

Bethlehem United Church of Christ



Christ the King
Sunday

Sunday, November 25, 2018

Worship Leader:

Randy Koppenhaver

Ministers: All the People

Organist: Polly Jeanty

We hope that you find a warm welcome at Bethlehem United Church of Christ and will worship with us again soon.

Mission Statement

We are a caring community of Christians living our faith through worship, study and service to others!

Bethlehem United Church of Christ

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Sunday School - 8:00 a.m. (Sept. – May)

Worship time is 9:30 a.m.

Office hours Tuesdays 9a-12p, Wednesdays 9a-3p

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Welcome to Bethlehem United Church of Christ! We trust that you will know God's presence here in worship. If you are visiting for the first time, please sign our guest registry outside the sanctuary doors.

A special note to families with young children:

We have a long tradition at Bethlehem of including children in worship, but we know sometimes their attention spans are not as long as ours. Children under about 6 years old are welcome to borrow a "Bethlehem Bag" from the main doors of the sanctuary, along with books or soft toys from the library, to help occupy them. If necessary, please feel free to accompany your child to the library during the service – you will be able to hear and observe the service from there.

Reign of Christ Sunday

*PLEASE STAND if you are able, where noted by an asterisk.

Please sign and pass the pew pads during worship. This will help us recognize those who might be visiting. There is one for each row. No need to pass across the aisles.

RINGING OF THE BELLS/LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

(Acolytes Joey Friend and Greg Schultz)

CHORAL TO WORSHIP #549 “As We Gather”

**AS WE GATHER MAY YOUR SPIRIT WORK WITHIN US
AS WE GATHER MAY WE GLORIFY YOUR NAME
KNOWING WELL THAT AS OUR HEARTS BEGIN TO WORSHIP
WE’LL BE BLEST BECAUSE WE CAME, WE’LL BE BLEST BECAUSE WE CAME**

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*DIALOG FOR CHRIST THE KING:

A. Behold, the King comes. Alleluia!

C. O come, let us worship and bow down. Alleluia! Alleluia!

A. Rejoice greatly, for Christ is your King.

C. Blessing and honor and glory be unto him.

A. Blessed are you, O Lord, King of the universe; you have delivered us from sin and death.

C. By your blood, you have brought your people into your kingdom.

A. Therefore God has highly exalted him:

C. And bestowed on him the name which is above every name;

A. That at the name of Jesus, every knee shall bow:

C. And every tongue confess him the King of glory.

A. Behold, the King comes. Alleluia!

C. O come, let us worship and bow down. Alleluia! Alleluia!

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Mighty and powerful God, we give you thanks and praise.

**You tip the world upside down and reveal your strength through weakness
and your power through frailty.**

**The story of salvation through the ages and in the cross teaches us that nothing,
no seemingly dead end or hopeless situation,
is beyond your reign or can prevent your glory from shining forth.**

**We praise you for working past the smallness of our imagining
and the pettiness of our ways to reveal the magnitude of your plan.**

Great is your mercy and your faithfulness. Amen

*OPENING HYMN: #393

“Rejoice, The Lord is King!”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We confess that while we name Jesus as King of our lives, we follow the ways of lesser kings. We spend our days grasping at control and seeking opportunities to gain the upper hand. We ignore your rule and try to build up our own kingdoms through our possessions and identities. Teach us to abandon our selfish and troubled ways, so that we might with confidence hand our lives over to you for the building of your kingdom.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rest assured brothers and sisters, Jesus is a just ruler. His forgiveness is like the light of the sun rising, fresh and new each morning. **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

*RESPONSE #558

“Gloria Patri”

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Psalm 93

The LORD is king, he is robed in majesty;

the LORD is robed, he is girded with strength.

He has established the world; it shall never be moved;

your throne is established from of old; you are from everlasting.

The floods have lifted up, O LORD,

the floods have lifted up their voice;

the floods lift up their roaring.

More majestic than the thunders of mighty waters,

more majestic than the waves of the sea,

majestic on high is the LORD!

Your decrees are very sure; holiness befits your house, O LORD, for evermore.

John 18:33-37

Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, ‘Are you the King of the Jews?’ Jesus answered, ‘Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?’ Pilate replied, ‘I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?’ Jesus answered, ‘My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.’ Pilate asked him, ‘So you are a king?’ Jesus answered, ‘You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.’

