

BETHLEHEM COVENANT CHURCH

First Sunday of Christmas

December 27th, 2020

Today at Bethlehem

9:30 AM—Worship Service, live & online

1:00-3:00 PM—”Drive BYE” Farewell to Pastor Rick & Gail Mylander, live outside church on 43rd Avenue

Bethlehem Events This Week (Dec 28th-Jan 3rd)

Tuesday—29th All Day Fasting & Prayer for our Pastoral Search
Participate in any way God leads you

Thursday—31st 6:30 AM Men’s Bible Study via Zoom

Friday—1st Blessed New Year!

Sunday—3rd 9:30 AM Worship Service, live & online
Featuring Christmas Harp Music

6:30 PM Listen & Pray via Zoom

Announcements

- Sunday, January 3rd service will feature Bethlehem member, Cathy Victorsen, playing Christmas music on the harp.
- 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!

Remember in Prayer

Prayer for healing—Becky Ramgren, Craig Norton, Sylvia Bacon, Julie Hinseth, Shirley Norman, Marian Ekstrand, Dale Hokanson, Marj Ramgren. Prayers for the following families as they grieve: Grace Bergstrom family, Abramson family, & Johnson family. Remember in prayer Jim Johnson and Jim Swanson. 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 Hymns & Carols Dianne Jelle, Organist

Welcome & Passing the Peace of Christ Pastor Rick Mylander

Call to Worship

*Opening Hymn 164 Dick and Sally Sundberg
“*Away in a Manger*”

*Opening Prayer (in unison) Pastor Erick Abramson
Almighty God, you have poured upon us the Light of your incarnate Word, Jesus the Messiah! Grant that this light, kindled again now in our hearts, may always shine forth in our lives. We pray through Him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Word

Scripture Readings: Isaiah 61:10-62:3; Luke 2:22-40

Children’s Message Pastor Kari Dubord

Special Music, Dick & Sally Sundberg, Vocal Duet
“*Manger Scene*” and “*Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*”

Sermon – Philippians 1:1-11, 27-28a Pastor Rick Mylander
“Last Words: My Prayer for Bethlehem”

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 162, “*Angels We Have Heard on High*”

*Closing Prayer, Charge and Blessing

Postlude, “*Good Christian Friends, Rejoice!*” by JS Bach