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PRAYERS & COMMENTS

Please use this card if you have any prayer concerns or comments you'd like us to know about.

You may place this in the offering plate, hand it to one of the ushers, or place it in the church office mailbox.

Please use this space to let us know of your prayer requests:

I would like to speak to someone about my prayer request. Please contact me at: day evening

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If you are interested in becoming a Christian today, please let a Christian friend or the pastor know.

LEADERSHIP

Ruling Elders of Session

2018

Paul Allison
David Doutrich
Alex Melson
Frank Rotella

2019

Lee Brown
Kevin Byma
Andy Kinkaid
Howard Parmer

2020

David Garfinkle
Bob Norris
John Perella - Clerk

Board of Deacons

2018

Amanda Doutrich
Susen Leary
Sue Rotella

2019

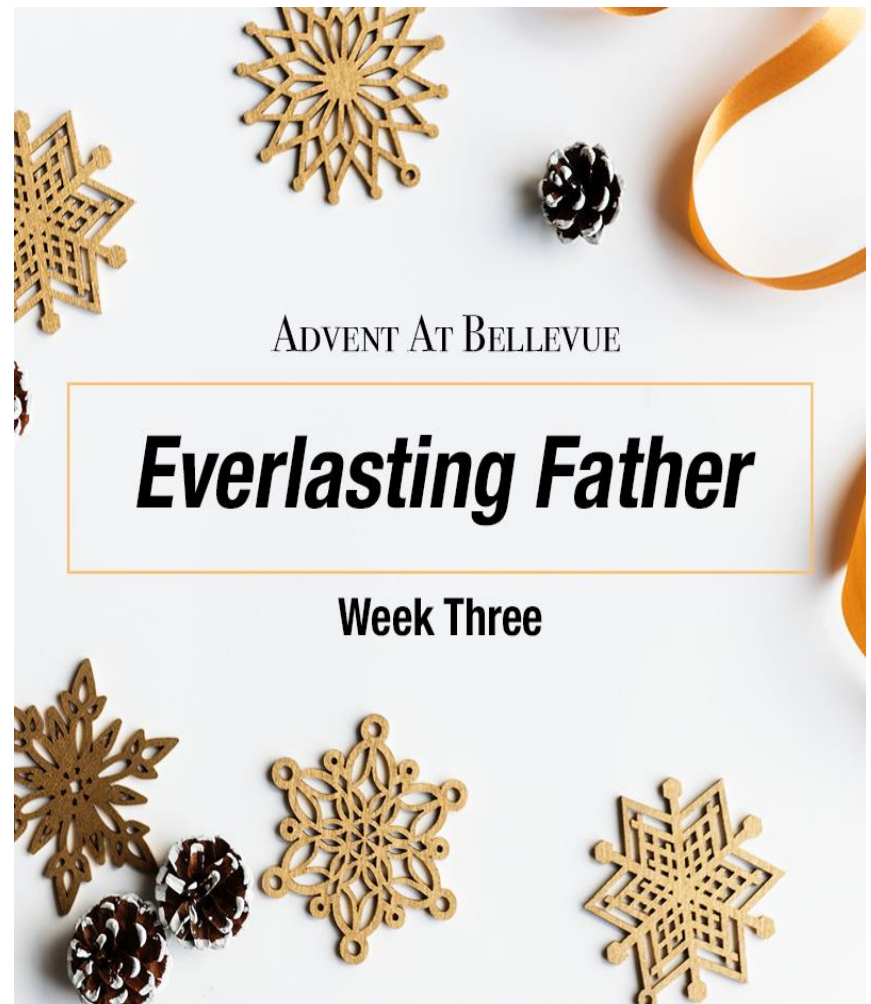
John Emmons
Ellen Parmer
Rich Riehl

2020

David Cole
Duane Groff
Carol Marble

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Bellevue is a family of faith who lifts up the name of Jesus Christ in worship, teaches the truth of Christ to those who follow Him, and shows the way to Christ to those who do not know Him, all for the glory of God.

WELCOME

Thank you for joining us to worship the Lord today. We hope we can serve you today and would love for you to be a regular part of God's ministry here at Bellevue. We invite everyone to sign your name in the Friendship Pads in the pews, and if you are visiting or new to our fellowship to also please include your address and/or email address. If you have any questions, please ask one of our *Welcome Center* Hosts, a Pastor, or an Elder. We are delighted to have you with us this morning. It is requested that no food or drink be taken in to worship.

PRAYER CARDS

We encourage you to fill out prayer cards located at the *Welcome Center*, and hand them to an usher before the service. These requests will be lifted up during the Pastoral Prayer.

ASSISTIVE LISTENING DEVICES

Our Sound System allows us the opportunity to offer Assistive Listening devices, which can be found at the *Welcome Center* every Sunday morning. If you would like to make use of this service, please stop at the *Welcome Center* when you come in and ask for a "Sound Mate" which can be returned to the *Welcome Center* at the end of the morning service. If you have any questions about these devices, please ask someone at the *Welcome Center*.

