

WELCOME

Emma Bushong

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

PRELUDE*O Day of Peace (JERUSALEM)*Parry/Callahan
Robbie Jones, organist**SIGNIFICANCE OF THE COLORS**

Mark 1

CALL TO WORSHIP*A Shoot Shall Come Forth*

Richard Horn

A shoot shall come forth out of Jesse, and a bud shall grow out of his roots.
The spirit of life shall be with him, the spirit of wisdom and truth.
Then the lamb shall lie down with the leopard, and the lion eat straw with the ox,
for the hand of a Child shall lead them to the peaceable kingdom of God.

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH CANDLE

Matthew 5:14-16

The prophets invite us to join God's blessed community.
Longing for peace, we strive to love our neighbors and ourselves.
The kin-dom brings peace in hearts, community, and the world.
**O Holy God of Bethlehem, help us to keep awake and be ready for your birth
in our world and in our hearts. Amen.**

†**HYMN NO. 209***Blessed Be the God of Israel*

MERLE'S TUNE

**Blessed be the God of Israel, who comes to set us free;
who visits and redeems us, and grants us liberty.
The prophets spoke of mercy, of freedom and release;
God shall fulfill the promise to bring our people peace.**

**Now from the house of David a child of grace has given;
a Savior comes among us to raise us up to heaven.
Before him goes the herald, forerunner in the way,
the prophet of salvation, the harbinger of day.**

**On prisoners of darkness the sun begins to rise,
the dawning of forgiveness upon the sinner's eyes,
to guide the feet of pilgrims along the paths of peace;
O bless our God and Savior with songs that never cease!**

†**PASSING THE PEACE****ANTHEM***I Was Glad*

C. Hubert H. Parry

I was glad when they said unto me, 'We will go into the house of the Lord!'
Our feet shall stand in thy gates, O Jerusalem.
Jerusalem is builded as a city that is at unity in itself.
O pray for the peace of Jerusalem: 'they shall prosper that love thee,
Peace be within thy walls, and plenteousness, within thy palaces.'

NATIVITY SCENE

Luke 2

**O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie;
above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light;
the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.**

POINSETTIA

Matthew 6

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 122
Isaiah 2:1-5

Kate Fields

This is the word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

REFLECTION

Songs of Peace

Paul Purdue

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Ingrid McIntyre

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 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

Watchman, Tell Us of the Night

arr. Carol McClure
Alice Cramer, harpist

Please register your attendance in the pew pad or with the QR code.

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†DOXOLOGY

HYFRYDOL

**Longing for a hope to live by, yearning for a peace that's fair.
Wanting joy that ends all outcry, wanting love to banish fear.
We bring gifts to set before you, trusting that your advent brings
life in all abundant fullness, hope that soars on eagle's wings.**

†THE EVERGREENS

Isaiah 60:13

†HYMN NO. 729

O Day of Peace That Dimly Shines

JERUSALEM

**O day of peace that dimly shines through all our hopes and prayers and dreams,
guide us to justice, truth, and love, delivered from our selfish schemes.
May swords of hate fall from our hands, our hearts from envy find release,
till by God's grace our waring world shall see Christ's promised reign of peace.**

**Then shall the wolf dwell with the lamb, nor shall the fierce devour the small;
as beasts and cattle calmly graze, a little child did shall lead them all.
Then enemies shall learn to love, all creatures find their true accord;
the hope of peace shall be fulfilled, for all the earth shall know the Lord.**

†RECESSIONAL

Choral Prelude on WACHET AUF

Max Reger

†HANGING THE GREENS

How shall we prepare this house for the birth of Jesus?

With branches of cedar, the tree of excellence and strength.

How shall we prepare this house for the eternal Christ?

With garlands of pine and fir, whose leaves are ever living, ever green.

How shall we prepare this house for the prophet of Galilee?

With wreaths of holly and ivy, telling of his passion, death and resurrection.

How shall we prepare our hearts for this revelation of God?

By hearing again the words of the prophets and the promises of God.

For in the story of Jesus we see revealed the transforming power of God.

We are reminded anew of God's vision of wholeness, justice, and peace for all of creation.

Thanks be to God.

†**CHORAL BLESSING**

Keep Your Lamps

André Thomas

†**BENEDICTION**

ADDITIONAL WORSHIP LEADERS

Robbie Jones, organist

Sanctuary Choir

Gayle Sullivan, Director of Music Ministry

Beth Womack, Jim Strickland, readers

Emma and Lillian Weiler, Nativity bearers

Liturgy selected by Gayle Sullivan.

