

Updates and Announcements

Thank you for worshipping with us at Bethel United Methodist Church! Our worship service is broadcast via live stream on our Facebook page.

Please sign and pass the attendance pads located at the end of your pew. If you are a guest today, please leave your contact information so we can extend a fuller welcome! If you have a prayer request, please place a prayer card in the offering plate or contact the church office. Prayer requests will remain on the weekly emailed prayer list for 3 weeks. If you want to subscribe to the Bethel UMC Weekly Emails, please contact the church office at bethelrockhill@gmail.com or 803.327.4881.

This Week

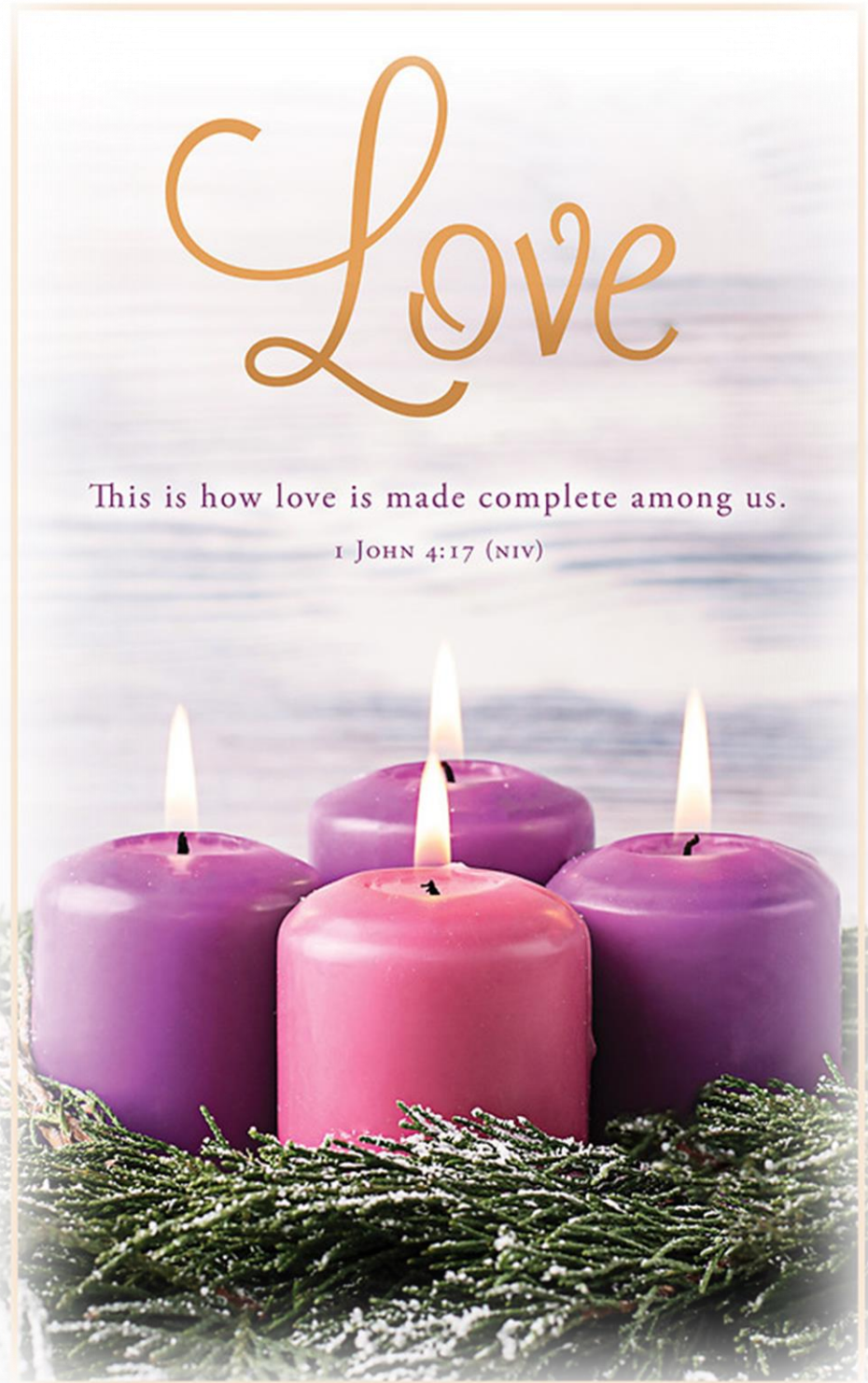
- **Today** – Children’s Sunday School at 10:15 am.
- **Today** – “Advent at The Welcome Table” 10:00 am in the Upper Room.
- **Tuesday** – Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship Service at 5pm. Please invite friends and family to join us in worship.
- **Wednesday** – Merry Christmas!
- **Wednesday – Wednesday, January 1, 2025** – Pastor Sutton will be on vacation. Rev. Robin Griffith from Woodland UMC will be the on-call pastor from 12/29/24 -1/1/25. She may be reached at 843-870-8991.
- **Wednesday** – AA Meeting in the church library from 7-8:00 pm.
- **Upcoming**
- **Wednesdays** – AA Meeting in the church library from 7-8:00 pm.
- **Thursdays 1/9/25 -3/27/25** – Bethel Soup Kitchen 11 am – 1 pm.
- **1/8/25** – BLT will meet at The Flipside Restaurant at 11:30 am.

