



Glorifying God by Making, Maturing, and Mobilizing Disciples

For Jesus Christ

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10:00 AM WORSHIP December 8, 2019

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: May your earth yield prosperity for everyone, O God.

All: May the poor be defended, the oppressed delivered.

One: May enemies live in peace.

All: May no one hurt or destroy.

One: May all the world rejoice.

All: May we be agents of your joy and peace, for this is your mighty vision for our world.

One: May timid hearts turn bold.

All: May we believe it can be so.

*HYMN OF PRAISE "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" #535

*LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE

We light this candle as a symbol of Christ the Way. May the Word sent from God through the prophets lead us to the way of Salvation. O come, O come, Emmanuel.

*INVOCATION

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

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 "Take My Life and Let it Be" #152

SCRIPTURE Romans 15: 4-13 Pastor Stoltzfus

SERMON "Casting Vision" Pastor Stoltzfus

*RESPONSE "Open My Eyes That I May See" #303

*BENEDICTION Pastor Stoltzfus

*POSTLUDE Audrey Scipioni

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

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

Serving today: **Sound System:** Seth Schell

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 Roberta Brough. 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) and Brian Romberger (back 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 – Ad Council 6:30 PM

Wednesday - Sunbeam Choir 5-5:30 PM

Announcements...

Wednesday is the last day to order your sub and pretzel sandwiches. Pick-up is Thursday, December 19th between 10:30-11:30 AM.

Next Sunday, December 15 is the deadline for our Mitten Tree. Remember to bring in mittens, gloves, hats and scarves which will benefit the Ronald McDonald House. Thank you for all your donations.

Today is the last day to order your poinsettia plants. There are order forms on the Information Table in the Gathering Room.

Liz and Pastor Jared will be away December 15-22 celebrating their 10th wedding anniversary. On December 15, Rev. Tom Kinter will preach. On December 22 David Carpenter will preach.

Comments, Question, Concerns?

Do not hesitate to reach out to Pastor Jared.

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