



BETHANY UNITED METHODIST

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10:00 AM WORSHIP December 17, 2017

WELCOME

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion

All: We were like those who dream, our mouths were filled with laughter, and our tongues with shouts of joy.

One: The Lord has done great things for us

All: Restore us o Lord

One: May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy.

All: May those who go out weeping, come home with shouts of joy.

***HYMN OF PRAISE "Joy to the World" #533**

***INVOCATION**

Lighting the Advent Candle

Special Music "The Twelve Days of Christmas" Sunbeam Choir

Children's Message

MORNING PRAYER

Pastoral Prayer
The Lord's Prayer

Pastor Stoltzfus
Congregation

THE OFFERTORY Audrey Scipioni
Presentation of God's Tithes
***The Doxology**
***Prayer of Dedication**

***HYMN OF PREPARATION "O for a thousand Tongues" #278**

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 64: 1-4, 8-11 Pastor Stoltzfus

SERMON "Joy is Our True Home" Pastor Stoltzfus

***HYMN OF RESPONSE "Rejoice, the Lord is King" #32**

***BENEDICTION Pastor Stoltzfus**

***POSTLUDE Audrey Scipioni**
**We stand to honor Jesus Christ.*

Good morning and welcome to Bethany where God's word is honored, taught and proclaimed. Our mission is to glorify God by making-maturing-mobilizing enthusiastic disciples for Jesus Christ. Please sign the blue attendance pad and pass it along.

The alter flowers are presented in memory of my brother, Lewis S. Brough by Margie(Brough) and husband Earl Douple.

Serving today: **Sound System:** Don Brubaker
Acolyte: Michelle Patrick
Greeters/Ushers: Richard and Sue Lasher
Organist: Audrey Scipioni

Units for the hearing impaired are available. Please see an usher for assistance.

Children are welcome to stay in worship this morning. There is a nursery room available downstairs if you were to need it.



Home bound person of the week is Helen Lutz. Please remember her in your prayers this week and sign the card in the back.

Prayer joys/concerns: 1) Dale Patrick 2) Our servicemen and their families. 3) The Palmyra area 4) Our nation and leaders.

CD's of today's service are available for \$2.00. Please contact Pastor Jared if you are interested. You can also listen to the service through the church's website, bethanyumcpalmyra.org.

Birthday Blessings this week to: December 19 – Vicki Smith

This week at Bethany...

Sunday @ 5pm– Addictions Support Group (Social Hall)

Wednesday 4:30-5– Sunbeam Choir

Announcements...

Subs can be picked up on Dec. 21 between 10:30-11:30.

Today is the last day for the Mitten Tree Donations for the Ronald McDonald House.

Next Sunday is Christmas Eve. We will have our regular worship at 10 AM and a Christmas Eve service at 7 PM.

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SERVING CHRIST AND OUR CONGREGATION

ORGANIST: *Audrey Scipioni*

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY: *Vicki Smith*

TRUSTEES: *Don Brubaker*

TREASURER: *Diane Miller*

LAY LEADER: *Ed Kaylor*

MISSIONARY: *Rachel Nicholson, Germany*

SUNBEAM CHOIR: *Samantha Patrick*

ADMIN. COUNCIL: *Cindy Anspach*

CHURCH SECRETARY: *Linda Dumbauld*

CUSTODIAN: *Beverly Bell*

STAFF PARISH: *Paul Leicht*

PASTOR: *Jared Stoltzfus*