

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Preaching Pastor: Rev. Anjanette Bandel

Worship Leaders: Rev. Michael Mandsager & Rev. Lisa Hawe

Minister of Music & Worship: Brock Besse

Organist: Jim Bahler (3 pm & 4:30 pm) | Brock Besse (6 pm)

Sign Language Interpreter: Becky Wulff (4:30 pm)

Bible Readings' Lectors:

3 pm: Bill Shea; 4:30 pm: Sue Christian; 6 pm: Judy Gittus

Christmas Story Lectors:

3 pm: Tristan Narr; 4:30 pm: Joren Solak; 6 pm: Carter Swanson

Holy Family: 3 pm: To be announced

4:30 pm: Tim, Sabina, & Brooks Bouquet

6 pm: Michael, Megan & Thomas Symanietz

Music: 3 pm: Bethel Ringers, Blessings, Chancel Choir, Cherubs

4:30 pm: Bethel Ringers, Bethel Brass, Gary Thorn

6 pm: Merle Savage, Sing for Joy, Judy Gittus



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Christmas: EMBODIED PROMISE!

THE WILL TO
DREAM

Christmas Eve
WORSHIP

3 pm, 4:30 pm & 6 pm



CHRISTMAS: EMBODIED PROMISE!

Gathered around the Good News of Jesus’ birth we have been given a promise of forgiveness, life and salvation. This embodied promise comes to us in ways that defy expectations: as a fragile baby, not a trampling warrior; birthed in a stable, not a palace; born in the quiet stillness of night. May our time of worship teach us to look for this embodied promise in the tender things that make for peace. Helping to make our hearts soft and our spirits generous, living the way of Christ, born to you and all people this holy night. Merry Christmas!

Prelude	“A Christmas Medley”	Organ
Welcome		
Call to Worship		(Words on screen)
Gathering Hymn	“O Come, All Ye Faithful”	ELW 283, vs. 1-3
Lighting of the Advent Candles and Christ Candle		
Special Music	“Gotta Whisper, Gotta Shout”	Blessings (3 pm)
Hymn	“O Little Town of Bethlehem”	ELW 279, vs. 1 & 2 (4:30 & 6 pm)
Greeting		
Prayer of the Day		
Special Music	“Ring Noel”	Bethel Ringers (3 & 4:30 pm)
	“Calypso Lullaby”	Merle Savage (6 pm)
Bible Reading	Isaiah 9:2-7	
Special Music	“Christmas Bells”	Cherubs (3 pm)
	“Jeg er sa glad”	Bethel Brass (4:30 pm)
	“Angels We Have Heard on High”	Sing for Joy (6 pm)
Children’s Carol	“Away in a Manger”	ELW 277, vs. 1-2
Children’s Word	This Will Be a Sign for You!	

Children’s Carol	“Away in a Manger”	ELW 277, vs. 3
Offering	“A Blessed Messiah Born”	Blessings (3 pm)
	“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”	ELW 288 (4:30 & 6 pm)
	Congregational Singing	
	“It Came upon the Midnight Clear”	ELW 282 (4:30 & 6 pm)
	Congregational Singing	
<i>The offerings will be distributed to Channel One Regional Food Bank and The Salvation Army.</i>		
Offering Response	“What Child is This?”	ELW 296, vs. 3
Offering Prayer		
Special Music	“Born on Christmas Day”	Chancel Choir (3 pm)
	“O Holy Night”	Gary Thorn (4:30 pm)
	“Breath of Heaven”	Judy Gittus (6 pm)
Gospel	Luke 2:19	
Sermon	Pondering a Dream	
Hymn of the Day	“Angels We Have Heard On High”	ELW 289, vs. 1, 3
Prayers of Intercession		
The Lord’s Prayer		
Christmas Story	Luke 2:1-20	
Song	“Silent Night”	ELW 281, vs. 1, 3
Prayer		
Blessing		
Hymn	“Joy to the World”	ELW 266, vs. 1-2
Dismissal		
Postlude	“Christmas Favorites”	Organ