

# Order of Worship

December 8, 2024

Second Sunday of Advent

*\*Song of Praise*                      **Angels From the Realms of Glory**

**Welcome**                                      **Pastor Mark Brouwer**

**Advent Candle**                              **Elijah Morris and Gabe Morris**

*\*Songs of Praise*                      **Hark the Herald Angels Sing**  
**Here I Am to Worship**  
**Great Are You Lord**

**Congregational Prayer**                      **Charlene Brouwer**

**Offering**                                      **Ongoing Ministries of Bethel**

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

### Message

**“Why Study This Gospel?”**

**John 20:30-31**

**Pastor Mark**

**Communion**

*\*Song of Response*                      **My Life is in You, Lord**

**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

### **The Purpose of John’s Gospel**

<sup>30</sup> Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. <sup>31</sup> But these are written that you may believe<sup>[a]</sup> that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

**John 20:30-31**

**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 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT** — **PEACE:** “I give you peace, the kind of peace only I can give. It isn’t like the peace this world can give. So don’t be worried or afraid.” **John 14:27 (CEV)**



**TODAY WE CELEBRATE THE LORD’S SUPPER** – This past week we examined our lives, hearts, and consciences. If you desire to live in faithful obedience before God and in love and peace with your neighbors, please join us in this meal. When we come to the table with true repentance for our sins, believing in Jesus Christ as our Savior, He welcomes us with loving arms to taste His goodness and to participate in the joy of His kingdom. **The communion elements are grape juice and bread; gluten-free wafers are in a cup on the bread tray.**

### **SECOND OFFERING NEXT SUNDAY—GUATEMALA ACTION PROJECT**

**GAP** is gearing up for the 2025 trip! This year’s team will be heading to Guatemala February 15-21, 2025!

**Team members** from Bethel are Brittney Lueck, Kim Erickson, Joel & Julie De Haan, Mark & Terri Baas, and Pastor Mark Brouwer; team members from Pease CRC are Keith and Keri Cook, Paul Peterson, and Jaegar Ash.

**World Renew** has decided to send the team to another area of Guatemala this year. The team will work with an in-country partner called Pop No’j in an area outside **Huehuetenango**, Guatemala. Pop No’j helps Mayan people acquire the knowledge and skills to become healthier and more economically secure and address the underlying effects of unjust systems.



**NEXT SUNDAY IS THE 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 Koppendrayner, 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 listening to God’s calling to serve Him 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.**

**Servant Schedule**

	<b>December 8, 2024 Communion</b>	<b>December 15, 2024</b>
<b>Greeters</b>	Ralph & Cheryl A.	Gumby & Lisa Carman
<b>Advent Candle</b>	Elijah M. / Gabe M.	Genevieve S. / Arielle S.
<b>Congregational Prayer</b>	Charlene B.	Kim E.
<b>CIW Leader</b>	Brenda VH #15	Melissa T.
<b>CIW Helper</b>	Marly D.	Jon VH
<b>Nursery</b>	Heather K. / Arielle S.	Lisa C. Lydia E.
<b>Coffee Cafe</b>	Brunch	Carolyn K. / Marcia K.
<b>PowerPoint</b>	Christian S.	Alissa L.
<b>Second Offering</b>	<b>none</b>	<b>GAP</b>

**Weekly Calendar**

<b>Sunday, December 8 Communion 2nd Sunday of Advent</b>	9:30am 10:45am	Worship Service — Pastor Mark Brouwer Sunday School Brunch following the Worship Service
<b>Tuesday, December 10</b>	9:00am 9:30am	Venture Upward School — Ignite Center Coffee Break
<b>Wednesday, December 11</b>	6:30pm	Ignite Youth Group
<b>Thursday, December 12</b>	12:30pm	Red Cross Bloodmobile
<b>Friday, December 13</b>	8:00am 6:30pm	Prayer Group Family Game Night
<b>Sunday, December 15 3rd Sunday of Advent</b>	9:30am 10:45am 10:50am	Worship Service — Pastor Mark Brouwer Sunday School Annual Congregational Meeting



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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**

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

**ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT:** Connie Bartz