

BETHLEHEM COVENANT CHURCH

Second Sunday in Advent

December 6th, 2020

Today at Bethlehem

- 9:30 AM—Worship Service, live & online
- 10:45 AM—Youth Sunday School (Grades 6-12), at church
- 11:00 AM—Adult Sunday School via Zoom; Join missionaries Erick & Bethany Abramson!
- 6:30 PM—Listen & Pray Prayer Meeting, live in the sanctuary

Bethlehem Events This Week (Dec 7th–13th)

Tuesday—8th	All Day	Fasting & Prayer for our Pastoral Search Participate in any way God leads you
	6:30 PM	Gathering for Prayer via Zoom
Wednesday—9th	10:30 AM	Women’s Bible Study via Zoom
	6:00 PM	Confirmation Class, live
	7:15 PM	High School Youth Group, live
Thursday—10th	10:30 AM	Bible Encounter via Zoom
	6:30 PM	Congregational Meeting via Zoom
Friday—11th	6:30 AM	Men’s Bible Study via Zoom
Sunday—13th	9:30 AM	Worship Service, live & online Third Sunday in Advent
	10:45 AM	Youth Sunday School (Grades 6-12),live
	11:00 AM	Adult Sunday School via Zoom, with missionaries the Ekstrands

Pandemic Office Hours: 10 AM–1PM Tuesday through Thursday

Announcements

- Thank you to Emily Nemecek and her family, Greg Alm and Dick Sundberg for putting up the Christmas decorations.
- If you have not done so, please fill out our Pandemic Worship Survey by the end of the day today.

Looking Ahead

December 24th at 4:00 PM Christmas Eve Service, online ONLY

Remember in Prayer

Prayer for healing—Julie Hinseth, Dale Hokanson, Marj Ramgren. Remember in prayer Jim Swanson, Kayla Ivarson, Sylvia Bacon, Peggy Erickson, Ella Fong. 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.

Bethlehem Staff

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9:30 AM Combined Worship Service

Gathering

Prelude,
Advent and Christmas Carols

Dianne Jelle, Pianist

The Lighting of the Second Advent Candle, including:

- **Special Music,** Judy Cummings, Soloist
“*He Shall Feed His Flock*” by GF Handel
- **Opening Prayer** (in unison) Pastor Kari Dubord
God of the universe, your servant John the Baptist came announcing your presence and calling for our repentance. Help us to hear his voice of judgment, that we may also rejoice in his word of promise and be found pure and faith-filled in that glorious day when Christ comes to rule the earth as Prince of Peace. Lord, comfort. Amen.

Word

Scripture Readings: Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13; Mark 1:1-8

Children’s Message

*Hymn 131 Ethan Murphy, Dick and Sally Sundberg
“*Comfort, Comfort, Ye My People*”

Sermon — Isaiah 40:1-11 Pastor Rick Mylander
“A Prayer for Advent 2: Lord, Comfort” ”

Responding

Reflection and Silent Prayer

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 enthrone 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 153, “*It Came Upon a Midnight Clear*”

*Closing Prayer, Charge and Blessing

Postlude, “*Wake, Awake, for Night it Flying*” arr. Johann Walther