

## 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.
- **Monday** – Church Council Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the Upper Room.
- **Wednesday** – AA Meeting in the church library from 7-8:00 pm.
- **Wednesday** – Women’s Christmas Gathering – Malynda Williams’ home at 6:00 p.m., located at 1536 Blanchard Road, Rock Hill. Please bring an ornament to exchange.

## Upcoming

- **Wednesdays** – AA Meeting in the church library from 7-8:00 pm.
- **12/15** – Violin Concert at 1:30 and 2:30
- **12/18** – Christmas Caroling from 5:30 -7. Meet in the Sanctuary to receive caroling music and locations to visit.
- **12/18** – Fellowship Dinner at Tony’s Cantina (652 Herrons Ferry Road, Rock Hill, SC 29730) following Christmas Caroling at 7pm.
- **12/24** – Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship Service at 5pm. Please invite friends and family to join us in worship.

	<b>12/8/24</b>	<b>12/15/24</b>	<b>12/22/24</b>
<b>Liturgist</b>	Gabriel Wade	Shannon Wright	Angie Price
<b>Children's Time</b>	Emily Sutton	Will Shelton	Marc Sutton
<b>Nursery</b>	Savannah Shelton	Allyson Reid	Lisa Bobak
<b>Counter</b>	Allyson Reid	Margaret McCarter	Debbie Harris
<b>Counter</b>	Will Shelton	Tim Smith	Michaela Sanford
<b>Usher</b>	Savannah Shelton	Margaret McCarter	Richard Bickel
<b>Usher</b>	Donna Hatfield	Shannon Wright	Sherl Drawdy
<b>Communion</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A

	<b>Month of</b>	<b>October</b>
	<b>October 2024</b>	<b>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>

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# Peace

You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in you.

ISAIAH 26:3 (NIV)



## ORDER OF WORSHIP

December 8, 2024

### GATHERING

WORDS OF WELCOME

ADVENT WREATH

L: The prophet Malachi calls us to watch for the messenger God will send us, a messenger who burns with a passion for God's coming salvation. "For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness" (Malachi 3:2b-3).

**P: In a world driven by a passion to maintain the status quo, we choose to live with a passion for God's peace, to listen to those who call us to righteousness, and to submit ourselves to God's grace, that we might be refined and purified until we reflect God's love throughout the earth.**

L: We light this candle of peace as a sign of our commitment to passionately pursue the work of making peace in our hearts, our families, our communities, and throughout the earth until God's kingdom comes on earth as it is in heaven.

*Light the second 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

*Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*

UMH #216

\*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

Rev. Emily Sutton

SCRIPTURE

*Malachi 3:1-14*

Gabriel Wade

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

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

*What We All Want for Christmas Is Peace*

Chris Wade

SCRIPTURE

*Luke 3:1-6*

Rev. Emily Sutton

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

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

SERMON

*Passion*

Rev. Emily Sutton

### RESPONSE

\*HYMN

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

UMH# 211

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

*Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*

UMH# 229

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

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*\*Please stand as you are able.*