

### 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](mailto:bethelrockhill@gmail.com).

### This Week

- **Today** – Children's Sunday School at 10:15 am.
- **Today** – Advent begins.
- **Mondays** – "The First Advent in Palestine" Book Study at 6:30 pm via [Zoom Link](#).
- **Tuesdays** – "The First Advent in Palestine" Book Study at 12:30 pm in the church library.
- **Wednesday** – Soup Kitchen meeting at 5:30 pm in the Upper Room.
- **Wednesday** – Church Council Meeting at 6:30 pm in the Upper Room.
- **Every Wednesday** – AA Meeting in the church library from 7-8 pm.

### Bethel UMC Meal Kits

As we seek to live out Matthew 25 and increase our giving of food to the community, Bethel UMC children will be packaging meal kits on Sunday mornings, beginning December 7, 2025. **This week (11/30)**, we would like to ask you to please bring in as many jars of **Canned Mushrooms** as you can donate. Next week's (12/7) item is shelf stable **Parmesan Cheese**.

### Upcoming

- **12/10** – BLT will meet at 11:30 am at Flipside Restaurant.
- **12/11** – Women's Christmas Gathering at 6pm at Malynda Williams' home - 1536 Blanchard Road, Rock Hill. Please bring an hors d'oeuvre and a wrapped ornament to share.

	11/30/25	12/7/25	12/14/25
<b>Liturgist</b>	Sherri Pankratz	Marc Sutton	Michaela Sanford
<b>Children's Time</b>	Rev. Emily Sutton	Michaela Sanford	Cynthia Bickel
<b>Nursery</b>	Michaela Sanford	Marc Sutton	Allyson Reid
<b>Counter</b>	Sherri Pankratz	Chad Williams	Cindy Day
<b>Counter</b>	Allyson Reid	Sherl Drawdy	Donna Hatfield
<b>Usher</b>	Sherri Pankratz	Chad Williams	Richard Bickel
<b>Usher</b>	Tom Craig	Sherl Drawdy	Tim Smith
<b>Communion</b>	N/A	Angie Price	N/A

	Month of September	September YTD
<b>Tithes and Offerings</b>	\$9,554.00	\$86,139.19
<b>Expenses</b>	<u>(13,098.86)*</u>	<u>(112,756.68)*</u>
	<u><b>\$(3,544.86)</b></u>	<u><b>\$(26,617.49)</b></u>

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

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**November 30, 2025**

*Knowing, Loving, Serving God*

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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

November 30, 2025

### GATHERING

WORDS OF WELCOME

ADVENT WREATH

Will and Savannah Shelton

SUNG RESPONSES TO ADVENT WREATH READINGS

*Verse 1*

What Child is this, who, laid to rest,  
On Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,  
While shepherds watch are keeping?

*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 humility and hope. Open us to new understandings of the unfolding story of your presence among us. Show us the true meaning of the kingdom on earth as it is in heaven. We pray in the name of the Child, the One Who Reigns in our hearts and lives. Amen.

\*OPENING HYMN      *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*      UMH# 154

\*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      *Lamentations 3:46-57*      Sherri Pankratz

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

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

SPECIAL MUSIC      *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*      Chris Wade

SCRIPTURE      *Luke 2:1-5*      Rev. Emily Sutton

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

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

SERMON      *King of Kings*      Rev. Emily Sutton

### RESPONSE

\*HYMN      *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates*      UMH# 213

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      *Precious Name*      UMH# 536

\*BENEDICTION

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

\*POSTLUDE

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*\*Please stand as you are able.*