

**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](mailto:bethelrockhill@gmail.com) or 803.327.4881.

**This Week**

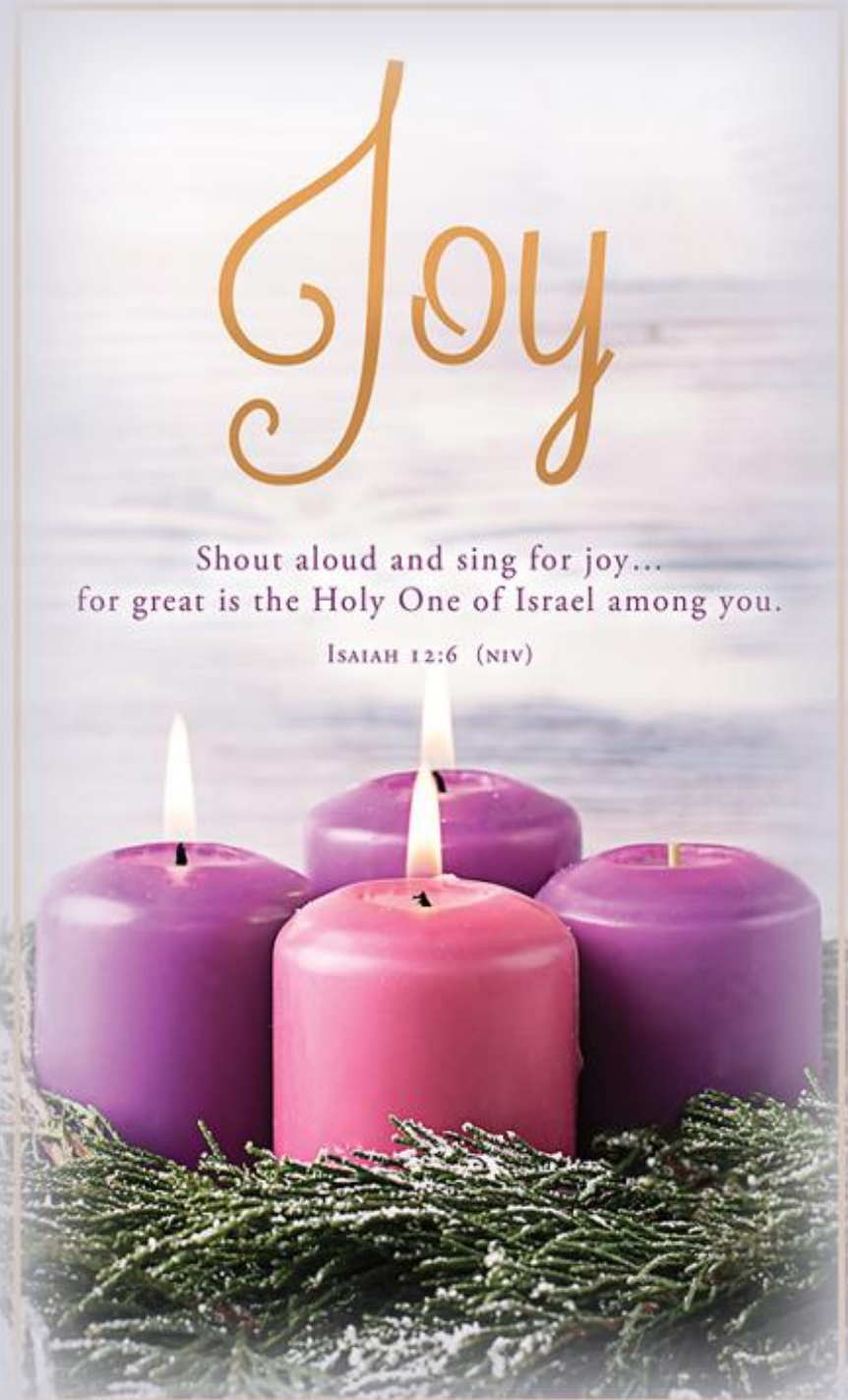
- **Today** – Children’s Sunday School at 10:15 am.
- **Today** – “Advent at The Welcome Table” 10:00 am in the Upper Room.
- **Today** – Violin Recital at 1:30 and 2:30.
- **Wednesday** – Christmas Caroling from 5:30-7:00. Meet in the Sanctuary to receive caroling music and locations to visit.
- **Wednesday** - Fellowship Dinner at Tony’s Cantina (652 Herrons Ferry Road, Rock Hill, SC 29730) following Christmas Caroling at 7pm.
- **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.
- **12/24** – Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship Service at 5pm. Please invite friends and family to join us in worship.
- **12/25/24** – Merry Christmas!

	<b>12/15/24</b>	<b>12/22/24</b>	<b>12/24/24</b>
<b>Liturgist</b>	Shannon Wright	Angie Price	Will Shelton
<b>Children's Time</b>	Will Shelton	Marc Sutton	N/A
<b>Nursery</b>	Allyson Reid	Lisa Bobak	N/A
<b>Counter</b>	Margaret McCarter	Debbie Harris	Will Shelton
<b>Counter</b>	Tim Smith	Michaela Sanford	Allyson Reid
<b>Usher</b>	Margaret McCarter	Richard Bickel	Isabella Sutton
<b>Usher</b>	Cindy Day	Sherl Drawdy	Marc Sutton
<b>Communion</b>	N/A	N/A	Will Shelton

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

	<b>December 8</b>
<b>In-person Attendance</b>	40
<b>Plate Budget Received</b>	\$877.00

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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

December 15, 2024

### GATHERING

WORDS OF WELCOME

ADVENT WREATH

L: No matter what troubles overwhelm us today, Isaiah reminds us that in all of our preparation and passionate pursuit of God's coming kin-dom, we must not forget that God's salvation has come and is coming. "With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation" (Isaiah 12:3). With joy you will remember that God's salvation is already present among us.

**P: Faced with the troubles and the suffering of the world, we choose to live in joyful presence to God and one another. We will not turn away from the pain and the hurt in our world, and we will not stop rejoicing in God, whose salvation fills us to overflowing that God's love might flow through us and flood our troubled world with hope, peace, and joy.**

L: We light this candle of joy as a sign of our commitment to be present to ourselves, our friends, our families, and our neighbors that in sharing our vulnerable lives we might share in the glorious joy of God's salvation together.

*Light the third (pink/rose) candle of the Advent wreath.*

GATHERING PRAYER

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

L: The peace of Christ be with you.

**P: And also with you.**

\*OPENING HYMN

*He Has Made Me Glad*

TFWS #2270

\*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

*Where Children Belong*

TFWS# 2233

CHILDREN'S TIME

Will Shelton

SCRIPTURE

*Isaiah 12:2-6*

Shannon Wright

L: The Word of God for the people of God.

**P: Thanks, Be to God.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

*One Small Child*

Chris Wade

SCRIPTURE

*Luke 3:7-18*

Rev. Emily Sutton

L: The Word of God for the people of God.

**P: Thanks, Be to God.**

SERMON

*Presence*

Rev. Emily Sutton

### RESPONSE

\*HYMN

*Good Christian Friends, Rejoice*

UMH# 224

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

*Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates*

UMH #213

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

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*\*Please stand as you are able.*