

# Order of Worship

December 1, 2024

First Sunday of Advent

**\*Song of Praise** *O Come All Ye Faithful*

**Advent Candle** Susan Koppendrayer & Connie Bartz

**Welcome** Pastor Mark Brouwer

**\*Songs of Praise** *Angels We Have Heard on High*  
*King of Kings*  
*Behold Our God*

**Congregational Prayer** Karen Sartell, Elder

**We Are Family**

**Offerings** Ongoing Ministries of Bethel

Children age 3—1st Grade dismissed to Children in Worship

### Message

**“Healing in a World of Dysfunction”**

2 Corinthians 1:3-5

Pastor Mark

**\*Song of Response** *Beautiful Things*

**Parting Blessing** Pastor Mark Brouwer

*\*stand if you are able*

### Come Let Us Pray Together!

We recognize the importance of praying for each other whether it be for a personal concern or a joy that you wish to share. Please feel free to come to the front of the Worship Center after the service and someone with a "Prayer Servant" name tag will pray with you for whatever you would like to hold up to our God.

All prayer matters are kept confidential.

## TODAY'S TEXT

### Praise to the God of All Comfort

<sup>3</sup> Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, <sup>4</sup> who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God.

**2 Corinthians 1:3-4**

**ADVENT** is the season when the Christian church waits in joyful hope to celebrate the Light of the World. It is a time of expectation that directs our hearts and minds to Jesus' first coming to earth in human form as a baby and to his second coming as the King of kings. Purple is the color of preparation and the color of royalty. Its presence during Advent increases our anticipation of the coming King. It is a visual reminder that we wait in hope during Advent.

**TODAY IS THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT — HOPE.** “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a **living hope** through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to obtain an inheritance which is imperishable, undefiled, and will not fade away, reserved in heaven for you ...” 1 Peter 1:3-4



**NEXT SUNDAY WE WILL CELEBRATE THE LORD'S SUPPER:** We invite you to join in a time of joyful, life-changing reflection in preparation for participating in communion. We remember that celebrating the Lord's Supper is a time to reflect on God's grace and a time to ask how we can live in response to God's grace. We invite you to consider the words of Psalm 139: 23, 24 as you prepare, "Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me and lead me in the way everlasting."

**ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING:** On December 15th Bethel will be having its Annual Congregational Meeting following the worship service. All are welcome to attend, however, in order to vote on new elders, deacons, or the budget, you must be a member of Bethel. **There is one elder, Susan Koppendrayer, and two deacons, Brenda Van't Hof and Joel Terpstra up for nomination.** Those retiring from the deacon board are Dorothy Swanson and Gene Finch. Kim Erickson and Rob Braun are retiring from the elder board. Thank you Dorothy, Gene, Kim, and Rob for using your talents/gifts in serving our heavenly Father and Bethel for the last three years!!



If you are unable to attend the Annual Congregational Meeting, pick up an Absentee Ballot on the Information Table. When you have completed the ballot, put your envelope in the Deacons' mailbox.



**RED CROSS BLOODMOBILE:** The need for blood is constant and only volunteer donors can fulfil that need for patients in our community. Nationwide, someone needs a unit of blood every 2-3 seconds and most of us will need blood in our lifetime. The Red Cross will be at Bethel on December 12, 12:20—6:30pm. Please consider donating. There is a link in the email that was sent out from Bethel on December 27th or you can ask Dorothy Swanson to sign you up! Thank you for supporting the American Red Cross Blood program!

This **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5th** at 7:00pm join Thrive and Exodus World Service for an informational webinar as they explain the new refugee resettlement opportunity for U. S. churches called the **Welcome Corps Program**. Look for the links (what the Welcome Corps Program is about and for registration) to be sent out (from Bethel) on Tuesday, December 3rd.



**CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM** is on December 22nd following the Worship Service.



**UPDATE ON THE OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD:** 44 boxes were collected and \$280.00 were collected to help with the cost of shipping the boxes! Thank you to all who filled a box or two, brought supplies to fill boxes, and provided money to help in shipping the boxes!!

**Servant Schedule**

	<b>December 1, 2024</b>	<b>December 8, 2024 Communion</b>
<b>Greeters</b>	Lance & Kim E.	Ralph & Cheryl A.
<b>Advent Candle</b>	Susan K. / Connie B.	Elijah M. / Gabe M.
<b>Congregational Prayer</b>	Karen S., Elder	Charlene B.
<b>CIW Leader</b>	Julie DH #14	Brenda VH #15
<b>CIW Helper</b>	Joel DH	Marly D.
<b>Nursery</b>	Carol VDR / Brittney L.	Heather K. / Arielle S.
<b>Coffee Cafe</b>	Terri B. / Terri T.	Karla L. / Hana H.
<b>PowerPoint</b>	Alissa L.	Christian S.
<b>Second Offering</b>	<b>none</b>	<b>none</b>

**Weekly Calendar**

<b>Sunday, December 1 1st Sunday of Advent</b>	9:30am 10:45am	Worship Service — Pastor Mark Brouwer Sunday School & Q&A
<b>Monday, December 2</b>	7:00pm	Men to Action!
<b>Tuesday, December 3</b>	9:00am 9:30am	Venture Upward School — Ignite Center Coffee Break
<b>Wednesday, December 4</b>	1:00pm 6:30pm	Gathering & Games Ignite Youth Group
<b>Thursday, December 5</b>	7:00pm	Webinar—Welcome Corps Program
<b>Friday, December 6</b>	8:00am	Prayer Group
<b>Saturday, December 7</b>	10:00am 12:00pm	BookTalk BookClub Maker’s Market—Venture Upward School
<b>Sunday, December 8 2nd Sunday of Advent</b>	9:30am 10:45am	Worship Service — Pastor Mark Brouwer Sunday School & Q&A



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**OUR MISSION STATEMENT**

The mission of Bethel Church is to glorify God in worship and our daily living, to evangelize His world, and to connect people to God so that they become part of a Christian community. We will accomplish this through prayer, joyful worship, Biblical training, use of spiritual gifts, Christian fellowship, and outreach in our community.

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**OFFICE HOURS:** (closed Mondays) Tuesday—Friday: 9:00am—2:00pm

**PASTOR** Mark Brouwer **Tues—Fri: 9:00am—5:00pm Sat: 8:00am—12:00pm**

**ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT:** Connie Bartz

**WORSHIP COORDINATOR:** Rebecca Shaw (Wednesdays)