

BEULAH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Rev. Tim Snart, Pastor  
Dennis Morgan, Liturgist  
Ellen Cooke, Worship Music Leader

Third Sunday of Advent

Morning Worship 9:00 a.m. December 16, 2018  
*(Please sign attendance book.)*

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

\*Call to Worship

L: Surely God is my salvation;

**P: I will trust and will not be afraid.**

L: With joy you shall draw water from the wells of salvation;

**P: I will trust and will not be afraid.**

L: Give thanks to the Lord, call on God's name;

**P: I will trust and will not be afraid.**

L: Sing praises to the Lord, and let it be known throughout the earth!

**P: I will trust and will not be afraid.**

**All: We come to worship God, in awe and wonder, knowing God will lead us into the fullness of joy.**

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

\*Hymn #23 "Angels We Have Heard on High"

\*Prayer of Confession

**All: We speak now to You in truth, God, for You see and know all truth and all falsehood. We are all sitting here in one place, but we are not one. Within a stone's throw of where we sit are those whom we have stoned with our words. We have hurt others. We are eager for the church to do more to help those in need, those displaced, those without everything! Instead, we find it all too easy to fail to see You in the neighbor beside us; and even at times within us. We pray You will grant us Your grace. Forgive us, open, heal, renew us, and bring us the hope this season inspires. In Jesus Christ, Amen.**

\*Silent Prayer of Confession

\*Assurance of Pardon

**All: We lift up our hopes and fears to You, oh God, knowing that You bear all our burdens. You forgive us all, make us new, and restore us to life. Guide us in ways that we might rebuild and restore life to this world in Your name. Thanks be to God. 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 Isaiah 12:1-6 pg. 641

Special Music

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

Prayer for Illumination

New Testament Reading Luke 2:1-14 pg. 58

L: The Word of the Lord.

**P: Thanks be to God**

\*Hymn #25 "Away in a Manger"

Christmas Program *(please see insert)* "Mom Finds Christmas Joy!"

\*Postlude Hymn #40 *(led by Angels)* "Joy to the World"

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

Welcome to the Sunday School Christmas Program,  
**“Mom Finds Christmas Joy!”**

Cast

Mom – Adalynn Elsbury

Children:

Vivian Phelps, Norah Phelps  
 Adalyn Solomonson, Weston Solomonson  
 Justine Elsbury

Young Children:

Lane Krueger, Clay Krueger, Ava Crosby

Angels:

Taylor Krueger, Rachael Sandhass-Hoke, Sierra Krueger

Accompanist – Carol Browning

Music Director – Rita Elsbury

Following the skit, the children will sing two songs.  
 To close the program, the Confirmation Angels will lead the  
 congregation singing “Joy to the World”.  
 Please join us in singing the hymn on page 40.

*Everyone is invited to join  
 us in the Fellowship hall  
 for cookies and drinks.*



**BEULAH CALENDAR**

Sunday	Dec 16	9:00am	Worship / Sunday School Christmas Program / Peanut Brittle Delivery
		10:00am	Cookies in the fellowship hall after the program
		7:00pm	“The Nativity Story” movie at 1 <sup>st</sup> Pres Church, CV
Wednesday	Dec 18		Newsletter article submission deadline
Sunday	Dec 23	9:00am	Worship
		9:30am	Sunday School
Monday	Dec 24	6:30pm	Christmas Eve Service / Communion / Christmas Joy Offering

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**Thank you** to our greeters: Dec 16 – The Solomonson Family  
 Dec 23 – Barbara Anderson Dec 30 – Jean Daves

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David Browning and his grandmother, Carol Browning  
 will be playing a **piano duet, “Silent Night”**  
 near the beginning of today’s Worship service.

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**Upcoming Beulah Activities:**

- **News from Christian Education** – Please join us for cookies and treats in the fellowship hall this morning after the Annual Children’s Christmas Program.
- **You’re invited to movie night @ 1<sup>st</sup> Pres Church, CV.** “The Nativity Story” will be shown in their Sanctuary beginning @ 7pm tonight.
- **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.

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**Recorded Giving**

2018 Recorded Giving Budget	\$79,521.00
Recorded Giving through Dec 9	\$72,226.28
Remaining to meet Budget	\$ 7,294.72
3 Sundays left	

Hello friends,

In this season of Thanksgiving, we would like to **thank you, the members of Beulah Presbyterian Church**, for your continued support of the Quad Cities CROP Hunger Walk.

With collected donations through Nov 22, 2018, the generosity of Beulah Presbyterian stands at \$1,100.00. This marks the fourth consecutive year that your congregation has topped the \$1,000 plateau, congratulations!

The total amount raised so far for the 2018 QC CROP Hunger Walk stands at \$25,522.63.

**Thanks again** for your support in helping us raise money to help the hungry and those in poverty right around the corner and around the globe.

Sincerely, Rick Martin and the QC CROP Hunger Walk committee

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**Beulah has a new web page.**

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

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**Lectionary Readings for this coming week:**

Micah 5:2-5a Luke 1:47-55 or Ps 80:1-7 Heb 10:5-10 Luke 1:39-45 (46-55)

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**Prayer List**

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

*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 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
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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
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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.