

Bethel United Methodist Church

Second Sunday of Advent

December 4, 2022

Pastor Ralph Wrightstone

Music Director: Travis Oaks

Lectionary Scriptures

This Week: Isaiah 11:1-10; Psalm 72:1-7,18-19; Romans 15:4-13; Matthew 3:1-12

Next Week: Isaiah 35:1-10; Luke 1:47-55; James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11

Prelude: "Sing Alleluia to the Lord"

Welcome & Announcements, Birthdays, Anniversaries

***Hymn:** "How Great is Our God" W&S 3003

Lighting Second Advent CandleMark and JoAnn Carlson

***Responsive Call to Worship:** *on opposite page*

***Affirmation of Faith** (Apostle's Creed).....UMH 881

***Gloria Patri**.....UMH 71

Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

***Doxology**.....UMH 95

OT Scripture Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10

Joys, Concerns, Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Message: "Fired Up!"

Scripture: Matthew 3:1-12

Holy Communion

***Hymn:** "You Are My All in All" W&S 3040

***Closing Chorus & Benediction** "Bind Us Together"

**Please stand if able*

Call to Worship

Pastor: Advent is a call to repentance in preparation for Jesus' ministry of salvation.

People: Many of us are baptized Christians. But there is still a need for change in our lives.

Pastor: Jesus comes to baptize us with the Holy Spirit; and that calls for a life style which gives evidence of repentance.

People: We commit ourselves to new life in Christ, assured that he will enable us with the Holy Spirit to live that life.

Prayer of Confession: Our Father, we preserve our certificates of baptism as proof of our allegiance to Christ; but our lives do not show that we have turned from our sins. Forgive us for our superficial loyalty which prevents you from inspiring us with the Holy Spirit. Come to our aid; that we may feel your Spirit strengthening us in the life revealed through Christ our Savior; in whose name we pray. Amen.

Calendar of Events

Today: Second Sunday of Advent, Communion

at 4:00 pm, a Community Carol Sing and fellowship

Christmas Eve: 5:00 pm, a combined Christmas Day and Candlelight service

There will be no service at the church on Christmas Day

All Week: Keep Safe and Pray

Worship, Educational and Outreach Opportunities

Today *Interactive Online Service thru link on Bethel Web Site, Service page*

Prayer Concerns

Bethel UMC, The UMC, Our Country, all of those affected by the Hurricanes, those in Military Service, Police, Fire, EMS first responders, Healthcare professionals and home caregivers, Teachers, Students; Pastor Ralph & Judy Wrightstone; Kathie & Al Adams; Lexie Allen; Ellanore Goater; Ken Hirsekorn; Carol Koski; Nan Lindsey; William McCloud; Travis and Tina Oaks, the Oaks family, Pat Singletary; Sandra Willis, Lon & Lucy Wright

Please use a prayer request form, in the narthex, to submit requests for adding to the Prayer Concerns in the worship bulletin

Devotionals: *The Upper Room* and *Our Daily Bread* are daily devotional booklets that are available in the Narthex. Please take one or both and enjoy!

Bethel Website: <http://www.bethelumctlh.org>

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Recordings of sermons or services are available on CD by request

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1940's



1960's



Today

The History of Bethel UMC

The earliest historical record of Bethel Methodist Church is that in August of 1834, a campmeeting was held on the banks of Bethel Pond. Church meetings were held in neighborhood homes following this. In good weather brush arbors provided meeting places for these early worshipers. Later, services were held in a small log schoolhouse about a mile north of the present church.

On March 17, 1847, Joseph and Thirza Hale deeded two acres of land to the Methodist Episcopal Church with the provision that Bethel Meeting House be built in the center of the two acres. A small frame church with wooden shutters was built where our Sunday School rooms are today.

In 1909 the congregation started building the present sanctuary. The church building was originally roofed with wooden shingles. The windows contain the original panes with the imperfections of early glass. The interior of the church was not completed until 1947. The narthex was added in 1970 and the steeple in 1972.

The furniture in the Church constitutes one of the most interesting parts of its history. The Pulpit was used by Bishop Joshua Soule on February 6, 1845 when he convened the first Florida Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in Trinity Methodist Church, Tallahassee, Florida. Trinity gave the pulpit to Bethel Church circa 1895. The chancel rail, communion table and two of the pulpit chairs were part of Trinity Church during the 1800's and were given to Bethel in 1946. The larger pulpit chair was a gift of John Sullivan, friend of our Church.

(history prepared for bulletin cover by Thelma Royce, church historian)

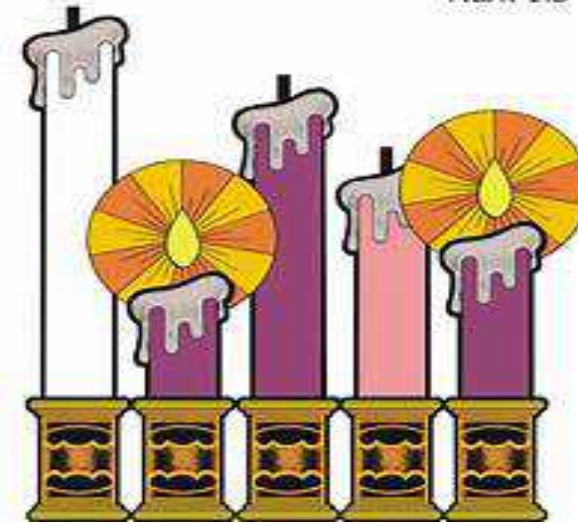


"Surely the Lord is in this place! This is none other than the house of God" Genesis 28:16

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PREPARATION

The voice of one crying out in
the wilderness:
"Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight."
Mark 1:3



Established 1834

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**"Seeking The Life In Grace As The Way of Life"
Welcome home!**