

# BETHLEHEM COVENANT CHURCH

## Second Sunday of Christmas

January 3rd, 2021

### Remember in Prayer

Prayer for healing—Becky Ramgren, Craig Norton, Julie Hinseth, Shirley Norman, Marian Ekstrand, Dale Hokanson, Marj Ramgren. Remember in prayer the Johnson family as they grieve, Jim Swanson, Sylvia Bacon. Continue to pray for grace to navigate justice issues and promote racial righteousness in our communities. Pray for teachers, health-care workers, police and first-responders as they seek to serve. Pray for our country & our country's leaders. Pray for our Pastoral Search Committee, its prayer partners, and its effective identification of a gifted and godly pastoral candidate.

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### Today at Bethlehem

9:15 AM—Harp Prelude of Christmas Music  
9:30 AM—Worship Service, live & online  
6:30 PM—Listen & Pray via Zoom

### Bethlehem Events This Week (Jan 4th–10th)

Tuesday—5th	All Day	Fasting & Prayer for our Pastoral Search Participate in any way God leads you
	6:30 PM	Gathering for Prayer via Zoom
Wednesday—6th	10:30 AM	Women's Bible Study via Zoom
Thursday—7th	10:30 AM	Bible Encounter via Zoom
Friday—8th	6:30 AM	Men's Bible Study via Zoom
Sunday—10th	9:30 AM	Worship Service, live & online
	10:45 AM	Youth Sunday School (Grades 6-12),live
	11:00 AM	Adult Sunday School via Zoom

### Announcements

- If you have missed the recent Sunday School hours with our Bethlehem missionaries, please contact the office to receive the link to view the recordings!

## 9:30 AM Combined Worship Service

### Gathering

**Prelude**, Christmas Hymns and Carols Cathy Victorsen, Harpist  
*“Angels We Have Heard On High,” “The First Noel,” “We Three Kings,” “Wexford Carol”*

**Welcome & Passing the Peace of Christ** Pastor Erick Abramson

**\*Call to Worship** Pastor Kari Dubord

(Leader) This is a day of high celebration in the Lord's house.

(All) **The birth of Jesus is fresh on our minds, warm in our hearts.**

(L) So we offer our worship with joy as those lingering at the manger, still filled with the wonder of angel choirs, a bright star, a bright hope, and redemption's Child.

(A) **Let us listen, sing, and pray as those waiting on tip-toe for the revelation of our loving God.**

**\*Opening Hymn 167** Sally Sundberg (Pianist), Ethan Murphy & Dick Sundberg  
*“The First Noel”* Vs 1 & 2 = All  
Vs 5 = Men (all on refrain)  
Vs 6 = All

**\*Opening Prayer** (in unison)

**Great and good God, give us pure, childlike hearts that we may see you, humble hearts that we may hear you, hearts of love that we may serve you, hearts of faith that we may live in you, reverent hearts that we may worship you, here in this place and in our neighborhood, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Special Music, *“What Child Is This”*

### Word

**Scripture Reading: Isaiah 9:1-7; Ephesians 3:1-12**

**Children's Message**

**Sermon – John 1:1-5**

Pastor Erick Abramson

*“Enough Light to Find Your Way By”*

### Responding

**Reflection and Silent Prayer**

*“Now Shine a Thousand Candles Bright”*

**Offering and Response**

*\*So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh, come peasant, king, to own him; the King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts en-throne him. This, this is Christ the King whom shepherds guard and angels sing. Haste, haste to bring him laud: the babe, the son of Mary.*

### Sending

**\*Sending Hymn 192, “As With Gladness Men of Old”**

**\*Closing Prayer, Charge and Blessing**

Postlude, *“Ding Dong Merrily on High”*