



Bethany United Methodist Church

The Church with Open Hearts, Minds, and Doors

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December 31, 2023

11:00 a.m.

**FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS DAY
NEW YEAR'S EVE**

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):	Emily Ward (11:00)
Media:	Jeremy Nardozzi, Susannah Hogge, Cathy Raines, Kim Song, Chip Neikirk Aidan Dumbrocyo
Altar Guild this month:	Peggy Lewis, Laura Glaze, Laura Vaughan
Liturgist:	Lynne Barnes (11:00)
Trustee Contact this week:	Tom Barnard
Ushers:	Milton Hudgins, Rick Wilson, Kirk Bell (11:00)
Greeters:	Jane Sterling, David Ayers (11:00)

STEWARDSHIP	12/24
General Fund (\$25 Charlotte Cecil)	2926.25
Pastor's Discretionary Fund	205.00
Music/Organ	75.00
Nursery (supplies)	50.00
Media (grant)	5000.00
Upper Room	10.00
ATTENDANCE	12/24
In-person Worship (11am-106; 7pm-98)	204
Online Worship (Facebook/YouTube) <i>(YouTube is from two weeks prior to today's service)</i>	60
Total in Worship	264

COUNTING TEAMS	
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
1/21	Team 1: Mary Kaylor, Ann Byrd, Pat Hasty

BUMC STAFF DIRECTORY

Rev. Moonsup "Paul" Song, Pastor	call/text 703.625.8025, office: 804.642.2110 email: pastor@bethanyumc-gp.org	Tues. thru 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. thru Fri., 8am-4pm (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.
Brad Thomas, Director of Children & Youth Ministries	Office 804.642.2110, call/text 304.483.3403 Email: youth@bethanyumc-gp.org	Office Hours vary / by appt.

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

Intrada *Cold December Flies Away* UMH No. 233

"On the tree blooms the rose here in love's own garden."

Welcome, Announcements, and Introduction Pastor Paul Song

***Call to Worship** Lynne Barnes

Leader: Christ is born; give him glory.

Congregation: Christ has come down from heaven; receive him! Christ is now on earth; exalt him!

Leader: O you earth, sing to the Lord!

Congregation: O you nations, praise him in joy, for he has been glorified!

All: Amen.

***Hymn** *O Come, All Ye Faithful* UMH No. 234

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

Opening Prayer Lynne Barnes

O Almighty God, by the birth of your holy child Jesus you gave us a great light to dawn on our darkness. Grant that in his light we may see light. Bestow upon us that most excellent Christmas gift of love to all people, so that the likeness of your Son may be formed in us, and that we may have the ever brightening hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Anthem *A Child of Hope* Lani Smith
Duet by Charla Barnard and Don Thomas

Time with Children Brad Thomas

Concerns and Prayer of Intercession, Petition "Lord, hear our prayer." Pastor Paul Song
UMH No. 895

The Lord's Prayer
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	<i>Hymn: "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" Prelude on "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"</i>	UMH No. 216 Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)
Offering and Offertory Prayer		Pastor Paul Song
Offertory	<i>Toccata on "Vom Himmel hoch...," from Christmas Suite No. 2</i>	Garth Edmundson (1900-1971)
	<p>"From heaven above to earth I come to bring good news to everyone! Good 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." — Martin Luther (1535)</p>	
*Doxology		UMH No. 95
<p>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.</p>		
Prayer of Illumination		Lynne Barnes
<p>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.</p>		
Old Testament Reading	Isaiah 61:10–62:3	Lynne Barnes
New Testament Reading	Galatians 4:4-7	
*Gospel Reading	Luke 2:22-40	
<p>The Word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God.</p>		
Sermon	"Knowing God in Ordinary Life"	Pastor Paul Song
*Hymn	<i>Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming</i>	UMH No. 216
*Benediction		Pastor Paul Song
Exodus	<i>Go, Tell It on the Mountain</i>	UMH No. 251

Thank you for the prayers, cards, and gifts during Christmas time. We are thankful for working with the congregation to build up the church. We wish you a Happy New Year. — *Staff of Bethany Church.*

Special eighteen-week prayer meeting begins this Thursday, January 4 at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary.

