

Bethany Church

EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN

Christmas Eve

December 24, 2021 @ 6:00 p.m.
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We're Glad You're Here!

Welcome! At its heart, a church is a community that worships and serves God together. Together we are building a community in which people can explore the big questions of life and Christianity's answers, work together for a thriving neighborhood and serve those in need.

Sunday Schedule

Worship Service:	9:15 a.m.
Sunday School:	9:15 a.m.
Fellowship:	10:15 a.m.
Worship Service:	10:45 a.m.
Sunday School:	10:45 a.m.
Children's Church:	10:45 a.m.

**Masks are required at the 9:15 a.m. worship service.*

Masks optional but recommended at the 10:45 a.m. service.

Children's Programs

Nursery – Our well qualified nursery staff is available during the 9:15 a.m. service to watch children ages 0 to 3 years.

During the 10:45 a.m. service the nursery room will be available for parents and children to use.

Children's Church – Before the sermon begins we will dismiss the children (K through 5th grade) to the church gym to have their own service where they will enjoy an interactive Bible lesson. After the worship service is over, parents can walk over and pick up their kids.

Stay in Touch

To learn more about the exciting things happening in the life of Bethany EPC be sure to visit our website and sign-up for our e-mail list. Visit www.bethanyepc.org for all the details.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Lighting of the Christ Candle

The Loughran Family

Hark the Herald Angels Sing

Hymn #203

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Hymn #195

Christmas Prayer & the Lord's Prayer

Special Christmas Offering

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Offertory

The Birthday of the King

Scripture Reading

Luke 2:1-20 ESV

Message

Gift Wrapped

Oh Holy Night (congregation to sing on refrains)

Candle Lighting

Silent Night

Blessing and Sending

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 2:1-20 ESV

2 In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. **2** This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. **3** And all went to be registered, each to his own town. **4** And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, **5** to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. **6** And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. **7** And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

8 And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. **9** And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. **10** And the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. **11** For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. **12** And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.” **13** And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

14 “Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!”

15 When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.” **16** And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. **17** And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. **18** And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. **19** But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. **20** And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

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CORE VALUES OF BETHANY EPC

We value God's Word as the authority in our preaching, teaching, serving, and all of life. (Hebrews 4:12; 2 Timothy 3:16)

We value a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and the opportunity to disciple people in their pursuit of life-long spiritual growth. (Philippians 2:12-13; Ephesians 4:13; Hebrews 6:1)

We value worship as being vital to the life of the church, celebrating who God is and what God has done for us. (Psalms 66:5; 2 Kings 17:39; John 4:24; Luke 4:8)

We value children and youth and support their growth in a life-long relationship with Jesus Christ. (Matthew 19:14; Mark 9:37)

We value prayer to shape our Christian lives and to conceive, plan and execute the ministries and activities of the church. (Matthew 7:7-11; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)

We value God's desire to reach all people in our neighborhoods and the world and to reconcile humanity to Himself through Jesus Christ. (Isaiah. 49:6; Matthew 28:16-18; Acts 1:8)

We value service and cherish opportunities to meet the needs of others. (Luke 19:10; Matthew 25:31-46; Philippians 2:3-11)

We value Christ-centered fellowship and friendship and seek opportunities to join together as the family of God. (Acts 2:42; Ephesians 2:19-22)

We value the generous use of all that God has given us individually: time, talents, and treasure. (Romans 12:4-6a; 1 Peter 4:10)