

BETHLEHEM COVENANT CHURCH

Fourth Sunday in Advent

December 20th, 2020

Today at Bethlehem

9:30 AM—Worship Service, live & online
11:00 AM—Coffee Hour & Fellowship via Zoom

Bethlehem Events This Week (Dec 21st–27th)

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| Tuesday—22nd | All Day | Fasting & Prayer for our Pastoral Search Participate in any way God leads you |
| | 6:30 PM | Gathering for Prayer via Zoom |
| Wednesday—23rd | 10:30 AM | Women’s Bible Study via Zoom |
| Thursday—24th | 6:30 AM | Men’s Bible Study via Zoom |
| | 4:00 PM | Christmas Eve Service, online ONLY |
| Friday—25th | Have a Blessed Christmas! | |
| Sunday—27th | 9:30 AM | Worship Service, live & online |
| | 1:00-3:00 PM | Drive BYE Farewell to the Mylanders |

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

Announcements

- We had to make a difficult decision to pre-record our Christmas Eve worship this year. The service will be pre-recorded & broadcast at 4 PM on Christmas Eve. It is then able to be viewed at any time after. Please watch the MIDWEEK CHECK and the weekly STAR for links.
- 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!
- As the year winds down, so does our time with Pastor Rick and Gail Mylander. On Sunday, December 27th from 1-3 PM we will be hosting a Drive BYE for folks to drive ‘bye’ the front of the church building to say thank you and good bye to the Mylanders. We would like to invite you all to drop off or mail a card at anytime before then if you are unable to join us on that day.

Looking Ahead

December 24th at 4:00 PM Christmas Eve Worship, online ONLY
Sunday, January 3rd Christmas Harp Music at Sunday Worship

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.

Bethlehem Staff

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9:30 AM Combined Worship Service

Gathering

Prelude, Christmas Carols & Hymns Dianne Jelle, Pianist

Welcome & Passing of the Peace Pastor Rick Mylander

The Lighting of the Fourth Advent Candle, including:

- Special Music, Ethan Murphy & Sally Sundberg, Duet
“*The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came*” Basque Carol
- Opening Prayer (in unison) Pastor Erick Abramson
Lord, your word says that “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.” But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!” Lord, send us. Amen.

*Hymn 128, “*Prepare the Way, O Zion!*” (verse 1,3,& 4)
Ethan Murphy, Dick and Sally Sundberg

Word

Children’s Message Pastor Kari Dubord

Scripture Reading: Psalm 89:1-4,19-26; Luke 1:46-55

Special Music, “*Mary, Did You Know?*” Sally Sundberg, Soloist

Sermon – Luke 1:46-55 Pastor Rick Mylander
“A Prayer for Advent 4: Lord, Send Us”

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 188, “*Go, Tell It on the Mountain!*”

*Closing Prayer, Charge and Blessing

Postlude, “*Go, Tell It on the Mountain!*”
African American Spiritual