

BEULAH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
Rev. Tim Snart, Pastor  
Cecil Ward, Liturgist  
Ellen Cooke, Worship Music Leader  
Second Sunday of Advent

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

*(Please sign attendance book.)*

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

\*Call to Worship

L: You will go before the Lord to prepare His ways

**P: to give knowledge of salvation to God's people.**

L: By the tender mercy of our God,

**P: the dawn from on high will break upon us**

L: to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death,

**P: to guide our feet into the way of peace.**

L: Come, let us worship our Lord Jesus

**P: who guides us all into the ways of God's peace!**

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

\*Hymn #5 "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"

\*Prayer of Confession

**All: Forgiving God, in this season of Advent, we welcome the coming of Your light in a world masked by darkness. We confess to You the ways in which we have added to that darkness. We ask for Your forgiveness when we fight among ourselves; when we forget that we are children of God; when we ignore the plea of the helpless and suffering; when we worship the idols of our hands. By Your tender mercy may the dawn from on High break upon us; give light to those of us who sit in darkness, and guide our feet into the way of peace. Amen**

\*Silent Prayer of Confession

\*Assurance of Pardon

L: By the mercy and grace of our Good God, we may live in peace with one another for we have been forgiven and Christ welcomes us as a parent welcomes home a long-lost child. Alleluia! 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 Malachi 3:1-4 pg. 889

Team Jesus

Special Music

Prayer for Illumination

New Testament Reading Luke 3:1-6 pg. 60

L: The Word of the Lord.

**P: Thanks be to God**

Message "Prepare Him Room"

\*Hymn #22 "Angels, from the Realms of Glory"

\*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 #44 "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

\*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 9 9:00am Worship / Food Pantry Collection  
 9:30am Sunday School  
 Thursday Dec 13 6:30pm Worship Committee Meeting  
 Sunday Dec 16 9:00am Worship / Sunday School Christmas Program  
 Peanut Brittle Delivery  
 9:30am Cookies in the fellowship hall after the program  
 7:00pm "The Nativity Story" movie @ 1<sup>st</sup> Pres Church, CV

### Our thanks to our greeters:

Dec 9 – Mary Giannetii      Dec 16 – The Solomonson Family  
 Dec 23 – Barbara Anderson      Dec 30 – JeanDaves

### Upcoming Beulah Activities:

- The **Worship Committee** meeting is this Thurs, Dec 13 @ 6:30pm.
- 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 next 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.
- **You're invited to movie night @ 1<sup>st</sup> Pres Church, CV**. "The Nativity Story" will be shown in the Sanctuary beginning @ 7pm next Sunday, Dec 16.
- **Communion** will be celebrated during our Christmas Eve Service @ 6:30pm and the **Christmas Joy Offering** will be collected. *Did You Know?*
  - The Christmas Joy Offering has been a cherished Presbyterian tradition since the 1930s.
  - 50% of your gift provides assistance for current and retired church workers and their families with critical financial need.
  - 50% of your gift makes it possible for students to learn and grow in faith at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color. This has been a Presbyterian commitment for nearly 140 years.

**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      \$71,311.28  
 Remaining to meet Budget      \$ 8,209.72  
*4 Sundays left*

### Prayer List

Cindee Brugman	Robert DeVries	Darrell Fields	Gary Lovested
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.*

### 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.

### 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.

### Lectionary Readings for this coming week:

Zeph 3:14-20      Isa 12:2-6      Phil 4:4-7      Luke 3:7-18

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

Grace Day 601 Hawthorne Crossing Drive SE Apt 213 Bondurant, IA 50035	Eleanor Garrison c/o Dan Garrison 5921 Cambridge Dr N. Richland Hills, TX 76184
Sonia Grafton Avonlea Cottage 2021 1 <sup>st</sup> St E, Room 26 Milan, IL 61264	Doris Kennedy 4909 107 <sup>th</sup> Ave Milan, IL 61264

**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.