

**HOPE**  
(mobile liturgy)  
***First Sunday in Advent***  
**November 28, 2021**

**Sabbath**

1. Sabbath breaks our normal routines inviting us to wait on the Spirit.
2. Sabbath frames the time and place where we are as sacred moments and holy ground.
3. Sabbath sits with our inner noises so as to silence or attend to them.
4. Sabbath opens the Scriptures, trusts the Spirit, and dwells in community.
5. Sabbath abides in the prayers, prose, and poetry of our common faith.
6. Sabbath offers our soul, body, and mind to God. Sabbath is not consumptive.
7. Sabbath sends us out into the world to build God's kin-dom!

**GATHERING**

Come and center yourself in worship by praying:

**Holy God, help us to be present in worship this day even as You are present. Amen.**

**OPENING PRAYER**

Take a moment to acknowledge God's presence in the space around you. Frame your space for worship. Light a candle, take a deep breath, make an impromptu altar! After claiming the space around you for worship, we invite you to pray:

**God of Advent hope, we come to this place seeking your peace.  
May it be so. Amen.**

**PASSING THE PEACE**    Know that the peace of Christ is with you wherever you are.

Music engages our minds, hearts, and bodies in ways of worship that words alone might not. Sing where you are, join our livestream, or sing along with another song of praise.

**ANTHEM**

*Do Not Find Me Sleeping*                      Martin/Anna Laura Paige  
Do not find me sleeping, Lord, when the Christ-child comes to Earth.  
    Make me like a shepherd boy on the evening of His birth.  
    Prepare my ears so I can hear the gentle rush of wings.  
Do not find me sleeping, Lord, when the angels start to sing.  
Do not find me sleeping, Lord, when the Christ-child comes tonight.  
    Make me like an eastern king who searches evening skies.  
    Prepare my eyes so I can see the promise in the sign.  
Do not find me sleeping, Lord, when the star begins to shine.  
Do not find me sleeping, Lord, when the Christ-child comes to call.  
    Make me like the one who shares a simple cattle stall.  
    Prepare my heart so I can hold the savior safe within.  
I will not be sleeping, Lord, I will let the Savior in. I will let Him in.

**SCRIPTURE**

Jeremiah 33:14-16

The time is coming, declares the Lord, when I will fulfill my gracious promise with the people of Israel and Judah. In those days and at that time, I will raise up a righteous branch from David's line, who will do what is just and right in the land. In those days, Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is what he will be called: The Lord Is Our Righteousness.

**This is the word of God for the people of God.**

**Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

- Join the [live stream](#) on [Facebook](#).
- Download an audio recording of the sermon at [belmontumc.org/worship/past-sunday-sermons](http://belmontumc.org/worship/past-sunday-sermons)
- Download a draft of the sermon manuscript at [belmontumc.org/worship/past-sunday-sermons](http://belmontumc.org/worship/past-sunday-sermons)

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

- What joys or heartaches do you need to lift to God?
- What is God calling you to do?

(You can let us know of particular prayer concerns or joys by emailing [contactus@belmontumc.org](mailto:contactus@belmontumc.org))

Let us join with Christians across the world praying the prayer Jesus taught us:

**Our Father (Creator, Mother, Holy Parent, Holy One),  
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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass 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.**

## OFFERING

The offering of ourselves to God and one another is an essential part of any worship service. We respond to God's generous grace by giving ourselves to God's kin-dom on earth as in heaven. You can give by mailing a check to the church (Box 120098, Nashville, 37212), giving online at [belmontumc.org/give](http://belmontumc.org/give), or by texting BELMONT to 73256.

The offering reminds us that we give ourselves to God. How will you give yourself to God's kin-dom this week?

## BENEDICTION

**Holy God of Bethlehem,**

**help us to keep awake and be ready for your birth in our world and in our hearts.**

**Amen.**