



Glorifying God by Making, Maturing, and Mobilizing Disciples

For Jesus Christ

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10:00 AM WORSHIP December 22, 2019

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: When an angel of the Lord appeared to Mary, Mary said yes, even in the midst of the unknown.

All: When an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph, Joseph said yes, even in the midst of uncertainty.

One: When we consider the origins of our Christian faith in the midst of mystery and glory, we say yes to God.

All: When we celebrate the birth of Christ, we proclaim God is with us, Emmanuel. Come! Let us Worship.

*HYMN OF PRAISE "Hark, The Herald Angels Sing" #537

*LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE

We light this candle as a symbol of the Prince of Peace. May the visitation of your Holy Spirit, O God, make us ready for the coming of Jesus, our hope and joy. O come, O come, Emmanuel.

*INVOCATION

SPECIAL MUSIC Sunbeam Choir

MORNING PRAYER

Pastoral Prayer Ed Kaylor
The Lord's Prayer Congregation

THE OFFERTORY Audrey Scipioni

Presentation of God's Title

*The Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

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

SCRIPTURE Matthew 1: 18-25 Susan Knipe

SERMON Guest Speaker David Carpenter

*RESPONSE "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus" #545

*BENEDICTION David Carpenter

*POSTLUDE Audrey Scipioni

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

*We welcome David Carpenter today and thank him for sharing his message with us while
Paster Jared is on vacation.*

Serving today: **Sound System:** Dick Lasher

Greeters/Usher: Larry & Joan Strait and Richard & Susan Lasher

Organist: Audrey Scipioni

Acolyte: Cade Barnhouse

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) Our Communities, Our Nation, and Our Leaders, 3) Friends and Family in need of healing – Dale Patrick, Gabe Stoltzfus, Jerry(seizures), Paul Allen (cancer), Sharon Hockenberry (cancer), Kurt Leicht, Tom Lasher (blood clot), Arlene Gable(rehab), Gloria Kettering (rehab-broken arm), Brian Romberger(back surgery) and Jerry Marcocci(fall).

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

This Week at Bethany...

Tuesday 7:00 PM – Christmas Eve Service

Announcements...

January sub and pretzel sandwich orders are due Wednesday, January 22nd with pick-up January 30th.

The Flower Chart is up for 2020. Sign up for a favorite Sunday to sponsor flowers for our church.

Invite family and friends to worship with us at our Christmas Eve Service on Tuesday, Dec 24th at 7:00 PM

Pastor Jared and Liz will be returning from their vacation later today.

Do not hesitate to reach out to Pastor Jared.

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