

Bethel Mennonite Church

“Serving Jesus, Loving Others”

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Announcements

Lighting the Peace Lamp –

For a child has been born for us,
a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders;
and he is named
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Isaiah 9:6 (NRSV)

Welcome

Prelude & Lighting Christmas candles

Call to Praise

The Word became flesh and lived among us,
full of grace and truth.
In him was life, and the life was the light of all.

Glory - Praise God from whom- H #119

Psalm 148

Alleluia! Praise the Lord from the heavens,
praise God in the heights.
Praise God, all you angels, praise him, all you host.

Praise God, sun and moon, praise him, shining stars.
Praise God, highest heavens and the waters above the heavens.
Let them praise the name of the Lord.
The Lord commanded: they were made.
*God fixed them forever,
gave a law which shall not pass away.*

THIS WEEK

TODAY

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School
10:40 a.m. – Worship. A service of music, scripture & prayer.

SATURDAY

8:00 a.m. – Men’s Breakfast

NEXT SUNDAY

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School
10:40 a.m. – Worship. Erin Dyx, speaker

LAST WEEK

Sunday School 42
Worship Attendance 59

*Your generosity empowers our collective work for
God’s kingdom purposes. Thanks*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church Office schedule this week: Miriam will be in the office Tuesday and Friday. Rebecca will be in the office Thursday and Friday.

You are invited to consider how you can contribute to Bethel’s capital campaign to raise funds for the proposed **West Entrance Addition** building project. Pledge forms can go in the designated box in the hallway.

OUR THANKS TO THOSE WHO SERVE

This Week – December 29

Worship leader: Kathy Lehm xn

Musicians: Janet Wilkxns,
Byron Kauffm xn, Ellen Vxtt,
Lowell Kauffm xn

Speaker:

Greeters: Mark & Polly Thomxs

Sound/media: Andrew Bloxnt

Prelude: Kathy Grabxr

Offertory: Wesley Hershbergxr

Peace Lamp: Cindy Kauffm xn

Next Week – January 5

Worship leader: Donna Lehm xn

Musicians: Janet Wilkxns,
Ellen Steinxr

Speaker: Erin Dyx

Greeters: Mark & Polly Thomxs

Sound/media: Andrew Bloxnt

Prelude: Elaine Newcomxr

Offertory: Elaine Newcomxr

Peace Lamp: Cindy Kauffm xn

Praise the Lord from the earth,
sea creatures and all oceans,
*fire and hail, snow and mist,
stormy winds that obey God's word;*
all mountains and hills, all fruit trees and cedars,
beasts, wild and tame, reptiles and birds on the wing;
all earth's nations and peoples,
earth's leaders and rulers;
*young men and maidens,
the old together with children.*

Let them praise the name of the Lord who alone is exalted.
The splendor of God's name reaches beyond heaven and earth.
God exalts the strength of the people, is the praise of all the saints,
*of the sons and daughters of Israel,
of the people to whom he comes close.*
Alleluia!

Congregational singing

Thanksgiving

We remember your great goodness to us, Lord.
*It was no messenger or angel
but your very presence that saved us.*
(free prayers of thanksgiving)
In love and pity you redeemed us;
you lift us up and carry us all our days. Amen.

Congregational singing

Offering and offertory

Call to Discipleship

Jesus said, Let anyone with ears to hear listen.
*You shall love the Lord you God
with all your heart, and with all your soul,
and with all your strength, and with all your mind;
and your neighbor as yourself.*
Do this and you will live.
Lord Jesus, you have the words of eternal life.

Old Testament reading: Job 19: 23-27

“I know that my Redeemer liveth” - Janet Wilkxns, soloist

Congregational singing

New Testament reading: I Corinthians 15: 50-58

“The trumpet shall sound” - Lowell Kauffmxn, soloist

Congregational singing

Affirmation of Faith: Colossians 1:15-20

He is the image of the invisible God,
the firstborn of all creation;
*for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created,
things visible and invisible,*
whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers -
all things have been created through him and for him.
*He himself is before all things,
and in him all things hold together.*
He is the head of the body, the church;
he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead,
so that he might come to have first place in everything.
*For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,
and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all
things,
whether on earth or in heaven,
by making peace through the blood of his cross.*

Call to Intercession

Sharing time & prayer

Sending song

Benediction

*May grace and peace be ours in abundance
in the knowledge of God
and of Jesus our Lord. Amen*

PRAYER & PRAISE NOTES

- Pray for God's healing power to sustain and strengthen Bill B. as he begins physical therapy. Late last week he was able to sit in a chair for several hours and walk with assistance between the bed and chair. He remains at OSU hospital until he makes further progress. Give thanks for their family time together at Christmas.
- Lee Jordxn is scheduled for surgery tomorrow. Pray the procedure would be successful in removing the cancer that has returned. May God give strength to his body and peace to his heart.
- This week on Thursday Deb Bylrx will return to Guatemala after three months of North American Assignment. She begins another two year term of service. Pray for her as she reenters the community there, working within the Mennonite Church to empower women for leadership positions.
- Continue to pray for Cheryl S. and her ongoing healing process. She will have a follow up appointment on Tuesday.

PASTORAL CARE THIS WEEK: Mark Thomxs

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