Bethany UMC Prayer List	BETHANY FAMILY	12.27.23
CANCER/CHEMO: Darlene Bauschatz, Krista Chase, Carol Johnson, Sue Leed, Fred Niethamer, Linwood Rowe, Gwen Wesson, Larry Whitfield GRIEVING: Families of Lonnie Byrd, Charlotte Cecil, Sid Dixon, Kira Fox, Sandra Hollins, Sue Morecock HEALTH ISSUES: Chuck Ashe, Cliff Beach, David Cecil, Billy Davis, Jim Durette, Debra Farrow, Estelle Harris, David Hoover, Milton Hudgins, Kathy Jacobs, Bonnie Lewis, Joy Long, Dennis Mitchell, Patsy Morales, Alice Northam, Richard Parkes, Peggy Peterman (NC), Rosemarie Tong, Judy Vaughan HOMEBOUND: Linda Booth, Ruth Wallace, Lavelle Wilson PARKINSON'S: Mike Andersen, David Chapin, Kathleen Greene, Yvonne White RECOVERING FROM SURGERY: Dylan Chapin, Billy Davis, Paul Kendall, Cathy Raines		
BETHANY FRIENDS		
CANCER/CHEMO: Clint Alexander, Peyton Arthur, Fran Bonnaville, Kendell Walthall Caton, Jack Cawthorn, Kyle Cooper, Barbara Crim, Wanda Dowell, Dallas "Butch" Folk (ME), Traci Greene, Zachary Hoover, Erin Kate (Dooley) McGuire, Sissi Mise, Chauntea Shield, Mason Staley, Kent Stevens, Jeff Suntken, Shalini Upadhyaya, Jill Ward, Bob Wharen, Susan Williams, Tim Williford (TN) GRIEVING: Families of Pastor John Dooley, Capt. Christopher W. P. Naquin, Josh Wilson HEALTH/OTHER ISSUES: Connie Bowler, Kathryn Bjers, Dewayne Haywood, Laura Hodges, Val Hopkins, Adie Kurth, Lewis Marion, Sylvia Motley, Alicia Lynn Williams Naples, Ken Pierkowski, Phillip Presson, Mary Ann Shackelford, Dixie Sharp, Tim Sullivan, Mildred Townsend, Sandie Wharen, Sabrina Wikle, Marian Williford (TN), Randy Wilson HOSPICE: Selma HOSPITAL/REHAB: James Page (GA) PARKINSON'S: Janet Burch (KY) RECOVERING FROM SURGERY: Luke Burner, Terry Corbin, Jaunita Goins, Pat Hall, Silvia Howerton, Natalie Long, Howard Moore UPCOMING SURGERY: Eric Bunch OTHER PRAYERS: War-torn areas around the world, victims of natural disasters		
BUMC'S ACTIVE MILITARY AND THEIR FAMILIES (<i>italics—Bethany friends</i>)		
<i>Michael Brown, Peter Demetriades, Meagan Demetriades, Kevin Jacobs, Cory Long (Okinawa), Will Neikirk, Bowdy Schrader, Jim Minor, all members of the military.</i>		
ASSISTED LIVING (<i>italics-Bethany friends</i>)		
Gloucester House, 7657 Meredith Dr., Gloucester 23061	Lorraine Brown, Rm 107 Kathleen Greene, Rm 106 Jean Heywood, Rm 110	
Heron Cove, 7409 Heron Cove Way, Gloucester 23061 (Sid & Marion Dixon's mailing address: PO Box 36, Gloucester Point, VA 23062)	Marion Dixon, Bldg 2, Rm 33 Judy Hudgins, Bldg 2, Rm 29 Bonnie Lewis, Rm 13	
Sanders Assisted Living, 7407 Walker Ave., Gloucester 23061	Carolyn Scott, Rm 206A	
Sunrise Senior Living, 2015 Cranbeck Rd., Richmond 23235	Pauline Harris, Apt. 130	
Riverside Rehab, 672 Gloucester Rd., Saluda, VA, 23149	Jennie Lipscomb	