

WORSHIP *at home*

BETHEL CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

Sunday, December 13, 2020

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

This is the season of holy waiting.

We wait for the time when the desert will bloom abundantly.

We watch for the day when all God's people will come together with singing.

We wait while the dawning light appears on the horizon.

Come let us walk in the light of God!

Opening Song: "O Come All Ye Faithful"

God's Greeting

Call to Confession:

It is advent. It is the season in which we prepare our hearts to welcome Christ, who is the bringer of all peace. Prepare the way of the Lord! Let us make our confession to God.

Prayer of confession:

God, we confess that ours is still a world in which Herod seems to rule; The powerful are revered, The visions of the wise are ignored, the poor are afflicted, and the innocent are killed. You show us that salvation comes in the vulnerability of a child, Yet we hunger for the "security" of weapons and walls; You teach us that freedom comes in love of service, yet we trample on others in our efforts to be "free". Forgive us, God, when we look to the palace instead of the stable, when we heed politicians more than prophets. Renew us with the spirit of Bethlehem, that we may be better prepared for your coming.

Advent reading:

We light these candles as a sign of the coming light of Christ. Advent means coming. We are preparing for the full coming of God's Kingdom: The nations shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning hooks, nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war no more.

The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and fating together, And a little child shall lead them.

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, The desert shall rejoice and blossom, Like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly and rejoice with joy and singing.

Let us walk in the light of the Lord.

Advent Song: "This is Jesus"

Children's Blessing: [Children's Video](#)

Offering: *Bethel Budget & World Renew*

Prayer for Illumination

Hearing God's Word

Scripture: Isaiah 35:1-10

Message:

"How To Have a Merry Christmas"

Song of Response:

"Sing We the Song of Emmanuel"

Congregational Prayer

Christmas Carol:

"Emmanuel (Hallowed Manger Ground)"

Doxology: "Joy to The World"

Online Update

Tune into our livestream service,
Sunday at 10am

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through our Facebook page,
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