



Beulah Presbyterian Church

December 1, 2024, 9 a.m.

1st Sunday in Advent

Traditional Worship

Prelude

Organ motet on *Veni Emmanuel*

Bill Larson

John Hebden Schaffner

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Candle

We light this candle as a symbol of the hope we have in the promise of the Lord's coming.

For the Lord will fulfill his promise to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. A righteous Branch will spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.

Come, Lord Jesus, come!

Introit

Creator of the Stars at Night

The Sanctuary Choir

CONDITOR ALME SIDERUM

***Call to Worship**

Based on Psalm 126, Book of Common Worship, page 759

The days are surely coming, says the Lord,
when I will fulfill my promise to my people.

**Justice and righteousness will find the land
and all will live in peace and safety.**

***Hymn of Praise**

Song of Zechariah

Hymn no. 602

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Lord, have mercy on us. We are not ready for your coming. We live in sin, as though there were no justice. We live in fear, as though there were not grace. Forgive us, Lord. Show us your mercy and steadfast love. Lead us in your truth, and teach us your paths, for you are the God of our salvation. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

***The Peace of Christ**

***Gloria Patri**

Hymn no. 579

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Lesson

Jeremiah 33:14-16

Bible, page 645 (NRSV)

Anthem

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

The Sanctuary Choir

Charles Wesley/Robert A. Hobby

Come, thou long expected Jesus,
born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us,
let us find our rest in thee.

Born thy people to deliver,
born a child and yet a King,
born to reign in us forever,
now thy gracious kingdom bring.

Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art;
dear desire of every nation,
joy of every longing heart.

By thine own eternal spirit
rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all sufficient merit,
raise us to thy glorious throne.
Rule in all; hope of all.

New Testament Lesson

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

Bible, page 960 (NRSV)

Children's Moment

Sermon

"Coming Attractions!"

Rev. Jason Freyer

***Hymn**

Comfort, Comfort You My People

Hymn no. 3

Affirmation of Faith

Apostle's Creed

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 Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on 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 Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and life everlasting. Amen.

Offertory

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Bill Larson
Charles Callahan

***Doxology**

Hymn no. 592

***Prayer of Thanksgiving & Dedication**

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Prayer continues

The Lord's Prayer

Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

***Sending Hymn**

O Day of God, Draw Nigh

Hymn no. 452

Verses 1-4

***Blessing**

***Response**

O Day of God, Draw Nigh

Hymn no. 452

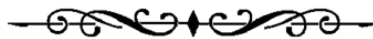
Verses 5

Postlude

Savior of the Nations, Come

Bill Larson

Paul Manz



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9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Monday, Tuesday, &
Thursday
12:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday

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Weekly Email Newsletter

Check out our weekly email newsletter! Email sjohnson@beulahpresby.org to be added to our email list!

Worshipping with Children



Children's Moment: Children ages 3 through 5th grade are invited to participate in an age-appropriate Bible lesson following the NT reading with Mr. Joshua. Should they choose, following the moment they will be escorted to the Library for a Knowing Place lesson with our trained facilitators. They will return to the sanctuary to worship with their families following the sermon.

Calming Corner: A parent-supervised Calming Corner is available in the back of the sanctuary for children needing a brief pause before returning to worship. This space is reserved for children (0-4 years old) with their parents - Children with neurodivergent needs or temporarily in need of behavioral or emotional support are welcome to use this space also.

Today at Beulah

Join us after worship today for our monthly Fellowship and Hospitality hour.

Pray and Encourage One Another

Prayer is an expression of our dependence upon God and our interdependence on one another.

Please remember these specific people this week and consider sending an encouraging note or card.

Submit prayer requests to prayerchain@beulahpresby.org



Prayer Families

Kathy and Jim Luzader
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Christmas Poinsettias

We will be selling Christmas Poinsettias to adorn the Sanctuary and Narthex for Christmas. Poinsettias are \$21 each and may be purchased in memory of or in honor of loved ones.

Please look for the Flower Sales table in the Narthex before and after both services today and December 8 to purchase your poinsettias! You will be able to take your plants home after the 7 p.m. Christmas Eve service.



Lessons and Carols

The Christmas season is right around the corner, and that means lots of music at Beulah. “The Story of Christmas in Word and Song” will take place at 3 p.m. on Sunday, December 22. This combined service is our version of the traditional Service of Lessons and Carols. In addition to the Sanctuary Choir, there will be music from the Chancel Bells and Embellishments bell choirs. Come to sing familiar carols and to hear readings of the Christmas story, and plan to stay for the light refreshments following the service!



Holiday Offerings



The holidays are upon us! At this time of the year especially, we think about those who struggle to provide for their families. We will be offering several ways for the congregation to reach out to our brothers and sisters in need.

MOST will be collecting for our annual holiday offering from now until January. This year our collection will benefit St. James Food Bank and Hurricane Helene relief.

This Thanksgiving, we will be giving gift cards to families in the community to help provide for a Thanksgiving meal. We will also be providing gift cards to community families in December to help provide for Christmas.

If you are able to support St. James Food Bank in Wilkinsburg and/or Hurricane Helene relief, you make a donation, using the special offering envelopes and designating your preferred recipient. If you would like to donate to the Christmas gift card drive, monetary donations or gift cards in the amount of \$50 would be greatly appreciated.

Munchin'



December 11 at 11 a.m., Munchin' will be spreading Christmas cheer and spending time celebrating together. We will be singing and listening to the Woodlands Hills choir and sharing some goodies!

Sign up in the narthex or call the office and tell us you are coming. We will ask for a phone number in case we have horrible weather and have to cancel.

There is no charge, however there will be opportunity for a free will offering. We just need an idea for how much food to cook!

We are currently working on scheduling great topics and speakers for next year so stay tuned! We look forward to seeing you!

If you have any questions contact Ramona at bosseclan@gmail.com or 412-915-3456.



This Week at Beulah

Monday, December 2

3:00 pm East End Youth Min. After School - 102

Tuesday, December 3

9:30 am Staff Meeting - 206

3:00 pm East End Youth Min. After School - 102

5:30 pm Exceptional Friends - Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, December 4

1:00 pm Midweek Bible Study - Fireside

3:00 pm East End Youth Min. After School - 102

5:30 pm Family Night Dinner - Fellowship Hall

6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal -109 A

6:00 pm McCrady Road Practice - Sanctuary

6:00 pm East End Youth Group - 102

6:00 pm Children's Group - 108

6:00 pm Adult Bible Study - 206

Wednesday, December 4 (Continued...)

6:00 pm Wild Indigo - Fireside

7:30 pm Men's Group - 102

Thursday, December 5

9:00 am Women's Bible Study - Fireside

1:00 pm Chancel Bells - 109A

2:00 pm Embellishments - 109A

6:30 pm Evensong - Zoom

Saturday, December 7

11:30 am Ladies Christmas Luncheon

Sunday, December 8

9:00 am Traditional Worship - Sanctuary

10:15 am Discovery Hour

11:15 am Emergent Worship - Sanctuary

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