

Participants in this evening's service:

Vocalists: Marley Fyock & John Andalora
Greeter: Libby Gibson
Ushers: Phil Fields, Paul Jackewicz, Tom Santaferra, Bob Wright
Tech Team: Todd Mentzer, Nick Mentzer, Lauren Mentzer

Mary - Elise Sarik

Joseph - Levi Shamenek

Angels - Sophia Cahill, Foster Carter, Makenzie Davis, Elle James, Madelyn
McManus, Marlowe Meluney, Harper Messina, Lydia Penuel,
Charlotte Roach, Nora Shuttleworth, Lilly Weidman

Shepherds - Ben Jackewicz, Oliver Roach

Wise Men - J.J. Cahill, Alexander Hudson, Leo Hudson

Worship Opportunities: Thank you for sharing this worship service with us. You are cordially invited to worship at Bethel every Sunday. For information about ministries and activities, please visit our website: www.bethellewes.org

SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

Traditional Worship is at 8:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Contemporary Worship is at 9:15 a.m. in Fellowship Hall

Children are dismissed to go to Sunday School around 9:30 a.m.

All Sunday services are also available to watch from home by searching
"Bethel Lewes" on YouTube or by clicking the Virtual Bethel tab
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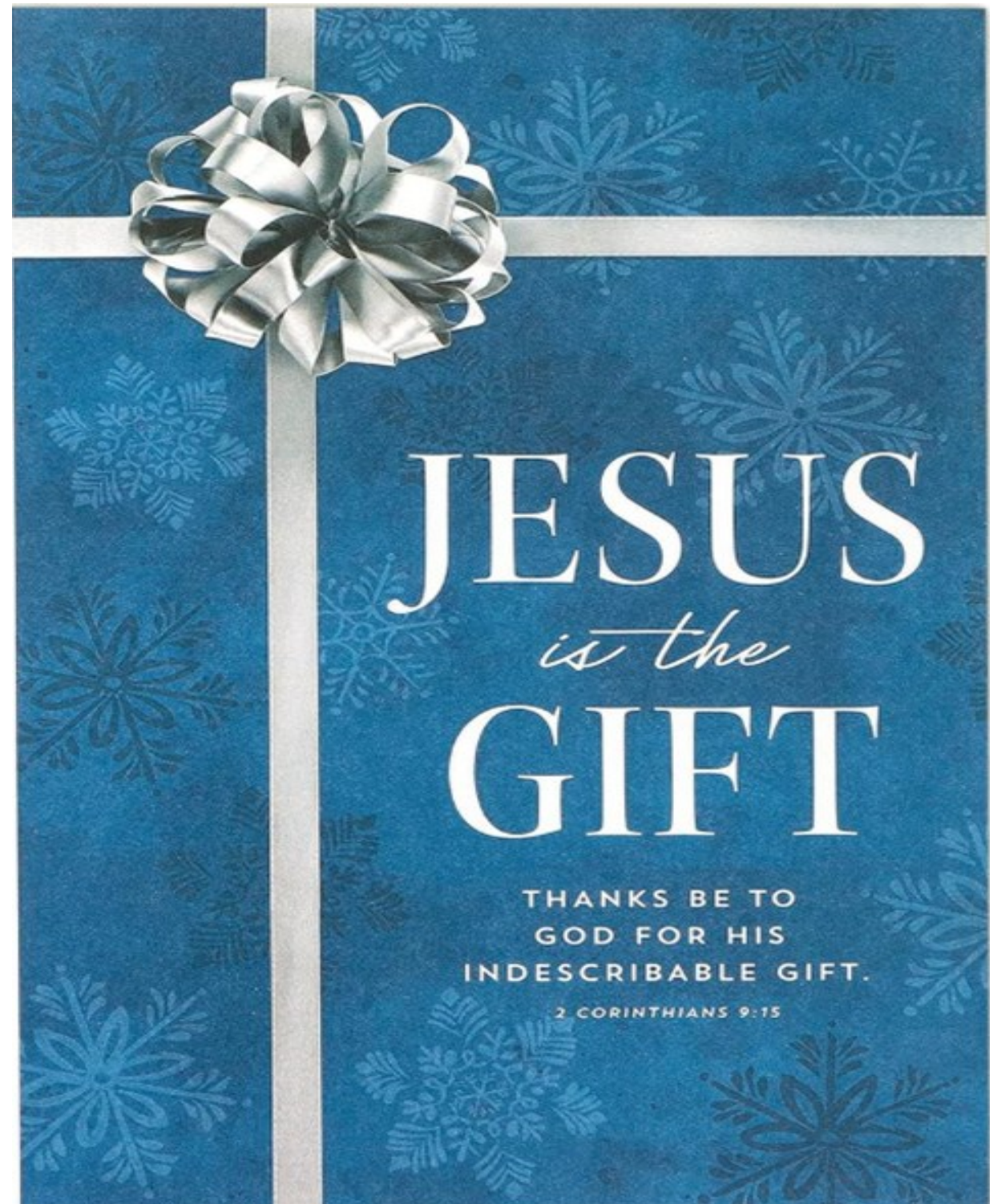
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Bethel United Methodist Church

5:00 p.m. December 24, 2025
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

GREETING & OPENING PRAYER

*CALL TO WORSHIP: Pastor Jim Penuel

*OPENING CAROL: *"Hark, the Herald Angels Sing"*

*"Hark," the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King;
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled."*

*Joyful all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies
With angelic hosts proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
"Hark," the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."*

Christ, by highest heaven adored; Christ, the everlasting Lord.

Late in time behold him come, offspring of a virgin's womb.

*Veiled in flesh the God-head see; hail the incarnate Deity,
Pleased with us in flesh to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.*

"Hark," the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!

Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings.

*Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,
Born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth.*

"Hark," the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH: *"Christ Candle"* The Davis Family

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE *"The Most Important Thing"* Pastor Jim Penuel

OFFERTORY CAROL: *"Away In A Manger"*

*Away in a manger, no crib for a bed, the little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head
The stars in the sky looked down where He lay
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay*

*The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes - the dawn of salvation beginning to break.
I love thee Lord Jesus, Oh gift from above;
The King of the heavens - forever with us.*

*I worship You, Jesus, for all of my days. The highest of praises be unto Your name.
My God and my Savior, my King, and my Friend,
Yours is the glory forever, amen. Yours is the glory forever, amen.
Yours is the glory forever, amen.*

*GOSPEL LESSON: *Luke 2:1-20* Ray Davis

MESSAGE: *"Putting First Things First"* Pastor Penuel

THE NATIVITY: *"O Holy Night"* presented by Marley Fyock

SHARING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

Please remain standing while your candle is lit.

Hold your lit candle upright, and tip unlit candles into it.

Please keep your candle away from the hair and clothes of others.

Please be attentive to children around you.

Extinguish your candle before leaving your seat.

*CLOSING CAROL: *"Silent Night"*

*Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright,
Round yon virgin, mother and child. Holy infant so tender and mild.
Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.*

*Silent night, holy night, shepherds quake at the sight;
Glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing Alleluia!
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born!*

*Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light;
Radiant beams from Thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.*

(Lift candles)

*Silent night, holy night, wondrous star, lend thy light;
With the angels let us sing, Alleluia to our King;
Christ the Savior is born! Christ the Savior is born.*

*BENEDICTION

*EXTINGUISHING THE CANDLES

Please take your candle home as a reminder that Jesus is the 'Light of the World.'

Please leave the candleholder to be reused.