VISITORS WITH CHILDREN IN THE SERVICE

Children of all ages are welcome in the worship service. Children are a gift to our church, and a tangible reminder that our church family is growing. Please welcome our children and give a smile of encouragement to their parents, they probably need it! We offer Nursery for ages 0-3. Please follow signs or ask a *Welcome Center* Host for directions.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Children from 4 years of age through 2nd grade will be dismissed following the Children's Sermon for age appropriate activities and will return at the end of the last hymn. Of course, children of all ages are welcome to remain in the sanctuary for the entire service.

AFTER THE SERVICE

Please join us for refreshments and fellowship in Friendship Hall.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School meets every Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m. We have classes for all ages with a nursery provided for children under two. Our adult classes are involved in different studies of God's Word. All are welcome to come and study and learn together.

BELLEVUE CHRISTMAS CARDS – If you would like to share a Christmas card or a Christmas photo of your family, the Deacons have provided a bulletin board in Friendship Hall for your card or photo.

THE BELLEVUE FAMILY TREE – Please make sure to return the gifts today. Many thanks for helping and supporting the Deacons ministries.

CHRISTMAS GIFT CORNER – This is a new ministry that we are excited to have for our children, grandchildren and Kingdom Kids. We will be supplying gifts for the children to buy with "play money". They can purchase gifts for their parents and siblings. The gifts will be available for our children and grandchildren today. We will have a "kid friendly" luncheon after the second service.

OFFERING ENVELOPES – The envelopes are in your mailbox. Please make sure to pick them up and also check the shelf below the mailboxes for any items that might belong to you. If you did not receive envelopes and would like to have them, contact the church office.

CANTATA SUNDAY – The Senior Choir will be presenting "God Came Near" next Sunday, December 23, at both services. This Cantata not only faithfully tells the timeless Christmas story, it does so in a uniquely poetic and musically enjoyable manner.

SNOW SHOVELING – The Facilities Committee is looking for help after the 1st of January shoveling the entrances here at the church for events after it snows. If you are willing to help, please contact David Doutrich at church or his cell phone number is 717-278-3745.

UPPER ROOMS – The January/February Upper Rooms have been placed in the lobby for your taking and use. There are large-print Upper Rooms available also.

FINANCIAL FITNESS SEMINAR – Do you, or someone you know, struggle to pay the bills every month? God's word is full of teachings, principles, and guidance regarding money and financial fitness. As the New Year begins, the Membership Committee is offering a Financial Fitness Seminar on Tuesday evenings (7:00-8:00) starting January 15 for eight weeks. All are welcome to attend. John Marble and Pastor Brad will be leading the seminar.

WEEKLY CALENDAR		<i>December 16 – December 22</i>
SUNDAY	<i>Third Sunday of Advent</i>	
	- 7:30 a.m.	- Staff Appreciation Sunday
	- 8:00 a.m.	- Prayer in the Library
	- 9:30 a.m.	- Worship
	- 10:45 a.m.	- Sunday School
	- 12:00 p.m.	- Worship (Children's Church)
	- 6:30 p.m.	- Called Session Meeting
		- Children's Christmas Program
MONDAY		- January Newsletter Information Due
	- 6:00 p.m.	- Bellevue Trotters
WEDNESDAY	- 5:30 p.m.	- New Life Ringers
	- 6:15 p.m.	- Children's Choir
	- 6:30 p.m.	- Kingdom Kids
	- 6:00 p.m.	- Sr. Choir
THURSDAY	- 10:00 a.m.	- MOPS
	- 6:00 p.m.	- Bellevue Trotters

TODAY IN THE PULPIT
 Pastor JT Holderman
 Assistant Pastor Brad Moger
 Dir. Of Children's Ministries Kevin Wenrich
 Ruling Elder John Perella
 Piano/Organ Steve Hoopes

Welcome Center – Rob & Patti Bitts
 Rich & Sally Riehl
Ushers – 1st John Emmons, Rob Bitts,
 Jim Law
Ushers – 2nd Kevin Byma, Doug Otter
 Kevin High, Daniel Garfinkle
Nursery – 1st Paul & Margaret Allison
 2nd Shelby Smith & Weston
 Doutrich

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM – The children will present their Christmas program tonight at 6:30 p.m. Come support the children as they take us back to the events surrounding the birth of Jesus. There will be a reception in Davies Hall following the program.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES – There will be two services on Christmas Eve, December 24th. The first service at 5:00 p.m., will be a family oriented Christmas service including some exciting new ways for families to participate in worship. The second service at 8:00 p.m., will be our Traditional Communion & Candlelight service. This will be a joyful celebration of Jesus' birth. Please join us for a spectacular evening of worship.

