

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, please list your contact information so we can extend a fuller welcome! To be added to the Bethel UMC Weekly Emails, contact the church office at 803.327.4881 or bethelrockhill@gmail.com.

Star Words

Today following the sermon each person will receive a star word. This gift is given as a reminder that God always gives first, and then we are invited to respond with our gifts and ourselves. Over the coming year, reflect on the word you receive. Ponder the significance of this word in your life, and how God might speak to you through this simple message.

This Week

- **Today** – Children's Sunday School at 10:15 am.
- **Monday - Sunday** – Rev. Sutton will be on vacation. Rev. Cam Treece, pastor at St. John's UMC, will be on call. He may be reached at 864-593-0235.
- **Every Wednesday** – AA Meeting in the church library from 7-8 pm.

Upcoming

- **1/4/26** – Song Sunday.
- **1/7/26** – Final Advent Bible study at 12:30 pm.
- **1/8/26** – Soup Kitchen from 11am – 1:00 pm. For volunteer opportunities, including providing desserts, please contact Lisa Bobak at venicegranny@gmail.com or 315-868-0485.
- **1/10** – LCA Laity at Journey UMC, 1151 Longreen Parkway, Columbia SC.

	12/28/25	01/04/26	01/11/26
Liturgist	Isabella Sutton	Tim Smith	Gabrial Wade
Children's Time	Emily Sutton	Michaela Sanford	Cynthia Bickel
Nursery	Allyson Reid	Marc Sutton	Allyson Reid
Counter	Michaela Sanford	TBD	Margaret McCarter
Counter	Allyson Reid	Chad Williams	Debbie Harris
Usher	Allie Sutton	TBD	Debbie Harris
Usher	Marc Sutton	Chad Williams	Tim Smith
Communion	N/A	N/A	Lisa Bobak

	Month of November	November YTD
Tithes and Offerings	\$ 15,731.00	\$ 110,034.69
Expenses	<u>(8,918.77)</u>	<u>(134,396.84)*</u>
	<u>\$ 6,812.23</u>	<u>\$(-24,362.15)</u>
	December 21	
In-person Attendance	29	
Plate Budget Received	\$2,475.00	

*These expenses include the final cost of roof repairs not covered by insurance.

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

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GATHERING

WORDS OF WELCOME

ADVENT WREATH

SUNG RESPONSES TO ADVENT WREATH READINGS

Verse 3

So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh,
Come, peasant, king to own Him.
The King of kings salvation brings;
Let loving hearts enthrone Him.

Chorus

This, this is Christ, the King,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing:
Haste, haste to bring Him laud,
The Babe, the Son of Mary!

OPENING PRAYER

Here, at the nativity of your birth, give us the courage to face this moment with the desire for justice. Open us to new understandings of the unfolding story of your presence among us. Show us the true gifts we must bring to our moment, as we seek a better kin-dom on this earth. We pray in the name of the Child, the One Who Reigns in our hearts and lives. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* UMH# 240

*APOSTLES' CREED UMH# 881

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;
And 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, dead, and buried;
the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick 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 the life everlasting. Amen.

*RESPONSE *Gloria Patri* UMH# 70

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

PROCLAMATION

*HYMN *Away in the Manger* UMH #217

CHILDREN'S TIME Rev. Emily Sutton

SCRIPTURE *Matthew 2:1-12* Isabella Sutton

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

P: Thanks, Be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC *All is Well* Chris Wade

SERMON *Enthroned by Love* Rev. Emily Sutton

RESPONSE

STAR WORDS

*HYMN *We Three Kings* UMH# 254

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

L: Lord in your mercy,

P: Hear our prayers.

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, forever and ever. Amen.

OFFERING

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

SENDING FORTH

*CLOSING HYMN *First Noel* UMH# 245

*BENEDICTION

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Whom shepherds guard and angels sing:
Haste, haste to bring Him laud,
The Babe, the Son of Mary!

*POSTLUDE

**Please stand as you are able.*