

Come Alive Time WORSHIP

January 3, 2021
9:00 a.m. Service

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering

Greeting and Announcements

Prelude:

"Carol of the Bells"
presented by the First Towne Ringers Ensemble

GIVE PRAISE TO GOD

Opening Song of Praise:

"God Is With Us"

Young Disciples Moment

"The Meaning of Gifts"

Joys & Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

God's Tithes and Our Offering:

"Carol of the Children"
presented by Kayla and Owen Sponaugle

LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Gospel Lesson:

Matthew 2:1-12

Message:

"The Greatest Treasure"

Pastor Penuel

CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT

Holy Communion

GO FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

Closing Song:

"Offering"

Benediction

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GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Greeting & Announcements

Prelude: *"Carol of the Bells"*

presented by the First Towne Ringers Ensemble

GIVE PRAISE TO GOD

Opening Hymn: *"The First Noel"*

Opening Prayer: *Almighty God, to You all hearts are open, all desires known, and from You no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You, and worthily magnify Your Holy Name through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Invitation: Christ our Lord invites to His table all who love Him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Confession: *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.*

Words of Pardon

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.

LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Joys & Concerns and Pastoral Prayer

God's Tithes and our Offerings

Offertory: *"Carol of the Children"* presented by Kayla and Owen Sponaugle

Doxology

Gospel Lesson:

Matthew 2:1-12

Message:

"The Greatest Treasure"

Pastor Jim Penuel

CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT

The Great Thanksgiving & The Lord's Prayer

Holy Communion

GO FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

Closing Hymn: *"Joy to the World"*

Benediction

Postlude: *"I Saw Three Ships"* arr. Hayes

Leaders for Today's Service

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| Liturgist: | 9:00 & 11:00 | Ray Davis |
| Audio Tech: | 9:00 & 11:00 | Todd Mentzer |
| Lights/Camera Tech: | 9:00 & 11:00 | Nicholas Mentzer |
| Video Tech: | 9:00 | Lauren Mentzer |
| Vocalists: | 9:00 11:00 | Joyce Mentzer, Jim Penuel, Kayla Sponaugle, Owen Sponaugle Linda Chantler, Bob Monti, Kayla Sponaugle, Owen Sponaugle |
| Instrumentalists: | Guitar - Paul Faircloth Bass Guitar - Jim Penuel | Keyboard - Joyce Mentzer |

First Towne Ringers Ensemble:

Lisa Baker, Cheng Hudson, Lauren Mentzer, Bob Snyder, Joyce Snyder, Beverly Thompson, Mary Lou Warren

BETHEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH PRAYER LIST 012/27/2020

Key: **Red type** indicates a request new this week
Green type indicates an answered prayer
Blue type is Covid-19 related

Hospice: Harold Landis

Hospital: Eluria Downs, William Fowler, Liz Hauschild, Bill Jackson, Rev. Charlie Kind, Lynn, Rob, Bellsie, Paula, Lon Solomon, Bernie Spangler

General Concerns: Katherine Beatty, John, Dee Becker, Kerrey Bradford, Shauna Brittingham, Debbie Brown, Donna Carr, **Lorraine Chavez**, Dave Condon, Bruce Edmonds, Kim Edmonds, Rex Edmonds, Michael Emmett, Patricia Emmett, Beth Gastner, Peggy Gastner, Randy Haith, Pete Hescox, Mark & Connie Hetterich, Jim Hooban, Mary Lou Jackson, Eden Jenkins, Caddie Joseph, Bill Koontz, Norman Kugel, Daniel Martin, Veronica McKain, Jim McCarty, Janet McGinnis, Carroll Miller, Dave Parks, George Pepper, Pamela Potts, Pete Reed, Rob Ryan, Mary Schriber, Sophia Sgromo, Joe Seay, Kevin Short Linda Shurkey, Patty Neimcyk-Smith, Bonnie Tedesco, Ashley Thibeault, Peggy Thomas, John Thompson, Jack Weeks, Theresa Wise, Tom Whittaker, Mason Vannucci, Joe Zullo

Up Coming Procedures: Jim Gastner, Jean Horn, Patty Jo Mock, Earl Peters

Recovering from Procedures: Sandy Bassett, Fred Campagnone, John Caycedo, Edith Cross, Elizabeth Fields, Bill Gaskill, Suzy Kremer, Paulette Lazzaro, **Tom Littman, Jr.**, Dottie McKain, Ron Mead, Ron Ritthaler, Dr. David Robinson, Stephanie Shuttleworth, Edie Sipos, Nancy Smith, Bob Wright

Covid-19 Related Requests: Terri Carter, Myrna Chilese, Vic & Marie Colon, Ally Edmonds, **Bob Jones**, Lorraine Layton, Will Leister

All staff and residents of Hospitals, nursing homes and continuing care communities

Other:

- People who are unemployed and under employed, and homeless families.
- For racial justice in the United States.
- For principled and just law enforcement personnel

Sympathy to:

- **Lou Colon and family on the passing of Lou's Mother, Angie Colon.**
- The family and friends of Nancy Crim, a long time member of Bethel who passed away.
- All the people who have died locally, nationally, and globally to Covid-19

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A Note for the Trustees:

HAPPY NEW YEAR

The Happiest of New Years to you all. Let us hope and pray that the coronavirus will calm down in 2021 as we receive the vaccine in the coming months.

