

bethany christian church (disciples of christ)



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Wi-Fi: Bethany Christian Guest

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Advent Week 2 – Peace and Preparation

Bethany Christian Church is an open and affirming congregation of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Therefore, accept one another, just as Christ also accepted us to the glory of God. (Romans 15:7).

We at Bethany Christian Church are Disciples of Christ, a movement for wholeness in a fragmented world. As part of the one body of Christ seeking to learn the word, live the grace, and share the love, we welcome ALL to the Lord's Table as God has welcomed us with grace and unconditional love and acceptance. So, with open hearts, open minds, and open doors, Bethany Christian Church acknowledges, accepts, and affirms ALL people as equal children of God and affirms OUR commitment to welcome and accept ALL people. Therefore, regardless of race, nationality, culture, ethnic origin, sexual orientation, gender identity, economic status, physical and mental ability, marital standing, or any other designation of individuals who have known the pain of exclusion and discrimination by the church and society, ALL are welcome to participate fully in the life, leadership, ministry, and mission of our church.

Visit Disciples LGBTQ+ Alliance (<https://disciplesallianceq.org/>) to learn more!

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Prelude		Music Team
	“Praise to the Lord, The Almighty” (vv. 1, 2, & 4)	#25
	“Let There Be Peace on Earth”	#677
Lighting of the Candles (Bringing in the Light of Christ)		Acolytes
Welcome		Rev. Michelle
*Passing of Christ’s Peace and Preparation		Rev. Michelle
One: May Christ prepare you for peace!		
MANY: And also, for you.		
Announcements		Ann Buckert
*Invitation to Worship		Ann Buckert
One: People of God, Christ has invited us here!		
MANY: We gather to praise God, who brings justice and righteousness to all.		
One: We gather to give thanks to God for hope and peace.		
MANY: Blessed be the Lord, who has done marvelous things.		
One: Let us pray.		
*Unison Prayer of Invocation		Ann Buckert
ALL: God of hope and peace, as we worship you today, may we glimpse your peace and open ourselves to receive your grace. We thank you for those who have prepared your way into our hearts and minds and for Jesus who showed your way so clearly. We ask that you guide and strengthen our growth into and from this fertile soil so we can bear the fruit of your righteousness’ and justice for all people. We pray in the name of your son, Jesus. Amen.		
Advent Liturgy		Matt & Michelle Rundle
Advent Hymn	“One Candle Is Lit” (v. 2)	#128
Children’s Song	“like a child” (v. 1)	#133
Children’s Moment		Rev Michelle
Song	“For the Healing of the Nations” (vv. 1, 2, & 4)	#668
Scripture	Isaiah 11:1-10	Ann Buckert
One: The Word of God for the people of God.		
ALL: THANKS BE TO GOD. AMEN.		
Pastoral Prayer		Rev. Michelle

The Lord's Prayer (Matthean, KJV)

Congregation

ALL: 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. Amen.

Invitation to Generosity

Offering Collection

***Doxology #46**

Rev. Michelle

Ushers

Summer Bennett

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures here below.

Praise God above, ye heavenly host.

Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost!

***Prayer of Dedication**

Rev. Michelle

Special Song

**"Tend"
by Emmy Rose**

Music Team

Message

**Preparing for Growth
Matthew 3:1-12**

Rev. Michelle

Invitation to Discipleship

Rev. Michelle

***Song**

"Gather Us In"

#284

Service of Communion

Invitation to our Lord's Table

Rev. Michelle

Blessing of Elements

John Rich

Words of Institution

Rev. Michelle

Passing & Sharing of Elements

Congregation

***Closing Song**

"In the Bulb There is a Flower" (vv. 1 & 2)

#638

Invitation to Prayer

Rev. Michelle

***Blessing**

Rev. Michelle

One: Go forward, prepared and growing toward God's peace.

ALL: Guided and strengthened in the Lord, we prepare for all to thrive and bear fruit in Jesus' name. Amen.

***Closing Song**

"In the Bulb There is a Flower" (v. 3)

Music Team

***Exit**

God bless and have a wonderful week!

Matt Rundle

Prayer List

If you have any joys or prayer concerns or have someone to be removed from the list, please send them to bethanychristianprayers@gmail.com

We continue to hold in prayer:

Linda Appel, Steve Appel, Caroline Ashby, Stacy Baier, Steve Buckert, John Bunner, Stevie Chivlare, Dave Cox, Nita Cox, Steve Cox, Ron Dennis, Cale Harper, Mary Jane Hunt, Katie Kelly, Lisa King, the family of Precious Lewis, Debby Miller, JoAnn Mitchell, Family & Friends of Wes Mitchell, Mary & Mike Pruiett, Shelia Smith, Myra Woolsey

Upcoming Dates

Sunday December 7, 2025 – Sunday Social 9:00 a.m., Food Pantry Offering, Elders Meeting after Worship.

Monday December 8, 2025 – GEY RPG Club 5:00-8:00 p.m., GEY Dinner 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday December 9, 2025 – Tai Chi 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday December 10, 2025 – Choir 6:30 p.m.

Thursday December 11, 2025 – Art Journeys 6:00 p.m.

Friday December 12, 2025 – Board Game Night 6:00 – 10:00 p.m.

Sunday December 14, 2025 – Sunday Social 9:00 a.m., Worship 10:30 a.m. Christmas Special Offering

ENTER TO WORSHIP – LEAVE TO SERVE

Pastor	Rev. Michelle Brown	Secretary/Bookkeeper	Dana Johnson
Minster of Music	Matt Rundle	Custodian	Linda Moore
Pianist	Summer Bennett		
Band Members: Chris Gibson, Mason Hammonds, Jean Page, John Rich, and Shawn Sterne			

Serving Today: Elder: John Rich, Liturgist: Ann Buckert, Deacons: Meichelle Paulson, JoAnn Mitchell

Serving Next Sunday, December 14, 2025: Elder: Jean Page, Liturgist: Nancy Boner, Deacons: Meichelle Paulson, JoAnn Mitchell

Learn the Word - Live the Grace - Share the Love

Our Identity: *Bethany Christian Church is a loving family of Christians, faithfully serving God and caring for others as we seek to support the wellbeing and spiritual growth of all people.*

Our Values: *We are driven by the values of love, welcome, and care for all. We practice the radical inclusion of Jesus who crossed boundaries of faith and convention to serve, empower, and embrace everyone.*