



**Christmas Eve 2024**

**7:00 pm**



Beulah Presbyterian Church  
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**Prelude**

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

Matt Maners, Trumpet  
Johannes Brahms,  
arr. Sue Mitchell-Wallace and John Head

**Welcome and Announcements****Lighting of the Advent Wreath**

Patti and Steve Gionta

We light this candle as a symbol of the hope we have in the promise of the Lord's coming.

For the Lord will fulfill his promise to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. A righteous Branch will spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.

**Come, Lord Jesus, come!**

We light this candle as a symbol of the purity of heart only God can bring. For he shall purify his people like gold and silver, until they shine forth his righteousness.

**Come, Lord Jesus, come!**

We light this candle as a symbol of God's love for us and our love for one another.

For the Lord rejoices over us with gladness, and renews us in his love. He exults over us with singing and turns our shame to praise.

**Come, Lord Jesus, come!**

We light this candle as a symbol of the joy to be found in your kingdom on earth.

For the Lord elevates the lowly, releases the captive, and brings sight to the blind. We rejoice in his justice and mercy, faithful to all generations.

**Come, Lord Jesus, come!**

We light the Christ candle to symbolize God's promise fulfilled.

For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders, and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Glory to God in the highest heaven, and peace to all on whom his favor rests.

**Blessed be the name of the Lord.**

**Introit**

All My Heart Today Rejoices

The Sanctuary Choir  
WARUM SOLLT ICH/Johann Georg Ebeling

### **\*Call to Worship**

Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy.

**To us is born this day in the city of David a Savior, the Messiah, the Lord.**

This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in cloth and lying in a manger.

**Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace!**

Let us go now to Bethlehem.

### **\*Hymn of Praise**

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Hymn no. 31

### **Call to Confession**

#### **Prayer of Confession**

**Almighty God who inhabits eternity but dwells with those who are of a humble and contrite spirit: before you and our Lord Jesus Christ we confess our sins. We have ignored the presence of your Spirit. We have failed to look for the return of our Savior and Judge. We have been blind to your coming in the suffering of the hungry, the exiled, the destitute, the sick, and the imprisoned. In your great goodness put away our offenses and cleanse us from our sin, for Jesus' sake. Amen.**

### **Silent Confession**

### **Declaration of Forgiveness**

### **\*The Peace of Christ**

### **\*Act of Praise**

Angels, from the Realms of Glory

Hymn no. 22

### **Christmas Prayer and the 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.**

### **Anthem**

Hear the Joyful News (from Cantata no. 141)

The Sanctuary Choir

J. S. Bach

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Children's Moment**

**Scripture Readings**

Isaiah 9:2-7

Bible, page 555 (NRSV)

Luke 2:1-14

Bible, pages 832 - 833 (NRSV)

**Sermon**

Rev. Jason Freyer

“A Sign for You”

**\*Hymn of Response**

O Little Town of Bethlehem

Hymn no. 44

**Offertory**

The Sanctuary Choir

How Far Is It to Bethlehem trad. English, arr. Alice Parker and Robert Shaw

**Prayer of Thanksgiving & Dedication**

**The Candle Lighting Service**

**The Christmas Carol**

Silent Night

Hymn no. 60

**Closing Prayer**

*Please turn off candles as the lights come up. As you leave the sanctuary, place the candles in the baskets so they may be used next year.*

**\*Hymn of Dedication**

Joy to the World!

Hymn No. 40

Verses 1-3

**\*Benediction**

**\*Congregational Response**

Joy to the World!

Hymn No. 40

Verse 4

**Postlude**

Angels We Have Heard on High

Matt Maners, trumpet  
GLORIA, arr. Sue Mitchell-Wallace  
and John Head

## **Stay Connected with Beulah Church Throughout the New Year**

We invite you to join us throughout the year for worship, fellowship, and opportunities to grow in understanding of our common faith.

### **Sunday**

9 a.m. Traditional Worship Service

11:15 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service

Christian Education classes for all ages are held at 10:15 a.m. Classes resume January 12. All are welcome!

### **Small Group Studies and Meetings**

**Family Night** Meets weekly on Wednesday 5:15 p.m. for dinner in Fellowship Hall, 6:00 p.m. for children's activities, adult bible study, East End Youth Group, band rehearsal, and choir rehearsal. Resumes in February, watch our social media for an official start date!