MESSAGE

*HYMN #367

“O Jesus, I have Promised”

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

RESPONSE

“Masithi”

**Amen, we praise your name O God. Amen, we praise your name, O God.
Amen, amen, amen, amen. Amen, we praise your name or God.**

OFFERTORY

(Jingle Change goes to The Christmas Fund)

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE #282

“Give Thanks”

Give thanks with a grateful heart

Give thanks to the Holy One

Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son (Sing verse twice)

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And now let the weak say, "I am strong"

Let the poor say, "I am rich

Because of what the Lord has done for us" (Sing verse twice)

Give thanks, Give thanks

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We offer these gifts to you, O God, in the hope that the rule of Christ may increasingly be the rule for this nation and for this planet. Equip your church as the means by which the rule of Christ may be known: a rule of justice, a rule of compassion, a rule of acceptance, a rule of undying love. And equip each one of us to have a hand in establishing that rule, so that “Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.” Amen.

*HYMN #215 vs. 1,3,4,5

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

BENEDICTION...POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS: (Info. for next Sunday's bulletin is due to Randy/Melissa Koppenhaver by Tuesday night. **randynmel5@gmail.com** or 286-2531.)

- **MISSION TRIP 2019- Henderson, Kentucky. July 14-20, 2019**
\$50. Non-refundable reservation fee due January 15. Make check out to Bethlehem Missions and give to Rev. Becky.
- Please consider purchasing SCRIP cards for your holiday gift giving or holiday purchases. There are many cards available, stop at the SCRIP table and check it out. They are for sale from 9:00-9:30 and following the church service. The profits from Scrip benefit the building and repair fund and the Families in Need program.
- *The Bethlehem Ladies are sending Christmas cards to all college students and those who are actively serving in the military. Please give names to Heidi Konen or one of the pastors. We don't want to miss anyone!*
- The Bethlehem Ladies are taking orders for Poinsettias. They are \$8.50 each and the colors available are red, white and pink. The last Sunday to order Poinsettias is December 2nd. The Poinsettias can be taken home on Christmas Day after worship service. The sign up is on the table in the fellowship hall. Cash or checks to "Bethlehem Ladies" can be given to Polly Jeanty or Jeanette Wriedt. Thank you!!!
- If you or a loved one is hospitalized or in need of pastoral care, please make sure to contact Rev. Johnston or Randy.
- **Wood for Sale** - The building and grounds committee cut down a tree at the parsonage. The wood next to the old garage is for sale with the proceeds going to the Bldg Repair Fund. See Louie Bowe for more details.

Community Announcements:

(Please check the bulletin board for more details. **Community events are published in our bulletin as space and time permits.** For best results, email or call the bulletin secretary)

- Heartland Hospice Services are looking for folks to visit some of their patients in our area. Training is provided. If you would like more information check the bulletin board.

Twenty-one Bethlehem U.C.C. families joined the Merry Christians in the annual Heifer International auction recently. The enthusiastic bidders raised enough money to send the following to needy families around the world to assist them in becoming self-sustaining.

1 Heifer	1 Pig
1 Water Buffalo	9 Hives of Honey Bees
2 Llamas	5 Flocks of Chickens
2 Goats	5 Flocks of Ducks and Geese
1 Sheep	

The project requires families to share offspring with neighbors in their area.

Heifer International has been working in 25 countries around the world since 1944. Its unique community development model has assisted 32 million families in those 74 years. Last year alone 2.1 million families were assisted within the four areas in which Heifer International works.

The Bethlehem auction is run by a small church organization called the Merry Christians. It has hosted this auction for almost 25 years. All of the auction items are made by church members or are donated.

The Bethlehem Blurb email comes out each Thursday. If you signed up and you are not receiving it, please check your "junk" mail or "spam" folder. If you'd like to receive it, you may sign up on our webpage:
www.bethlehemkiel.org

This Week at Bethlehem:

Today, Sunday 11/25: 8am Sunday School; 8:15a Adult Study; 9:30am Worship; *Happy Birthday Joe Molitor!*

Monday 11/26: *Happy Birthday Logan Shaver!*

Tuesday 11/27: *Happy Birthday Heidi Konen! Happy Anniversary Kerry & Barb Henning!*

Wednesday 11/28: 6pm Confirmation class; 6:30pm Choir

Thursday 11/29: Happy Thanksgiving!! *Happy Birthday Brian Frink, Mark Krueger, Joe Schmidt and Mark Wirtz!*

Friday 11/30: *Happy Birthday Leah Henning, Michelle Henning, and Chad Westphalen!*

Saturday 12/1:

Sunday 12/2: 8am Sunday School; 8:15a Adult Study; 9:30am Worship;

Pantry item: Box of Cake Mix or Frosting