

**CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP**

**First Sunday of Advent**

November 28, 2021

10.30 A.M.

GATHER TO WORSHIP (Please remember to silence your cell phones. Thank you.)

PRELUDE Mark Johnson

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Isaiah 40:3-5 NRSV

Leader: A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain.

**People: Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken."**

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING Lisa Kloos and Pam Macha

\*OPENING PRAYER

**Come Holy Spirit. Lord, waiting is hard. We don't like to wait and especially long. Help us to wait with expectation and excitement. Help us to prepare our hearts so we are ready for the coming of the promised Messiah. This Messiah will return and we will not know when. Let us not just prepare for remembering the Birthday of our King, but prepare for His return. In Jesus Name. Amen.**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates" No. 213

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 25: 1-10 CEB

PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

\*SONG OF PREPARATION "Everlasting God" With Praise Team

CONVERSATION WITH THE KIDS

Becky Fultz

\*SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 21:1-4; 25-28 CEB

MESSAGE "Preparing the Way of the Lord" Rev. Jan Johnson

OFFERTORY "Do It Again" Praise Team

DOXOLOGY No. 94

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*CLOSING HYMN "Soon and Very Soon" Verses 1-3 No. 706

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Mark Johnson

LEAVE TO SERVE

*\*Please stand if able.*

Preaching:	Rev. Jan Johnson
Liturgist:	Dick Kooser
Worship Leader:	John-Phillip Fultz
Children's Coordinator:	Becky Fultz
Organist:	Mark Johnson
Ushers:	Jerry Taylor
Sound Tech:	Megan Duff
Camera Tech:	Ryan Duff
Video Tech:	Susan Saul

The flowers on the Altar are given and dedicated to the glory of God and given in thankful celebration of the Advent season by Kathy and Clarence Batts.



**Becky is planning a special Christmas party and is in need of cookies and sandwich baggies. Please see her for further details!**



**Horace Mann School has children that are in need of winter coats. Any gently used coats would be greatly appreciated.**



I can't believe that the time is coming again for us to be thinking about our hat, mitten and scarf ministry for our partner school Horace Mann! Please drop off your hats, mittens and scarves to the office, or bring them to church on Sunday.

Also, as a teacher, I know it is about this time of year that I am running out of folders, loose leaf paper, and pencils! Let's surprise our partner school teachers with some extra support in these areas. As you feel led, grab a pack of pencils or some paper, and maybe a folder to help the teachers! Thanks Becky



**BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE**

**Wednesday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.**

***This is a service for those suffering and grieving at this time of year.***



**FOOD PANTRY HOURS**  
**SATURDAYS 10:00 A.M. - 11:45 A.M.**  
**THE 2ND AND 4TH SATURDAYS**  
**BEGINNING IN JULY**  
**SERVES THE 45420 ZIP CODE**

**ENTER THROUGH THE BELLAIRE AVE. ENTRANCE.**

**The food pantry is in need of cereal, soup, rice, beans, crackers, toilet paper and plastic bags are always needed.**



**CHANCEL CHOIR**

**We practice on Wednesday nights,**  
**7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.**

**Not too late to join choir!**

**DO YOU HAVE YOUR BELMONT T-SHIRT YET?**

*T-shirts and sweatshirts can be found on the welcome table, or in the church office. Please see Kathy Batts or call the church office if you do not see a size that you need.*



Lead Pastor	Rev. Jan Johnson
Worship Leader	John-Philip Fultz
Children's Coordinator	Becky Fultz
Youth Director	Anne Lumpkin
Administrative Assistant	Susan Saul
Finance	Beverly Taylor/Kathy Batts
Organist	Mark Johnson
Custodian	Danny Jacques
Evening Host	Kevin Wheatley/Gail Long

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# EVENTS

Mark Your Calendar

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28**

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES, 9:15 A.M.**

**TRADITIONAL SERVICE, 10:30 A.M.**

**COVENANT CHURCH, 4:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.**

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 29**

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 30**

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1**

**INTERCESSORY PRAYER, 8:30 A.M.**

**BIBLE STUDY, 6:00 P.M.**

**ESL, 6:30 P.M.**

**NA, 7:00 P.M.**

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2**

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES, 9:15 A.M.**

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**BASKETBALL COACHES MEETING, 1:00 P.M. - 3:00 P.M.**

**COVENANT CHURCH, 4:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.**

## “Preparing the Way of the Lord”

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**BELMONT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**OUR MISSION**

**MAKING NEW AND GROWING DISCIPLES OF  
 JESUS CHRIST FOR THE TRANSFORMATION OF  
 OUR COMMUNITY AND BEYOND.**

**OUR VISION**

**BELMONT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH IS A WELCOMING  
 COMMUNITY OF AUTHENTIC, CHRIST-CENTERED DISCIPLES ON A  
 LIFE-LONG JOURNEY OF FAITH AND LOVE.**



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Please fill out the order form below, make your check payable to Belmont UM Church and write on the memo line: Christmas flower order. You may put your order form in the offering plate or turn it into the office. If you wish to give your plant to a shut-in, please indicate that on your order form. **The last day to place your order will be Sunday, December 5th.** If you have any questions, please contact Susan at 254-1788.

PLEASE ENCLOSE PAYMENT WITH YOUR ORDER

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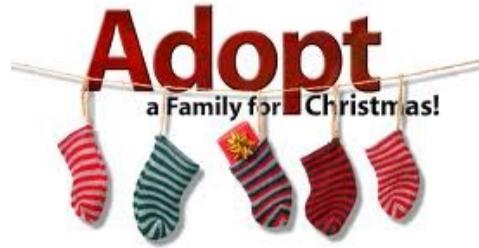
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