

# Beulah Presbyterian Church

November 27, 2022

Traditional Worship 9 a.m.

1st Sunday of Advent

## GATHERING

### Prelude

Fantasia in g minor, BWV 542

Tony Rollett

J.S. Bach

### Welcome and Announcements

### Lighting of the Advent Wreath

The Spalding Family

Jesus said "I am the light of the world; the one who follows me will not walk in darkness but have the light of life."

### We light this candle as a sign of the coming light of Christ

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness- on them light has shined.

### \*Call to Worship

I was glad when they said to me  
"Let us go to the house of the Lord!"

**Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord  
That we may learn God's ways and walk in God's paths.**

Our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.

**Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord**

### \*Hymn of Praise

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Hymn no. 2

### Call to Confession

## **Prayer of Confession**

**Merciful God, always with us, always coming: We confess that we do not know how to prepare for your Advent. We have forgotten how to hope in miracles; we have ignored the promise of your Kingdom; we get distracted by all the busyness of this season. Forgive us, God. Grant us the simple wonder of the shepherds, the intelligent courage of the Magi, and the patient faith of Mary and Joseph, that we may journey with them to Bethlehem and find the good news of a child born for us. Now, in the quiet of our hearts, we ask you to make us ready for his coming. Amen.**

## **Silent Confession**

## **Declaration of Forgiveness**

**\*The Peace of Christ**

**\*Gloria Patri**

Hymn No. 579

## **THE WORD**

## **Prayer for Illumination**

## **New Testament Lesson**

Romans 8:18-25

Bible, page 919 (NRSV)

## **Old Testament Lesson**

Isaiah 2:1-5

Bible, page 550 (NRSV)

## **Sermon**

"Advent One: Hope"

Rev. Jason Freyer

## **\*Hymn**

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

Hymn no. 210

## **\*Affirmation of Faith**

from Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 54

**I believe that the Son of God through his Spirit and Word, out of the entire human race, from the beginning of the world to its end, gathers, protects, and preserves for himself a community chosen for eternal life and united in true faith. And of this community I am and always will be a living member.**

## **GIVE THANKS TO GOD**

### **Prayers of the People and the 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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. Amen.**

### **Offertory**

Trio

Tony Rollett  
J. Rheinberger

### **Prayer of Thanksgiving & Dedication**

## **GO IN GOD'S NAME**

### **\*Sending Hymn**

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less  
(Verses 1 - 3)

Hymn no. 379

### **\*Charge and Benediction**

### **\*Response**

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less  
(Verse 4)

Hymn no. 379

### **Postlude**

Fugue in g minor, BWV 542

Tony Rollett  
J.S. Bach

## Worship Notes

**Children's Worship activity bags are available at the center sanctuary entrance. Please return worship bags at the end of the service.**

**Children age 4 through 5th grade** will be invited to the Library following the scripture reading to engage in a biblical Knowing Place Story.

### 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](mailto:prayerchain@beulahpresby.org)*

#### Prayer Families

##### Chad Eversbusch

192 Kingsdale Road  
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### Today at Beulah

#### 9:00 am Traditional Worship - Sanctuary

10:15 am Discovery Time for all ages

#### 11:15 am Emergent Worship - Sanctuary

### Worship with Us Next Sunday December 4, 2022

9 a.m. Lessons and Carols

11:15 a.m.

Rev. Jason Freyer  
"Advent Two: Faith"  
Isaiah 11:1-10

### Ways to Connect

Office Hours 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Monday - Thursday.

Check the Bi-Weekly "News You Can Use" email newsletter and website for more details about ways to connect.

## Discovery Hour

Today, adults of all ages will conclude their discussion on "Healing Our Divides" derived from essays in the book "How to Heal Our Divides" by Brian Allain. Join us in the Fireside Room!

Youth will continue looking at scripture, translations and more!

Elementary children will be learning about Hannah and Ruth in November.

Preschool children will be starting a unit about Moses for the month.

There is a place for everyone in Discovery Hour. Come join us!



All Women Welcome!  
Gather 11:30 a.m., Lunch 12 p.m. with program by Carolyn Leah to follow

Per Person Cost - \$25

Choice of Luncheon Classics  
Chicken Piccata, English Cod Fish (Baked), or Vegetarian  
Food Service includes Salad, Dessert, Coffee/Tea

Paid reservations due by December 1st. Space is limited.  
Please make checks payable to Beulah Presbyterian Church  
Sign up at the table after church!

### **Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank**

Beulah people always respond when asked to join the fight against hunger in our community. As a mission partner with the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank, Beulah contributes financially to the Food Bank and its network to end hunger -- including local food pantries and meals programs, schools, volunteers, donors, grocery stores, and regional distribution partners.



