### **Upcoming Events at Bay UMC**

Dec. 28	Worship	10:00 am
Dec. 29	Bridge/P	1:00 pm
	Al Anon/P	7:00 pm
Dec. 30	Al Anon/P	1:15 pm
	True North/RM-CR	7:30 pm
Dec. 31 NYE- Office Closed		
Jan. 1	New Year's Day-Office Closed	
	AA Women/P	7:30 pm
Jan. 2	AA Men & Women/P	6:00 pm
Jan. 4	Worship/Communion	10:00 am
	Egg Sunday	
	UWF Board Meeting/CR	11:15 am
	Second Blessing`	11:20 am
	Piano Lessons/FH	4:00 pm

# All are invited to join us after worship for Coffee Fellowship!



### The Weekly Word

Up-to-date news on all church activities and Prayer Request can now be found in the Weekly Word. On Fridays, the Weekly Word is sent via email to all the church members for which we have an email address. Each Sunday, you can find a paper copy on the central table in the Narthex.

#### **Sunday School**

Children are always welcome in worship! Children are welcome to come forward for the children's sermon. After the children's sermon, children and youth from four-years-old through eighth grade will be accompanied to their classrooms in the Sunday School on the 3rd floor, where they can be picked up after worship.

### **Today's Worship Team**

Rev. Lisa Kropinak	Senior Pastor
Lindsey Martin	Youth Education Coordinator
Ron Muth	Director of Music
 Bill Zurkey	Organist
 Keith McĞregor, Dan Hurst, J	John Schofield Technology
Dave Johnson	Liturgist
 Jo-Anne Marshall, Fred West	tbrook Ushers
 Kate & Hossein Kashiani	Coffee Fellowship

Altar Flowers: To The Glory of God

### Week of December 21

Worship Attendance:179
Online Attendance: 11
Worship Attendance for Longest Night Service: 37

As members of Bay United Methodist Church, we have covenanted together to uphold it by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness. Another way you can give towards the congregations' ministries is to give electronically.

To give electronically...



# Order of Worship December 28, 2025 10:00 am



## **Bay United Methodist Church**

29931 Lake Road, Bay Village, OH 44140 440-871-2082, office@bayumc.org Reverend Lisa Kropinak pastor@bayumc.org **Bay United Methodist Church** 

### **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

Sunday, December 28, 2025

### **Reverend Lisa Kropinak**

\*Please stand if you are able

Welcome and Announcements

(Please sign the attendance pad.)

\*Time of Greeting

Invocation

Prelude Glory to God Alone in the Highest –

Two settings – Telemann, Walther

Call To Worship:

Liturgist: Beloved, we have waited, watched, and witnessed the coming of the Christ child. As we gather today on the other side of Christmas, we might be tempted to ask, "What now?"

People: We continue to wait and watch for the day that all the earth awaits.

Liturgist: In this season of Christmas, we remember that though Christ has come among us, the good news of freedom for captives, flourishing for the poor, and power returned to the disempowered does not reign in so many places.

People: We continue to wait and watch for the day that all the earth awaits.

Liturgist: With Mary and Joseph, we listen for God to show us how to protect and advocate for the vulnerable among us.

People: We continue to wait and watch for the day that all the earth awaits.

Liturgist: As we gather to worship today, may God bind us together in love, empowering us to live as followers of the Christ child who declare good news wherever we go.

People: We gather today as people who wait, watch, and work for the day that all the earth awaits. Thanks be to God! Amen.

Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, June 2025.

\*Opening Hymn # 220 (Red)

Angels From The Realms Of Glory

(At this time, give your prayer cards to the nearest usher)

Scripture Lesson Isaiah 63: 7-9 (p. 693 OT) Matthew 2: 13-23 (p. 2 NT)

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Gesu Bambino Pietro A. Yon Libby Johnson, Soloist

Children's Sermon Rev. Lisa Kropinak (Children excused for Sunday School )

Hymn of Preparation # 237 (Red)
Sing We Now of Christmas

Sermon Is Pity Such a Bad Thing?

Offertory

\*Doxology #95 (Red)

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

\*Closing Hymn # 224 (Red)
Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

Closing Prayer: Eternal Creator, with you each moment of life is full of wonder and surprise. We pray you to make us watchful as we await the coming of Christ. Grant that we may not be found sleeping in sin, but awake and rejoicing in your newness of life. Through the same Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen. Margaret Gay MacKinnon Godfrey

Benediction

Postlude Good News from Heaven the Angels Bring - Walther

### **Prayer Requests**

Prayers for the Bowman family on the recent passing of Jean Bowman.

Prayers for Peter Gierosky as he recovers from surgery.

### Receiving Treatment For Cancer

Andrew Mills, grandson of Kathi Rayburn
Louis Pena, friend of Larry Johnson
Peggy Shumate, friend of Jennifer Sauer and Mary Jones
Pat Lydy, mother-in-law to Mike & Mary Kube's son
Colin Kissel, grandson of Jerry and Susie Jenkins.
Gene Braden, member of Bay UMC
Barb Sabo, friend of Betty Christ
Jason Santos, nephew of Betty Christ
Jody Brubaker, sister of Libby Johnson
Pat Riley Stephen, cousin of Sue Davis
Tom Szor, friend of Connie Ward

