

BEULAH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
Rev. Tim Snart, Pastor  
Tim Fritz, Liturgist  
Ellen Cooke, Worship Music Leader  
First Sunday of Advent

Morning Worship 9:00 a.m. December 2, 2018

*(Please sign attendance book.)*

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

\*Call to Worship

L: The Spirit and the church cry out:

**P: Come, Lord Jesus.**

L: All who await Christ's appearance pray:

**P: Come, Lord Jesus.**

L: The whole creation pleads:

**P: Come, Lord Jesus! Renew the whole creation!**

L: Today is God's day of hope---hope for us, hope for all humanity. The darkness that surrounds us will not overtake us, for God is light; and in God there is no darkness at all. Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

Lighting of the Advent Candle The Elsbury Family *(please see insert)*

\*Hymn #40 "Joy to the World!"

\*Prayer of Confession

**All: Almighty God, You warn us to read the signs of the coming of Your Glory--in the sun, moon, stars, the roaring of the seas, the distress among the nations. We have seen it all before. Nothing seems to change. Help us live with courage in this age of ambiguity where wars are fought for peace, and freedoms stripped in the name of liberty. Forgive our lapse of focus, our sense that nothing ever really changes. Teach us to watch and wait with patience, that we may be ready as our Redeemer draws near.**

\*Silent Prayer of Confession

\*Assurance of Pardon

L: In this season of waiting, the Good News is this: mercy, new life, hope, and joy are the gifts we receive from our God.

**All: Thanks be to the God of Advent, who came in the Child, who is with us in the Spirit, who will come again in glory! Amen.**

\*Gloria Patri #579

\*Sharing of the Peace

L: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**P: And also with you.**

*The congregation greets each other in the name of the Lord: "Peace be with you."*

Old Testament Reading Psalm 25:1-10 pg. 502

Team Jesus

Special Music

Prayer for Illumination

New Testament Reading Mark 13:24-37 pg. 50

L: The Word of the Lord.

**P: Thanks be to God**

Message "Be Watchful"

\*Hymn #2 "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

\*Apostles' Creed (Traditional version) pg. 14

**All: 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 Spirit, 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 at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he will 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 the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayer Requests

Prayers of the People / Lord's Prayer

**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 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.**

Giving the Lord His Tithe and Our Offering

\*Doxology #591

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn #9 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

\*Charge / Benediction

\*Congregational Response (#535)

**♪ Go with us, Lord, and guide the way through this and every coming day that in Your Spirit strong and true our lives may be our gift to You.**

\*Postlude

*\*Indicates to stand as you are able – for everyone to rise in spirit.*

## BEULAH CALENDAR

Sunday Dec 2 8:00am Deacon Meeting  
9:00am Worship  
9:30am Sunday School  
Sunday Dec 9 9:00am Worship / Food Pantry Collection

Our thanks to Jerome Bina, this morning's greeter.

### Upcoming Beulah Activities:

- The Deacons will again be facilitating our **poinsettias** for the Christmas season. If anyone is interested in ordering a poinsettia, please contact Carla Zwicker in person or by text or phone at 309-236-8622 as soon as possible. The price is \$15 per plant. Please indicate if this is in memory of a loved one(s) and provide their name(s).
- There's still time to order **Peanut Brittle** in time for Christmas delivery. It makes a great Christmas Gift for neighbors, friends, & family. The Mission Committee is selling home-made peanut brittle to raise funds for 2018-2019 Mission Projects. The primary benefactors of this fund raiser are the needy children who receive boots through our Heads to Toes project. The price is \$15 for a 1 lb. pkg, and \$8 for a ½ lb. pkg. Delivery will be on Sunday Dec 16. Please contact Wanda Cross ([jwcross84@hotmail.com](mailto:jwcross84@hotmail.com) or 309-714-8089) to order your peanut brittle.
- **News from Christian Education** - You are invited to get into the Christmas Spirit by coming to our **Annual Children's Christmas Program**. It will be on Sunday, **Dec 16** during our **9am church service**. Donations of cookies or rolls would be appreciated for the coffee hour following the program.
- **Communion** will be celebrated during our Christmas Eve Service @ 6:30pm and the Christmas Joy Offering will be collected.

**Thank you very much** for all your prayers and concerns, encouraging cards and food. Everything is very much appreciated. A special thank you to Pastor Tim for all his visits both at our home and during my recent hospital stay. It is great to be member of a loving congregation! Love, Gloria Paulsen

### Beulah has a new web page.

When you get a chance, check it out at: [www.beulahpcusa.org](http://www.beulahpcusa.org).

### Recorded Giving

2018 Recorded Giving Budget	\$79,521.00
Recorded Giving through Nov 25	\$69,401.28
Remaining to meet Budget	\$10,119.72

5 Sundays left

### Prayer List

Cindee Brugman	Robert DeVries	Darrell Fields	Gary Lovsted
Linda Nalevanko	Gloria Paulsen	Dylan Preston	Bethany Spears
Tim Spears	Alex Strandgard	Harriett Strandgard	

Please alert us with additions or changes to our Prayer List – Thank you.

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### Do you have a song, poem, piece of art or other medium

which exhorts, encourages and/or reflects your thoughts, feelings, and relationship with our Abba Father, Savior and Lord, Holy Spirit Comforter? Then you are highly encouraged to share with your church family the many gifts the Lord has showered on you. Please talk to Ellen after church or text her cell: 309-716-4232; remember to give your name when you text.

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### Please join us after worship services at 10am for coffee, juice, and baked sweets in the coffee room off the sanctuary.

The Sunday School children and teachers will join us at 10:20am. Donation of bought or homemade baked items will be accepted. If you have questions, see Carol Browning.

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### Lectionary Readings for this coming week:

Mal 3:1-4 Luke 1:68-79 Phil 1:3-11 Luke 3:1-6

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### Please Remember Our Shut-ins in Your Prayers:

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**Pastor Tim Snart** will be in our church office on Thursdays from 9-10am until further notice. Contact info: 1<sup>st</sup> Presbytery Church, CV, Phone, Mon-Fri 9am-noon: 309-799-3511 Cell: 309-798-1076

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### Mission Statement:

Working together for spiritual growth to glorify, praise, worship, and share God's love.

### Vision:

Beulah is:

- A Christ-centered family of faith.
- Flexible in learning and listening to God.
- Serving the Lord with gifts and talents through multi-generational engagement.
- A Landmark Church, visible in the community, vibrant in ministry and impacting the world.
- A destination for continual growth.

### Slogan:

Love, Thrive, and Grow for the Glory of God.