Many Beulah folks can recall the rewarding experience of serving guests in the Food Bank's Produce to People program on the North Side, no longer offered. Now we're ready to return to work with the Food Bank on a regular basis. There are two opportunities for us: repacking products at the Food Bank facility in Duquesne and helping guests at the new Market, adjacent to the facility.

To jump back into this wonderful serving opportunity, we're signed up to bring a team of 6-10 volunteers to work at the Market, Saturday, Dec. 10, 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

If you and your friends and family want to join us on Dec. 10 or some time in the future, please send your name and contact information to Jill Daly at [jill.daly@comcast.net](mailto:jill.daly@comcast.net).



## Lessons & Carols

Join us for a Service of Lessons and Carols on Sunday, December 4 at 9 a.m.

### **MOST Holiday Offering**

Dear Friends,

As we move into the holiday season, we are thankful to God for our bounty of blessings. He has bestowed so much on us that we have much more than what we deserve while around us we see so many who are in need.

This year donations will go to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA). PDA provides a wide variety of disaster relief including food, emergency shelters, and supplies, as identified by contacts on the ground in areas where disasters occur.

This year, MOST has decided to do things somewhat differently than in years past. MOST has set aside \$2,500 to be used as a challenge to match individual donations to the Holiday Special Offering, therefore, your donations will be matched dollar for dollar (up to the \$2,500 dollar amount).

Please use the "Mission Offerings" envelopes in the seat backs and literature racks and check the "Christmas Offering" or "Thanksgiving/Christmas Offering" box.

Thank you for your willingness to share generously your blessings with others.

In His service,  
Tim and Ramona Bosse, Co-Chairs  
Mission and Outreach Support Team (MOST)

### **Knowing Place Help Needed**

We are in need of helpers (adult or youth) to be with our Knowing Place Storytellers on the following dates and times. Contact Carolyn Leah at [cleah@beulahpresby.org](mailto:cleah@beulahpresby.org) to let her know when you can help.

Dec. 4: Helper 9 a.m.

Dec. 18: Helper at 9 a.m. and/or 11:15 a.m.

Dec. 11: Helper at 9 a.m. and/or 11:15 a.m.



**Where:** Ligonier Camp and Conference Center in Ligonier, PA. (*Staying in the lodge.*)

**Cost:** \$114 - Adult / \$85 - Teenagers (13-18) / \$60 - Child (4-12) / ages 3 and under - free

**Note:** *The price is for 2 nights stay, meals on Saturday, and breakfast on Sunday.*

**Schedule of Events:** (*subject to change*):

**Friday Night:** gathering and fellowship

**Saturday Morning:** "God's Grace: What Does it Mean to You?" program by Beulah Staff. Babysitting will be available.

**Saturday Afternoon:** Optional activities led by Ligonier staff. (i.e. zip line, ropes course, indoor climbing wall, indoor crafts, outside winter nature walk, sled riding, etc...)

**Saturday Night:** Praise worship lead by Beulah, bonfire with s'mores, and a movie.

**Sunday Morning:** Worship service lead by Beulah.

**What else:** You will be asked to bring snacks and drinks to share with the group. More details will follow in the upcoming weeks!

**Register:** We will offer registration after both worship services through January 1. Register deadline is January 1st.

**Payments:** All payments need to be received by January 1st. Pay at the table – checks made payable to Beulah.

**Contact:** Questions please call Alex Ruzanic (412)242-4570 ext. 14 or email at aruzanic@beulahpresby.org

Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to get away and relax!

**Please don't allow the registration cost prevent you from joining us. Scholarships are available!**

## This Week at Beulah

### Tuesday, November 29

9:30 am Staff Meeting - Fireside  
3:00 pm EEYM After School - 102/104  
5:30 pm Exceptional Friends - MGB

### Wednesday, November 30

12:30 pm Mid-week Bible Study - Fireside  
1:00 pm Choir Rehearsal - 109A  
3:00 pm EEYM After School - 102/104  
5:30 pm Sermon Discussion Grp - Fireside  
6:00 pm McCrady Road - Sanctuary  
6:00 pm Youth Group - 102/104  
7:30 pm Men's Group - 102

### Thursday, December 1

9:00 am Women's Bible Study - Fireside  
1:00 pm Chancel Bells - 109A  
2:00 pm Embellishments - 109A  
6:30 pm Evensong - Zoom

### Friday, December 2

6:30 pm Children's Play Practice - MGB

### Sunday, December 4

**9:00 am Lessons and Carols - Sanctuary**  
10:15 am Fellowship Hour  
**11:15 am Emergent Worship - Sanctuary**

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