As you are aware, in-person church services have been suspended temporarily. The Board of Trustees will be meeting on January 12 to reassess the future of in-person worship. The church will remain closed indefinitely and we will do everything in our power to reopen as soon as safely possible. No date has been determined at this time.

Livestreaming services will continue to be provided at 9am and 11am via bethellewes.org.

May the Lord continue to keep you in his care.

Blessings,

Alison Parsell &

The Trustee team

Coat & Hat Drive: Bethel Women's Ministry mission is to help women & children within our community. We will be collecting new coats & gloves for women and children from Dec. 15th through Jan. 15th. Tubs will be labeled & located at the back door of the Parsonage Meeting House. These items will be donated to Lighthouse For Broken Wings for homeless family's and others. Many thanks in advance to our church family. Any questions, contact Amy Chason. amychason@comcast.net.

Meals for the Homeless: This year there are three venues sheltering the homeless: a day program at Community Resource Center and two Code Purple overnight shelters. From now until the end of March hundreds of meals are needed from organizations in this area. Bethel is one of many area organizations that has a history of supporting those without shelter. Our Missions' Team will be posting a signup sheet on the church's website the week of 12/14/20. In accordance with COVID-19 precautions meals have to be packaged in single serve containers. As of 12/14 there will be containers in the church kitchen for anyone who is making a meal for one of the venues. Also, look for an E-Blast coming soon with more information. If you have questions or need information, please contact Cathie Wagner at ccwgr@aol.com.

Prayer Shawl News: As many of you are aware our faithful leader for many years, Mary Graczyk, has decided to step down. She has assembled a great group of knitters and we will certainly miss her. The new co-chairs are Lynne Buckwalter and Sandy Hunsicker. Due to the pandemic we have not met since last March but the willing hands have continued knitting. We have prayer shawls available and would like to get them to persons in need. If you know of someone who needs a Prayer Shawl, please contact Lynne (645-4719) or Sandy (645-9583), with the persons permission, and we will see that they get one. Thank you for your assistance and may God keep you safe and healthy.

Are You in Need of Prayer? We know that prayer is an integral part of our faith journey, especially in these troubled times. So we are offering several ways in which you can share your prayer concerns with us:

- One-on-one prayer will be provided by Pastor Jim after the 9:00 a.m. in-person service. Simply remain in your seat at the close of the 9:00 a.m. service and after Pastor Jim greets everyone leaving he will come back in and pray for those who want one-on-one prayer.
- Virtual One-on-one Prayer will be offered immediately after the 11:00 livestreamed service via ZOOM. The ZOOM login information can be found on our website (bethellewes.org) by clicking on the Prayer tab at the top of the screen. Then click on the Virtual Prayer Zoom Link (at around 12:00) and wait in the 'virtual waiting room' and Pastor Jim will pray with each person individually.
- You can also share your prayer request or joy by clicking on the Prayer tab on our website and then clicking the Online Prayer Request link. The form will give you the option of sharing your concern with the congregation or keeping it private, shared only with our ministerial staff.

Upper Room: The Upper Room daily devotionals are still available each month! To have a copy mailed to you, please contact Sandy Stough in the church office, and indicate whether you want regular print or LARGE PRINT.

Financial Support: Thank you for your weekly support. We thank everyone who has provided funds to keep Bethel's ministries going.

There are five ways you can get your gift to Bethel:

1. **Drop off your donation** through the mail slot in the front door of the Parsonage Meeting House at 130 W. Fourth St.
2. **Mail donations** to BUMC, 129 W. Fourth St., Lewes, DE.
3. **E-giving:** Go to Bethel's Website www.bethellewes.org and at the top right of the home page and click on the word, 'Giving.'
4. **Text Giving** is a new option for donations, using a cell phone or hand-held device. Call (302) 202-6625, text the word "GIVE"
5. **IRA Distribution.** Those who are over 70½, can donate part of their mandatory distribution to Bethel. Please speak to your financial advisor before doing this.



This Week's Schedule:

FH = Bethel Fellowship Hall PMH = Parsonage Meeting House

Sunday 9:00 a.m. Come Alive Time Contemporary Worship - LIVESTREAM
10:15 a.m. Sunday School 2.0 for Older Kids - ZOOM
11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship - LIVESTREAM
Any time Pajama Sunday School (YouTube - search "Bethel Lewes")

Monday *Joyce Mentzer's Sabbath*

Friday *Pastor Jim Penuel and Ray Davis' Sabbath*

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