**Monday Morning Bible Study** Meets first and third Mondays 10:00 a.m. at Panera in Penn Center. Resumes February 3.

**Exceptional Friends** Adults and teens with differing abilities and neuro diversity. Meets weekly Tuesdays 5:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Resumes February 18.

**Men's Group** Meets weekly Wednesdays 7:30 p.m. in 102. Resumes January 8.

**East End Youth Group** Meets weekly during Family Night Wednesdays 6:00 p.m. in 102.

**Women's Bible Study** Meets weekly Thursdays 9 a.m. in Fireside Room. Resumes January 9.

**Ruth Circle Women's Bible Study** Meets monthly, on the second Monday 11 a.m. in Fireside Room. Resumes January 13.

**Youth Praise Band Workshop** Grades 6th and up meets monthly on the first Sunday 6:30 p.m. in 104 next meeting January 5.

**Evensong** ladies book study meets weekly Thursdays 6:30 p.m. on Zoom. Resumes January 16.

### **Online**

Social Media: join in the conversation online and share about Beulah with your friends in the community! Please follow us on Facebook by searching for Beulah Presbyterian Church.

Visit our website: [www.beulahpresby.org](http://www.beulahpresby.org)

Our worship services are available for live streaming or later viewing on YouTube, <https://www.youtube.com/user/beulahpresby>



# *Poinsettia Acknowledgements*

## *-Memory-*

### **Given by**

Ruth Ann and Mike Adams, with love

Victoria Ball

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Richard, Rhonda, Emma, and Chloe Bishop

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Emmanuel and Augustin Wroblewski

The Wroblewski family- Ray, Lisa, John,

Andrew, Nicole, Emmanuel, and Augustin

### **In Memory of**

Their parents, Ruth L. Rinehart and Helen & Earl Adams

Her brother Charles

Loved ones

Their parents Rochez and Bauer

Janice Bishop

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Loved Ones

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Their parents Eva & Charles Chambers and

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Her parents Nick & Ann and her brother Paul

Her beloved aunts: Helen, Evlyn, Frances,

and Dorothy

Their great grandmother Joyce Wilson Bolanovich

Delores Sciullo

# *Poinsettia Acknowledgements*



## *-Honor-*

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Ruth Ann and Mike Adams, with love

Ramona and Time Bosse  
The Daly-Fraser family  
Dan and Beverly Freyer

Garrett and Kathy Haines  
Mary and Jim Hamilton  
Mike Hamilton  
Susan and Bill Kinchelow  
Ann Turnock

### **In Honor of**

Their children: Annie, Jon, Benjamin, and Anna; and grandchildren: Grace, Aubrie, Rosie, Jonah, and Eli  
Their 9 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren  
Their Beulah Family  
Their grandchildren: Joshua, Julian, Lucy, and Waverly  
Tom Estocin  
Mike, Becky, and their grandsons  
Mary & Jim Hamilton  
Lois & William Quinn  
Her 15 great-nieces and great-nephews

**At the conclusion of the 7:00 p.m. service postlude**, poinsettias may be taken from the Chancel area to be enjoyed at home.

### **Offer Your Musical Gift at Worship**

The Sanctuary Choir rehearses on Wednesday from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., they sing at the 9:00 a.m. service.

Chancel Bells and Embellishments bell choirs rehearse on Thursdays from 1:00 p.m. until 2:30 p.m. As always, our groups are always happy to welcome new and returning friends. Contact Director of Traditional Worship Music Bill Larson for more information.

### **Holiday Office Hours**

The church office will be closed Wednesday, December 25 through Wednesday, January 1, 2025 to celebrate the Christmas and New Year Holidays. Normal hours and operations will resume Thursday, January 2.

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



## Pray and Encourage One Another

Prayer is an expression of our dependence upon God and our interdependence on one another.

Submit prayer requests to [prayerchain@beulahpresby.org](mailto:prayerchain@beulahpresby.org)




## Stay in Touch with Beulah!

### January Office Hours

9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Monday - Thursday

### Visit Us Online

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 [/beulahpresby](https://www.youtube.com/beulahpresby)

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### Weekly Email Newsletter

Check out our weekly email newsletter! Email [sjohnson@beulahpresby.org](mailto:sjohnson@beulahpresby.org) to be added to our email list!

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