

**Bethany United Methodist Church***The Church with Open Hearts, Minds, and Doors*

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Office Hours: Tues.-Fri., 8:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. (closed 12-1pm)

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Email: admin@bethanyumc-gp.orgWebsite: www.bethanyumc-gp.org**December 24, 2023****7:00 p.m.****Joy to the World! The Lord Has Come! O, Come, Let Us Adore Him!****Please stand as you are able, and remember to silence your mobile device.***GIVING AT BETHANY UMC**

To give an offering, you may place your gift in one of the offering plates located at each sanctuary entrance, mail it to the church office, or give online at www.bethanyumc-gp.org. God bless you richly!

STEWARDSHIP	12/17
General Fund	6869.75
Pastor's Discretionary Fund	105.00
Youth Ministry	150.00
Children's Ministry	150.00
Choir (\$50 Kira Fox memorial)	75.00
ATTENDANCE	12/17
In-person Worship (8:30-25; 11:00-123)	148
Online Worship (Facebook/YouTube) <i>(YouTube is from two weeks prior to today's service)</i>	86
Total in Worship	234

COUNTING TEAMS	
12/24	Team 2: Betty Neikirk, Chip Neikirk, Cheryl Roane
12/31	Team 4: Bernard Robins, Debbie Robins, Doris Luther
1/7	Team 5: Jackie Hampton, Don Thomas, Donna Lane
1/14	Team 6: Dawn Cluts, Betty Durette, Clair Hillard

ACOLYTES: Levon & Avett Thomas**BUMC STAFF DIRECTORY**

Rev. Moonsup "Paul" Song, Pastor	call/text 703.625.8025, office: 804.642.2110 email: pastor@bethanyumc-gp.org	Tues.-Fri., 8am-4pm For pastoral emergencies, call/text 703.625.8025
Dee Dee Wike, Church Office Administrator	office 804.642-2110, cell: 901.831.8534 email: admin@bethanyumc-gp.org	Tues.-Fri., 8am-4 pm (closed 12-1pm for lunch)
Sandra Fox, Director of Music	call/text 757.329.6128 email: rfox6@cox.net	Works from home, by appt.
Dr. Rudy Shackelford, Organist	home 804.642.5938, cell 804.413.0211	By appt.

Invocation*A Thrill of Hope*
Praise Team

Produced by Riley Friesen

Special Music*Rockin' Slow and Even*
Doe Breen, soloist

Pepper Choplin

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Paul Song

Lighting of the Christ Candle (on screen)

Brad Thomas & Bethany Children

PraisesAngels We Have Heard on High*
*It Came Upon the Midnight Clear*Traditional French Carol
Edmund H. Sears
Richard Storrs Willis**Prayer**

Pastor Paul Song

Thanksgiving**Old Testament Reading**

Isaiah 9:2-7

New Testament Reading

Titus 2:11-14

***Gospel Reading**

Luke 2:1-20

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Children's Worship

<i>Jingle Bells</i>	James Pierpont
<i>Away in a Manger**</i>	John T. McFarland; Martin Luther
<i>He Is Born (Il Est Né)</i>	Traditional French Carol
<i>Feliz Navidad**</i>	José Feliciano

Directors: Sandy Fox and Brad Thomas; Piano: Rudy Shackelford; Percussion: Kirk Bell

***Congregation are invited to sing select stanzas. Words will be on screen.*

Message

What Child Is This? Pastor Paul Song

HOLY COMMUNION

**Prayer of Confession and Pardon
The Great Thanksgiving**

<i>I Am the Bread of Life</i> (Praise Team with congregation)	Suzanne Toolan
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Giving the Bread and Cup

(Communion is served by intinction. After you receive wafer, dip it into cup. Gluten-free bread available.)

Music during Communion

<i>Hymn: "Savior of the Nations, Come"</i>	UMH No. 214
<i>Prelude on "Savior of the Nations, Come"</i>	Johann Sebastian Bach
Transcribed for piano by Ferruccio Busoni	(1685-1750)

Prayer of Thanksgiving After Communion

CANDLE LIGHTING

<i>Silent Night, Holy Night</i>	Joseph Mohr Franz Gruber
(Children will sing first verse in German; congregation will join in English as we light our candles in celebration of Christ's birth.)	

***Praise**

Joy to the World Isaac Watts | G. F. Handel

***Blessing**

***Closing Chorus**

Angels We Have Heard on High (chorus)
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

SUNDAY MORNINGS AT BETHANY UMC

8:30 a.m. Informal Worship; 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship
Weekly Celebrations & Fellowship (Potluck Breakfast on 2nd Sunday) – 9:30 a.m.
Sunday school for all ages meets at 9:45 a.m.
More info: www.bethanyumc-gp.org



Thank you for worshiping with us this Christmas Eve!

May God bless you and your family with a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!