

BEULAH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Rev. Tim Snart, Pastor

Dennis Morgan, Liturgist

Ellen Cooke, Worship Music Leader

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent

Morning Worship                      9:00 a.m.                      December 17, 2023  
(Please sign attendance book.)

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

\*Call to Worship

L: With open hands, we proclaim:

**P: God promises to bring good news to the afflicted, the disenfranchised, the oppressed, the tormented, the grieving, and the imprisoned.**

L: With open spirits, we shout with joy.

**P: God calls us to rejoice, pray, and give thanks constantly.**

L: With open minds, we gather in God's covenant.

**P: God sanctifies us so that we will be ready for the coming of the Lord. Let us worship God!**

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

\*Hymn #31 "Hark! The Herold Angels Sing"

\*Prayer of Confession

L: Great God, when John the Baptist identified with Jesus, many regarded his testimony as insignificant. Yet he continued to witness to the light.

**P: When we feel unimportant to society, remind us that you have called us to fulfill the mission of Jesus. You have asked us to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, and to proclaim liberty to the captives and release to the prisoners. Help us to love justice, rejoice, and witness, that righteousness and praise might spring up. 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!**

Team Jesus

Special Music

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

Scripture Lesson    Luke 2:1-20 pg. 58

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

## Christmas Program

**Mary and the Angel**

Hymn #5 "Let all Mortal Flesh Keep Silence", V. 2

**Joseph's Dream**

Hymn #2 "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus", V. 1

**Mary's Story Continues**

Hymn #40 "Joy to the World!"

**The Birth of Jesus**

Hymn #25 "Away in a Manger", V. 1-2

**The Shepherds**

Hymn #59 "While Shepherds Watch their Flocks", V. 1-2

**The Angel of the Lord**  
Hymn #23 “Angels We Have Heard on High”, V. 1

**The Heavenly Host**  
Congregation says in unison: “Glory to God in the Highest. Peace on earth, goodwill toward men”

**The Shepherd’s Journey to Bethlehem**  
Hymn #44 “O Little Town of Bethlehem”, V. 1-2

**Wisemen Follow the Star**  
Hymn #63 “As with Gladness Men of Old”, V. 1  
Hymn #66 “We Three Kings of Orient Are”, V.1  
Hymn #60 “Silent Night, Holy Night”

\*Charge / Benediction  
  
\*Postlude

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

**Participants in this morning’s Pageant:**

- Cecil Ward – Joseph  
Carla Zwicker – Mary  
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Cecil Ward – Joseph  
Janel Metzger – Mary  
Dominic Metzger – Baby Jesus  
Issac Metzger – Shepherd  
Clay Krueger – Shepherd  
Lane Krueger – Shepherd  
Rachael Sandhaas-Hoke – Angel of the Lord  
Tim Frtiz – Wise Man  
Bill Metzler – Wise Man  
Roger Mixer – Wise Man

**BEULAH CALENDAR**

|        |             |                               |  |
|--------|-------------|-------------------------------|--|
| Sunday | December 17 | 9:00am                        | Worship 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent /<br>Christmas Program / Peanut<br>Brittle delivery |
| Sunday | December 24 | 9:00am<br>6:30pm              | Worship 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent<br>Christmas Eve Lessons and<br>Carols / Communion  |
| Monday | December 25 | M E R R Y C H R I S T M A S ! |  |
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**Today, December 17**

- Our Christmas Program is today during Worship.
- Last delivery of Peanut Brittle is this morning.

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**Next Sunday, December 24**

- 9:00am – Sunday Worship
- 6:30pm – Christmas Eve Worship w/ Communion, Lessons & Carols

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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:**

2 Sam 7:1-11,16      Luke 1:46b-55      Ps 89:1-4, 19-26  
Rom 16:25-27      Luke 1:26-38

**Christmas Eve:** Isa 9:2-7      Ps 96      Titus 2:11-14 (15-20)

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**Mission Committee Update**

All the donated items for the Africana family were delivered Dec. 6.  
The family was happy and beyond excited. Then Nancy Roberts met us  
at the Lutheran Church in Coal Valley where the 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.

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**Prayer List**

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|---------------|-----------------|----------------|---------------|
| Vicki Blair   | Heather DeHaven | Robert DeVries | Bobbie Furr   |
| Louise Green  | Martha 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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### **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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### **POINSETTIAS**

Purchased by:

Rev. Tim and Lori Snart

Jean Hughes

Jan Green

Tim & Lynn Fritz

Dennis Morgan

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Jim & Carla Zwicker

Deb McBride

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Don Paulsen

Bill & Donna Metzler

Bill & Donna Metzler

Roger Mixer

Jon & Wanda Cross

In memory of:

Our Parents

Colleen, Kenneth & Grant Hughes

Loved Ones

Loved Ones

Loved Ones

Duane & Betty Morgan

Grandparents

Maynard & Dorothy Zwicker

Duane & Betty Morgan

Bill McBride

Infant Larry

Loved Ones

Gloria Paulsen

Loved Ones

Loved Ones

Sherrill Mixer

Loved Ones

