



**Bethany United Methodist Church**

*The Church with Open Hearts, Minds, and Doors*

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January 7, 2024

11:00 a.m.

**EPIPHANY SUNDAY  
HOLY COMMUNION**

**WELCOME, EVERYONE!** Thank you for worshiping with us today!

*CELL PHONES: Please remember to silence your phones before the service.*

*HEARING DEVICES AVAILABLE: Please see an usher if you need a hearing device.*

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

**VOLUNTEERS SERVING TODAY**

|                            |   |
|----------------------------|---|
| Acolyte(s):                | TBD (11:00)   |
| Media:                     | Jeremy Nardozi, Susannah Hogge, Cathy Raines, Kim Song, Chip Neikirk<br>Aidan Dumbrocyo |
| Altar Guild this month:    | Pauline Reimold, Lynne Barnes, Paul Kendall   |
| Liturgist:                 | Baum Hogge (11:00)  |
| Trustee Contact this week: | Donna Andersen  |
| Ushers:                    | Milton Hudgins, Rick Wilson, Kirk Bell (11:00)  |
| Greeters:                  | Nerine Hickman, David Ayers (11:00)   |

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

**Intrada** *O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright* UMH No. 247

**Introit** *We Three Kings* UMH No. 254  
Soloists: Pastor Paul Song, Kevin Kiley, Steve Wike

**Welcome, Announcements, and Introduction** Pastor Paul Song

**\*Call to Worship** Baum Hogge

Leader: So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed.

**Congregation: You will do well to be attentive to this, as to a lamp shining in a dark place,**

Leader: until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.

**All: We welcome and worship you; let your light shine on us. Amen.**

**\*Affirmation of Faith** The Apostles' Creed (Traditional Version) UMH No. 881

**Opening Prayer** Baum Hogge

**Everlasting God, the radiance of faithful souls, you brought the nations to your light and kings to the brightness of your rising. Fill the world with your glory, and show yourself to all the nations; through him who is the true light and the bright and morning star, even Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.**

**Amen.**

**Anthem** *The Story of the Wise Men* Rodger Strader

**Time with Children** Brad Thomas

**Prayer of Illumination** Baum Hogge

**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.**

| STEWARDSHIP                                  |         | COUNTING TEAMS   |   |
|--|---------|--|---|
|  | 12/31   |  |   |
| General Fund (\$25 L.Byrd)                   | 3066.50 | 1/7  | <b>Team 5:</b> Jackie Hampton, Don Thomas, Donna Lane     |
| Pastor's Discretionary Fund                  | 499.00  | 1/14   | <b>Team 6:</b> Dawn Cluts, Betty Durette, Clair Hillard   |
| Endowment Fund (\$25 L. Byrd; \$25 S. Dixon) | 50.00   | 1/21   | <b>Team 1:</b> Mary Kaylor, Ann Byrd, Pat Hasty           |
| Upper Room                                   | 5.93    | 1/28   | <b>Team 2:</b> Betty Nie Kirk, Chip Neikirk, Cheryl Roane |
| Choir (Kira Fox)                             | 100.00  | <b>ATTENDANCE</b>  |   |
| G.U.E.S.T. Program                           | 1050.00 |  | 12/31   |
| Youth Ministry (Kira Fox)                    | 75.00   | In-person Worship (8:30am-15; 11am-73)   | 88  |
| Children's Ministry (Kira Fox)               | 50.00   | Online Worship (Facebook/YouTube)<br><i>(YouTube is from two weeks prior to today's service)</i> | 64  |
|  |         | <b>Total in Worship</b>  | 152   |

**BUMC STAFF DIRECTORY**

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| Sandra Fox, Director of Music                        | call/text 757.329.6128<br>email: <a href="mailto:rfox6@cox.net">rfox6@cox.net</a>   | Works from home, by appt.   |
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**Old Testament Reading** Isaiah 60:1-6 Baum Hogge  
**\*Gospel Reading** Matthew 2:1-12  
The Word of God for the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon** “The Year of the Lord” Pastor Paul Song

**Pastoral and Intercessory Prayer**  
**A Covenant Prayer in the Wesleyan Tradition** UMH No. 607

### Holy Communion

**Invitation to Table** Pastor Paul Song

**Confession and Pardon** (on screen)  
**All: Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Leader: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God’s love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!**  
**All: Glory to God. Amen.**

**Offering and Offertory Prayer** Pastor Paul Song  
**Offertory** Chorale Fantasy on “O Morning Star,  
How Fair and Bright” (Based on UMH No. 247) Dietrich Buxtehude

**\*Doxology** (1637-1707)  
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.**

**The Great Thanksgiving** (on the screen)

**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.**

**Giving the Bread and Cup**  
(Communion is served by intinction. After you receive bread, dip it into cup.)

**Music during Communion** Noël No. 9 – For the Flute Stops Louis-Claude Daquin (1694-1772)  
“We shall sing joyfully – She who bore the fruit of life, all for our salvation.”  
— Noël for Our Love of Mary

**The Prayer of Thanksgiving after Communion** (on screen)  
**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**\*Hymn** Go, Tell It On the Mountain UMH No. 251

**\*Benediction** Pastor Paul Song

**\*Closing Chorus** Shalom to You UMH No. 666  
Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends. May God’s full mercies bless you, my friends.  
In all your living and through your loving, Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.

**Exodus** My Lord, What a Morning UMH No. 719  
“My Lord, what a morning, when the stars begin to fall”

