

BEULAH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
Rev. Tim Snart, Pastor  
Bill Metzler, Liturgist  
Ellen Cooke, Worship Music Leader  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent

Morning Worship 9:00 a.m. December 10, 2023  
(Please sign attendance book.)

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

\*Call to Worship

L: Wilderness living calls us to seek God in the voice that cries out,

**P: “Valleys will be lifted up and mountains will be made low,”**

L: to seek God in the sound of the One who speaks of peace,

**P: “The day of the Lord is coming,”**

L: to seek God in the loud noise that foretells what will be made new.

**P: In the wilderness, let us listen only for God’s voice.**

L: Let us worship God!

Lighting of the Advent Candle *(please, see insert)*

\*Hymn #41, “O Come, All Ye Faithful”

\*Prayer of Confession

**All: Great God, in these times between Your birth and Your coming, we hear the words of John the Baptist for us today. In baptizing and receiving confessions, John pointed beyond himself to Christ. Help us to embody the good news that John proclaimed in our words and our work, that our lives might also foretell the coming of peace. Teach us to share good news with those who yearn for transformation and to listen for Your gospel when we need a change of heart. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.**

\*Silent Prayer of Confession

\*Assurance of Pardon

L: By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

**P: This is good news!**

New Testament Reading Mark 1:1-8, pg. 34

Team Jesus

Special Music

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 11:1-11, pg. 640

L: The Word of the Lord.

**P: Thanks be to God.**

Message “The Peace of Christ”

\*Hymn #29, “Go, Tell It on the Mountain”

\*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

The 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 #592 “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

♪ **Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn #40, “Joy to the World!”

\*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 December 10 9:00am Worship 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent  
Tuesday December 12 6:00pm Building & Grounds  
6:30pm Session  
Sunday December 17 9:00am Worship 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent,  
final peanut brittle delivery

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### This week:

- **Building and Grounds** will meet @ 6pm on Tuesday, Dec 12.
- **Session** begins at 6:30pm Dec 12.

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### Baby Girl!!

Kelsey and Trent Zwicker's baby girl was born November 30, 2023.

They named her **Palmer Anne Zwicker!**

She weighed 8 lbs 12 oz and was 20 ½ inches tall.

Congratulations to Trent and Kelsey,  
grandma Carla and grandpa Jim, and the entire family!

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### This week's Lectionary Readings for Home Study:

Isa 61:1-4, 8--11 Ps 126 Luke 1:46b-55

1 Thess 5:16-24 John 1:6-8, 19-28

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### Mission Committee Update

- All the donated items for the Africana family were delivered this week. The family was happy and beyond excited. Then Nancy Roberts met us at the Lutheran Church in Coal Valley where dad selected winter coats, hats, and gloves for the 8 family members. Beulah gave the family winter boots. Thank you Beulah for supporting the mission projects. The sale of peanut brittle supports these projects.
- Mission Committee is selling **home-made peanut brittle** to raise funds for their 2023-2024 Mission Projects. The proceeds will be used to purchase boots for our Heads to Toes project and to help provide funds for our other mission projects throughout the year. The price is \$16 for a 1 lb. pkg, and \$9 for a ½ lb. pkg. Final delivery will be next Sunday, Dec 17. Please contact Wanda Cross to order your peanut brittle.
- Mission Committee contacted Orion and Sherrard Schools to learn the need from families for **winter boots for our school children**. So far, Jan has delivered eleven pairs of boots to Orion. As cold weather arrives, others will be needed. Monetary donations for the purchase of boots can be made to the Mission committee. Jon and Wanda Cross are busy making their delicious peanut brittle.

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## Please Remember Our Shut-ins in Your Prayers

Barbara Anderson  
Nedra Baraks  
Dorothy Gift  
Louise Green  
Joyce King  
Alex Strandgard  
Terry Vincent

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### Prayer List

Vicki Blair	Heather DeHaven	Robert DeVries
Bobbie Furr	Louise Green	Dylan Preston
Terry Vincent	Kenneth White	

### Missionary relatives and friends of our church family

- Tim & Bethany Spears and their daughters, Carmichael and Rose, are currently in the US. Tim & Bethany are teaching virtually, but all plan to return to the Philippines at a later date.
- Ted & Kim Treadway in Guatemala.

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Give us now a sense of your presence Lord,  
as we bring our prayers and requests to You,  
and enable us to open our hearts and minds to You.

We seek to put aside our busy rushing,  
and to sense that awe and wonder which comes  
from an awareness that we are in Your presence. -author unknown

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God has deposited love, joy, peace, grace, and all the blessings in our  
ATM account for unlimited use. The secret pin is "Prayer".

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God doesn't always part the water.  
SOMETIMES we have to step out on FIATH and WALK on IT.  
Just keep your EYES on God.

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If God is making you wait, then do what waiters do...SERVE!

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When I am alone, God is my comforter. When I am lonely,  
God is my joy. When I am weak, God is my strength. Amen.