	12/22/24	12/24/24	12/29/24
Liturgist	Angie Price	Will Shelton	Margaret McCarter
Children's Time	Marc Sutton	N/A	Michaela Sanford
Nursery	Lisa Bobak	N/A	Allyson Reid
Counter	Debbie Harris	Will Shelton	Sherl Drawdy
Counter	Michaela Sanford	Allyson Reid	Doug Ott
Usher	Richard Bickel	Isabella Sutton	Lisa Bobak
Usher	Sherl Drawdy	Marc Sutton	Jaye Grayson
Communion	N/A	Will Shelton	N/A

	Month of	October
	October 2024	Year-to-date
Tithes and Offerings	\$8,092.00	\$88,555.29
Expenses	<u>16,468.24</u>	<u>(120,123.81)</u>
	<u>(\$8,376.24)</u>	<u>(\$31,568.52)</u>

	December 15
In-person Attendance	27
Plate Budget Received	\$877.00

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

December 22, 2024

GATHERING

WORDS OF WELCOME

ADVENT WREATH See Insert

GATHERING PRAYER

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

L: The peace of Christ be with you.

P: And also with you.

*OPENING HYMN *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice* UMH# 245

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and Earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only son, our Lord,

Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

Born of the Virgin Mary,

Suffered under Pontius Pilate,

Was crucified, died and was buried;

He descended to the dead.

On the third day, He rose again; He ascended into Heaven.

Is seated at the right hand of the Father,

And will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy catholic church,

The communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the

Resurrection of the body, and of life everlasting. AMEN

*RESPONSE *Gloria Patri* UMH #70

PROCLAMATION

HYMN *Away in the Manager* UMH 217

CHILDREN'S TIME Marc Sutton

LESSONS AND CAROLS

LESSON Genesis 3:8-15, 17-19

CAROL *It Came upon the Midnight Clear* UMH 218

LESSON Genesis 22:15-18

CAROL *Angels from the Realms of Glory* UMH 220

LESSON Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

CAROL *What Child Is This* UMH 219

LESSON Micah 5:2 -5a

CAROL *O Little Town of Bethlehem* UMH 230

LESSON Luke 1:26-35, 38

CAROL *There's a Song in the Air* UMH 249

LESSON Luke 2:1-7

CAROL *The First Noel (Stanza 1)* UMH 245

LESSON Luke 2:8-16

CAROL *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* UMH 240

LESSON Matthew 2:1-11

CAROL *We Three Kings* UMH 254

LESSON John 1:1-14

CAROL *O Come, All Ye Faithful* UMH 234

RESPONSE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

L: This is the word of God for the people of God.

P: Thanks, be to God.

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name

Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

As we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom, and the power,

and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* UMH #95

SENDING FORTH

*HYMN *Joy to the World* UMH #246

*THE BENEDICTION

*THE POSTLUDE

**Please stand as you are able.*