paul Song

Offertory *Toccatto on "From Heaven Above to Earth I Come"* Garth Edmundson
(1900-1971)

***Doxology** UMH No. 95
**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Prayer of Illumination Ann Byrd
**Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of the Holy Spirit, that, as the
Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what
you say to us today. Amen.**

Old Testament Reading Micah 5: 2-5a Ann Byrd
***Gospel Reading** Luke 1: 46-56
The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon "The Song of the Lowly" Pastor Paul Song

***Hymn** *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming* UMH 216

***Benediction** Pastor Paul Song

***Closing Chorus** *Emmanuel, Emmanuel* UMH 204
Emmanuel, Emmanuel, his name is called Emmanuel.
God with us, revealed in us, his name is called Emmanuel. (Repeat once)

Carillon Postlude *I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day* Jean Baptist Calkin
Carol of the Bells Ukrainian Carol



*We invite you to join our Christmas Eve service of
Music, Word, Communion and Candle Lighting
Tuesday, December 24th at 7:00 pm*

