

# BEULAH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Rev. Dr. Andrew McDonald, Pastor

Tim Fritz, Liturgist

Chon Wherry, Guest Organist

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Evening Worship

6:30 p.m.

(Please sign attendance book.)

December 24, 2025

Prelude Bells

\*Hymn 22 (vss. 1 & 2), "Angels, from the Realms of Glory"

Lighting of Advent Wreath and Christ Candle, **Isaiah 9**

**Candle #1:** The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them the light shines.

**Candle #2:** You have multiplied the nation; You have increased its joy; they rejoice before You as with joy at the harvest.

**Candle #3:** For the yoke of their burden and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, You have broken.

**Candle #4:** For a child has been born for us, a Son given to us; authority rests upon His shoulders,

**Christ Candle:**  
and He is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

\*Hymn #41 (all verses), "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

Welcome

Hymn #23 (vss 1 & 2, *please remain seated*),

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

Christmas Offering

\*Offertory response:

**"So bring Him incense, gold and myrrh; come one and all to own Him.**

**The King of kings salvation brings; let loving hearts enthrone Him. This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;**

**Haste, haste to bring him laud, the Babe, the Son of Mary.**

Scripture: Luke 2:1-7

In those days, a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He (Joseph) went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver the child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son, and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

\*Hymn #56 (vs 1), "The First Nowell"

Scripture: Luke 2:8-11

In that region, there were shepherds, living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold — I bring you good news of great joy for all the people. To you is born this day, in the city of David, a Savior, who is the messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth, and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and singing: "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth, peace among those whom he favors."

\*Hymn #31 (vss 1 & 3), "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

Scripture: Luke 2:15-20 When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Now, let us go to Bethlehem, and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they hurried

and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told to them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words, and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Sermon: **“Your Delivery Has Arrived”**

Sacrament of Communion

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Communion Prayer

\*The Lord's Prayer

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.

Words of Institution

Sharing the Light

\*Hymn #44 (vss 1 & 4), **“O Little Town of Bethlehem”**

\*Hymn #60 (*Please see insert for words*), **“Silent Night, Holy Night”**

John 1:1-6

Passing the Peace of Christ

\*Hymn #40 (*Please see insert for words*), **“Joy to the World!”**

Benediction

Postlude

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



## *MERRY CHRISTMAS!*

### **Beulah Calendar**

Wednesday Dec 24 6:30pm Candlelight Christmas Eve Service / Communion  
Sunday Dec 28 9:00am Worship  
2:00pm Memorial Service for Barbara Anderson  
Fellowship Following Service  
Sunday Jan 4 9:00am Worship

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**Gluten-free bread** is being served tonight at communion.

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### **This week's Home Study Lectionary Readings**

Isa 63:7-9 Ps 148 Heb 2:10-18 Matt 2:13-23

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### **Prayer List**

Heather DeHaven	Robert DeVries	Martha Green
Dylan Preston		

### **Missionary relatives and friends of our church family**

Ted & Kim Treadway in Guatemala.

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### **Please Remember These Members in Your Prayers**

- ♥ Louise Green, Avonlea Cottage
- ♥ Joyce King
- ♥ Don Paulsen
- ♥ Terry Vincent
- ♥ Jackie Williams

### Donated By:

Deb McBride  
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Jon & Wanda Cross  
Jean Hughes  
Tim & Lynn Fritz  
Dennis Morgan  
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Bill & Donna Metzler  
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Jim & Carla Zwicker  
Gavin & Tara Sides  
Roger Mixer  
Andrew & Tamara McDonald

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### In Memory Of:

Duane & Betty Morgan  
Bill McBride  
Infant Larry  
Loved Ones  
Colleen, Kenneth & Grant Hughes  
Loved Ones  
Betty & Duane Morgan  
Loved Ones  
Loved Ones  
Loved Ones  
Maynard & Dorothy Zwicker  
Dan Mueller  
Sherrill Mixer  
Loved Ones

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### **2025 Christmas Joy Offering**

The Christmas Joy Offering will be collected at the Christmas Eve Candlelight Service (Dec 24 at 6:30 pm).

### **Did You Know?**

- The Christmas Joy Offering has been a cherished Presbyterian tradition since the 1930s.
- The Offering distributes gifts equally to the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions and to Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color.
- The Assistance Program provides critical financial support to church workers and their families.

- Presbyterian-related schools and colleges provide education and leadership development while nurturing racial and ethnic heritage. This has been a Presbyterian commitment for nearly 140 years.

### ***Christmas Joy Offering Instructions***

- *The Joy Offering shall be collected at the Christmas Eve service (Special envelopes shall be provided in the December 24<sup>th</sup> bulletins).*
  - ***Cash Contributions*** - *If your contribution is cash, it is important to use the Joy Offering envelopes. The Joy Offering envelope will ensure your contribution will go to the Joy Offering rather than the General Church Fund. By including your name, it will be added to your annual church contribution for special offerings (It is not counted toward your pledge).*
  - ***Check Contributions*** - *If your contribution is by check, it is important to designate Joy Offering in the memo field. The Joy Offering in the memo field will ensure your contribution will go to the Joy Offering rather than the General Church Fund.*
  - ***Contributions taken on any December Sunday*** - *If you are unable to attend the December 24<sup>th</sup> Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, you may make your contribution on any Sunday in December. If your contribution is by check, then put the designation of Joy Offering in the memo field or when using cash put in an envelope with the Joy Offering designation and your name. By including your name, it will be added to your annual church special offerings contribution (It is not counted toward your pledge).*

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