WORSHIP SERVICE **DECEMBER 16, 2018**

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, STAFF APPRECIATION

THE TOLLING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE: "Joseph Dearest, Joseph Mine" Hayes

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP

***HYMN:** #244 "Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

<p>1 Come, Thou long expected Jesus, Born to set Thy people free. From our fears and sins release us; Let us find our rest in Thee. Israel's Strength and Consolation, Hope of all the earth Thou art; Dear Desire of every nation, Joy of every longing heart.</p>	<p>2 Born Thy people to deliver, Born a Child and yet a King, Born to reign in us forever, Now Thy gracious kingdom bring. By Thine own eternal Spirit, Rule in all our hearts alone; By Thine all sufficient merit, Raise us to Thy glorious throne.</p>
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***INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Restore us, O God, as we are penitent; Grant that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life; to the glory of Jesus' name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

SCRIPTURE READING: Romans 8:15-19

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ANTHEM: "Angels We Have Heard on High"
Resounding Joy

arr. A. Sherman

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Children are dismissed for the Nursery and Children's Church (10:45 a.m.)

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE OFFERING OF GIFTS

OFFERTORY: "In Quiet Joy"
Resounding Joy

M. Prins

*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*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.*

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Isaiah 9:6; John 1:10-13 pp 680-681, 1053

SERMON: Isaiah's Names For Jesus

Part Three: "Everlasting Father"

***HYMN:** #271 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

1 Joyful, joyful, we adore You,
God of glory, Lord of light;
Angels lifting praise before You
Sing thro'out this holy night.
In a manger lies a Baby –
Child of Mary, Son of God.
Voices joined in joyful chorus
Praise You for Your gift of love.

2 All Your works declare Your glory,
All creation joins to sing.
Praise resounds as earth rejoices
In the birth of Christ, the King.
Shepherds kneel before the Infant.
Trumpets sound and anthems raise
As with joy our hearts are lifted,
Joined in wonder, love, and praise.

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: "Mary, Did You Know?"

Tornquist

Explaining our Liturgy: Prelude and Call to Worship

The Prelude and Call to Worship serve in tandem together. The Prelude is a musical call to worship. It aims to open our time in worship together by 1) declaring the glory of the Lord through music, which is chosen carefully, and 2) to invite us to prepare our hearts and minds to worship the Lord. We encourage you during the Prelude to focus on the joy and aim at hand, corporate worship of God almighty. We often rush into the sanctuary, burdened with the stresses of life and often distracted. This musical call to worship gives you time and space to ready yourself to worship the Lord, to pray silently, to read the morning's sermon text, to pray for those sitting on your left and right, and to pray for the morning's leadership. We encourage you to use this time to focus your love for the Lord as you come to worship Him.

The Call to Worship then serves to invite God's people to worship the Lord! In the Call to Worship God's Word is opened to a passage that declares His praises and invites us to do the same. Through the reading of God's Word the aim of our time together is made plain, "Come let us worship the Lord together." The purpose of the Call to Worship is to invite us to come before Him with all worship, praise, honor, and glory. Together, the Prelude prepares us and the Call to Worship invites us into the joy-filled act of worship, declaring the glory of the Lord.

SERMON NOTES

December 16, 2018
Advent Week Three
“Everlasting Father”
Isaiah 9:6

I. Introduction – “Father”

- a. What do YOU think of when you hear that word?
- b. What does our world mean by “Father of ...”?
- c. Jesus is Father??? – John 10:30; 14:9

II. Isaiah 9:6 – The Prophecy uses ‘Kingdom language’

III. Jesus, “Father of Eternity” – A New Way of Life

John 1:1-3 – ¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made.

Psalm 102:25-28 – ²⁵Of old you laid the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands.

²⁶They will perish, but you will remain; they will all wear out like a garment. You will change them like a robe, and they will pass away,

²⁷but you are the same, and your years have no end.

²⁸The children of your servants shall dwell secure; their offspring shall be established before you.

John 1:10-12 – ¹⁰He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. ¹²But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God,

IV. What do Fathers give their Children?

- a. A Name
- b. A Relationship
- c. Security
- d. Wisdom
- e. Direction
- f. Encouragement
- g. Love
- h. Hope

V. Jesus – Our Eternal Father !!

One Application – Facing Worry with a new Perspective

CHRISTMAS AT BELLEVUE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23RD

*"GOD CAME NEAR"
THE MUSICAL CANTATA*

*AT BOTH THE
8:00 AND 10:45AM
WORSHIP SERVICES
(CHILDCARE PROVIDED)*

MONDAY, DECEMBER 24TH

*CHILDREN'S AND FAMILY
CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE*

*5:00PM WORSHIP
(CHILDCARE PROVIDED)*

*TRADITIONAL CANDLELIGHT
COMMUNION SERVICE*

8:00PM WORSHIP



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