

27 December
Sunday

ANNOUNCEMENTS, REMINDERS AND EVENTS

Communion and Potluck -- Start 2021 out right! Join us for communion next Sunday and a potluck after morning worship service. Bring a passing dish and plan on staying!

Card Shower -- pick up a list of some of our homebound or more vulnerable members and get a card of encouragement out to them this week. Please contact the office if you want the list sent to you.

Updated Contact Information -- We send out prayer requests, announcements and updates on Fridays by email or text message. If we do not have your phone number or email address, please fill out the *Connect!* card under your seat or in the lobby and give it to one of the pastors or drop it in the offering plate. Thank you!!

In case of bad weather -- A decision will be made by 8:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings if it is necessary to cancel services. Pastor Dave will send out group texts announcing the cancellation. Text him at 517.756.8000 if you wish to be added to the group text list.



Offering --Offering plates are in the lobby. Donations can be made online by going to bethelgilead.org (Donate tab), or by scanning the QR code to the left. You can also authorize a monthly debit from your bank account by completing a form in the lobby (or contact the office) and turning it in with a voided check.

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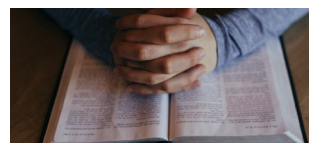
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Live the Life



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Extend the Kingdom



Bethel Gilead Community Church

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"We honor God through regularly assembling together to worship Him as Lord, study and obey His word, and attend to the needs of His people. When we leave, we go out commissioned as Christ's representatives to a needy world."

Order of Worship

Opening Worship -- The Praise Team

Hope Was Born This Night

Hymn of Joy

How Great is Our God

Opening Prayer

Scripture Reading: Matthew 2

Message: **A Journey Worth Taking**
They Came from Afar

- I. They Came Bearing Gifts
 - *To a Place Unknown
 - *To an Unexpected Find
- II. They Left Having Worshipped
 - *To Return a Different Way
 - *To Prepare
- III. Hindsight of 2020
 - *Escape from Slavery
 - *A Wandering
 - *A Promised Land

Application: Insight for 2021

1. Where are you at in the journey?
2. Where do you go from here?
3. Who is directing your life?

([Psalm 103](#))

Praise the LORD, my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name.² Praise the LORD, my soul, and forget not all his benefits...Forgives my sins...Heals diseases...brings justice for the oppressed⁶...brought His people out of Egyptian exile⁷...who is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love⁸...shows compassion to His people as a father does for His children¹³...Praise the Lord, Oh my soul.²²

Closing song: *Hymn of Joy*

Live the Life with Prayer



Recent additions

Jack Florent -- recovering from surgery
Lisa Franks -- recovering from surgery
Greg and Nikki Maertin -- recovering from Coronavirus
The family of Nancy McKinley
Dale Davis - dialysis and chemo treatments
Bart Burnside -- health issues
Keith McGuire -- recovering from eye surgery

Praises

Dee Eley -- recovered from Coronavirus
Kerry and Elise Skinner - recovered from Coronavirus
Greg and Nikki Maertin's new twin grandchildren, Canon and Constance
Steve and Jen Byler's new granddaughter, Nora Jo
Quinn Alece Dules -- born to Chance and Kylei Dules
Byler family - recovered from Coronavirus

Continue to Remember Those in Need

Russ Heckathorn -- immunotherapy for lung cancer
Jennie deAraujo's cousin's son, Nate, battling infection after transplant
Steve Byler's sister, Joyce - cancer
Melissa Houtz's cousin, Holly Haynes Lamb -- colon cancer
Neil Hannah -- heart and lung issues
Kristi Long's dad -- prostate cancer
Arwen Mallay -- twelve-year-old being treated for stage 4 neuroblastoma

Remember Our Homebound/Shut In Members

Norita Skinner -- Maple Lawn
Shirley Bogen -- Drew's Place

Pray for our nation during these uncertain days

Hope Was Born This Night

*Tonight I can see a star shine and its splendor fills up the sky
It's the same that appeared and the wise men revered
When hope was born this night.*

*Out upon the snowy fields there's a silent peace that heals
and it echoes the grace of our Savior's embrace
because hope was born this night*

*Glory to God in the highest
Peace on earth good will toward men
Let all of the world sing the chorus of joy
because hope was born this night*

*I can hear the Christmas bells ringing
as softly a church choir sings
It's the song used to praise the ancient of days
When hope was born this night.*

*There are angels in this place
and my heart resounded the praise
Like a shepherd so scared, I'll rejoice and declare
that hope was born this night.*

*Glory to God in the highest
Peace on earth good will toward men
Let all the world sing the chorus of joy
because hope was born this night
(repeat 2X)*

Hymn of Joy

*Joyful, joyful we adore Thee
God of glory, Lord of love
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee
Opening to the sun above
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness
Drive the dark of dust away
Giver of immortal gladness
Fill us with the light of day*

*Rejoice, rejoice!
Emmanuel
Your love has come
here to dwell*

*All Thy works with joy surround Thee
Earth and heaven reflect thy rays
Stars and angels sing around Thee
Center of unbroken praise
Field and forest, vale and mountain
Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea
Singing bird and flowing fountain
call us to rejoice in Thee*

*Rejoice, rejoice!
Emmanuel
Your love has come
here to dwell*

*Rejoice, rejoice!
Emmanuel
Your love has come
here to dwell*

*Mortals join the happy chorus
Which the morning stars began
Father love is reigning o'er us
Brother love binds man to man
Ever singing march we onward
Victors in the midst of strife
Joyful music leads us sunward
in the triumph song of life.*

How Great Is Our God

*The splendor of a king
Clothed in majesty
let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice
He wraps Himself in light
and darkness tries to hide
and trembles at His voice
Trembles at his voice.*

*How great is our God
Sing with me
how great is our God
and all will se
How great, how great is our God*

*Age to age He stands
and time is in His hands
Beginning and the end
Beginning and the end
The Godhead Three in One
Father, Spirit, Son
Lion and the Lamb
Lion and the Lamb*

*How great is our God
Sing with me
how great is our God
and all will se
How great, how great is our God*

*Name above all names
Worthy of all praise
My heart will sing
How great is our God
Name above all names
You are worthy of all praise
and my heart will sing
how great is our God*

*How great is our God
Sing with me
how great is our God
and all will se
How great, how great is our God*