



Glorifying God by Making, Maturing, and Mobilizing Disciples

For Jesus Christ

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10:00 AM WORSHIP December 9, 2018

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 130)

One: I cry out to you from the depths, LORD.

All: Lord, listen to our voices, let your ears pay close attention.

One: If you kept track of sins, LORD, who would stand a chance?

All: But forgiveness is with you, our hope is in you, we wait for your promise.

One: Wait for the LORD, because faithful love is with the LORD, great redemption is with our God!

All: We wait for the LORD, he is the one who will redeem us from all our sin.

*HYMN OF PRAISE "Love Divine" #154

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

*INVOCATION

*HYMN "Angels, from the Realms of Glory" #546

MORNING PRAYER

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Pastor Stoltzfus

Congregation

THE OFFERTORY

Presentation of God's Tithe

*The Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

Audrey Scipioni

*HYMN OF PREPARATION "What Child is This" #540

SCRIPTURE Malachi 3: 1-4 and Luke 3: 1-6 Barry Smith

SERMON "Refine" Pastor Stoltzfus

*RESPONSE "Cleanse Me" #187

*BENEDICTION Pastor Stoltzfus

*POSTLUDE Audrey Scipioni

**We stand to honor Jesus Christ.
Please sign the blue attendance pad and pass it along.*

The alter flowers this morning were given by Beverly & George Bell to wish their Bethany family a blessed Christmas.

Serving today: **Sound System:** Don Brubaker

Greeters/Ushers: Lloyd & Lois Grumbein and Richard & Sue Lasher

Organist: Audrey Scipioni

Acolyte: Olivia Basham

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



Infant care and ages thru 6 years are held downstairs in the Kids Zone. Grades 1 thru 6 are welcome to go downstairs to the Primary Department or remain in the Sanctuary for worship.

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

Prayer joys/concerns: 1) Our church as we continue to look for ways to live out our mission, 2) The UM Church as a whole and the Way Forward Process, 3) Our Communities, Our Nation, and Our Leaders, 4) Those dealing with the devastating wildfires in CA, 5) Friends and Family in need of healing – Dale Patrick and Jim Lasher (Dick's brother)-hip surgery.

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 10 – Kelly Shuey, 13 – Mary Carl,
14 – Samantha Patrick**

This Week at Bethany...

Monday 6:30 PM – Ad Council

Wednesday 5-5:30 PM- Sunbeam Choir

Announcements...

See the green insert, in your bulletin, to order your Christmas poinsettias.

Today is the deadline for your order.

Sign-up sheets for your December sub and pretzel sandwich orders are on the table in the Gathering Room. Deadline is Dec. 12 with pick-up Dec. 20. All proceeds go toward our new front doors.

The Mitten Tree in the foyer is for your donations of hats, mittens, gloves, and scarves. The donations go to the Ronald McDonald House. The deadline for donations is December 16. All donations are much appreciated.

Pick-up a copy of the Caring Cupboard calendar to donate the basic needs of toiletries for friends and neighbors in our community. It is on the welcome table in the Gathering Room.

Jubilee is in need of clothing donations. Your donations will help support Jubilee's work to Rebuild, Restore, and Renew Lives. Donations can be brought here to church and given to Pastor Jared or dropped off at any Jubilee location. Thank you for your support.

Comments, Question, Concerns? Do not hesitate to reach out to Pastor Jared.

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