



Glorifying God by Making, Maturing, and Mobilizing Disciples

For Jesus Christ

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10:00 AM WORSHIP December 23, 2018

WELCOME

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 80)

One: Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock! Stir up your might, come to save us!

**All: Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved.**

One: O LORD God of hosts, how long will you be angry with your people's prayers? You have fed them with the bread of tears, and given them tears to drink in full measure.

**All: Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved.**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus" #545

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

\*INVOCATION

\*HYMN "God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen" #544

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 "Angels We Have Heard on High" #536

SCRIPTURE Micah 5:2-5a, Luke 1:39-55 Sue Ellen Keith

SERMON "Welcome" Pastor Stoltzfus

\*RESPONSE "Joy to the World" #533

\*BENEDICTION Pastor Stoltzfus

\*POSTLUDE Audrey Scipioni

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

Serving today: **Sound System:** Barry Smith

**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 Carolyn Blantz. 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) Friends and Family in need of healing – Dale Patrick, Jim Lasher (Dick's brother)-hip surgery, and Terry Patrick.

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](http://bethanyumcpalmyra.org).

**Birthday Blessings this week to: December 26 – Miranda Schell  
29 – Nathan Berkheiser  
29 – Vicki Wright**

**This Week at Bethany...**

Monday 7:00 PM - Christmas Eve Service

**Announcements...**

Pastor Jared and Liz will be out of town December 29-31, directing a retreat for Jr. and Sr. High Youth.

Pick-up your copy of the January-February Upper Room on the table in the Gathering Room and take one for a friend.

January sub and pretzel sandwich orders are due Wednesday Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup> with pick-up Jan. 31<sup>st</sup>.

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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