***Wreaths used to adorn Belmont UMC's exterior doors
are given:***

In memory of:

Bill Barnes
Becky Lou Bowers

Gordon Brown
Charlie
Nick Crichton
Jim Folk
Virginia & Harry Phillips
Ethel & John Robinson
Aileen Rogers
Dorothy & Danforth Ross
Gil Shumaker & David Shumaker
Larry Taylor
Daly Thompson
Louise White
Nancy & Don Whitehouse

In honor of:

Paul Franklyn
Ann Hagler
Eleanor Kennedy
Seekers Class

By:

Brenda Barnes
Christy Thomas, Joseph Bowers,
Jessica Bowers, Catherine Sakarapanee
Carol Brown
Barnhizer family
Mary Crichton
Cathy Folk
Martha & Jim Robinson
Martha & Jim Robinson
Janet Stewart
Eleanor & John Kennedy
Shumaker family
Betty Jane Taylor
Carolyn Primm
Raholanda White & family
Donna, Grace, & Jordan Whitehouse

By:

Mary Beth Franklyn
Frank Moore
Susan Bradford
Kim & Reneé Cannon

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR NOVEMBER 27

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Joys and concerns

Memorials

DAVID SHUMAKER

Donor:

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Mary Ann Macmillan

JOE MONTGOMERY

Donor:

Ed Harris

Christmas Miracle Offering



COMMUNITY CARE
FELLOWSHIP

This year's Christmas Miracle Offering will support Community Care Fellowship (CCF), which works to meet the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of the unhoused in Nashville. Since its founding 40 years ago, it has grown to serve the needs of more than 2000 people in three sites near homeless encampments in Nashville: one in Madison, one in east Nashville near the James Cayce Homes, and one in West Nashville. CCF also runs the Dare to Dream Child Development Center.

To learn more about CCF's multi-level program, go to belmontumc.org/CCF. You can donate online at onrealm.org/BelmontUMC/give/Christmas or text "BELMONT CHRISTMAS" to 73256 to give using your mobile device. This number will never send unsolicited texts to you. To cancel further messages, text STOP. If you need assistance with text giving, text HELP. Standard text message and data rates may apply.

Advent Family Craft Night next Sunday

Make plans to attend Belmont UMC's annual Advent Family Craft Night on Sunday, December 4, at 5:30pm in the Community Center. As we advent (wait) for Christ, we will center ourselves by making beautiful crafts. Advent Family Craft Night is open to any age - kids, parents, caregivers, and grandparents are all welcome. Make crafts as you snap pictures and store up warm feelings about Christmas.

Pizza will be provided by the youth under the tent. Donations are requested to cover the cost, and proceeds will go toward the youth scholarship fund. If you are a crafty person and willing to volunteer to host a crafts table, contact Pastor Kate (kate@belmontumc.org).

Please note that there will not be childcare offered for this event as families are encouraged to attend together.

Save the date for these upcoming music events

Be sure to save the dates for these musical events hosted by Belmont UMC's music ministry: Sunday, December 11, at 6:00pm - Feast of Lights and Carol Service in the sanctuary; Thursday, December 15, at 7:00 - Belmont UMC's combined bell choirs concert in the sanctuary; and Sunday, December 18, at 2:30pm - Amanda Dembiec's piano concert in the sanctuary.

E. E. Cummings and the joyful poetry of Advent begins this week

This Wednesday, November 30, and on December 7 and 14, join us at 6:00pm in room 124 or via Zoom for a special Advent devotional. Biblical texts and the poetry of E. E. Cummings will call us to keep awake, watch, and wait for God to arrive on Christmas morning. All you'll need is your favorite Bible and Cummings' "Complete Poems" (all the poems referenced in the

devotional can also be found online). Week by week, simple candlelight services and weekly practices will help us read, reflect, sing, and prepare – all for the sake of deepening the joys of the season.

If you'd like to participate, please contact Pastor Heather (heather@belmontumc.org) to receive the guide and Zoom access information.

H.E.R.O. Navigator Program

Our fall H.E.R.O. program was a great success, and we were able to help 10 families and over 20 children. Many thanks to everyone who participated! Stay tuned for more H.E.R.O. service opportunities coming in the spring. To learn more about this program, go to mnps.org/students-families/services/HERO.



Baptism

Olivia Grace Ruhland, daughter of Maggie and Dennis Ruhland, sister of Connor, granddaughter of Anne and Rick Hoback, great-granddaughter of Anne Hooper, niece of Jane, Lowavia, John, and cousin of Shelby, Shayna, Hannah, Skyler, Stephanie, and Aurora, received the sacrament of Holy Baptism on November 20, 2022.

Zoom meeting requests

If your Sunday school class, committee, or other small group needs to set up a Zoom meeting, please contact Angie Slade (angie@belmontumc.org) to set up the meeting and send you the Zoom link to distribute to your group.

THIS WEEK AT BELMONT UMC

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27

- 8:10am Worship with Communion, chapel/Facebook live
- 8:45am Children's Chimes, 226
- 9:15am Adult, youth, and children's Sunday school, various rooms
- 10:30am Worship, sanctuary/Facebook live
- 1:30pm Carillon Ringers, 226
- 2:30pm Sunday CD group, Zoom
- 3:30pm Wesley Ringers rehearsal, 226
- 4:30pm Open Door Singers rehearsal, choir room
- 5:30pm United Methodist Youth, Community Center

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28

- 5:00pm Outreach Team, Zoom

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29

- 6:00pm Executive Committee, Zoom

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30

- 10:00am Lectio Divina, Zoom
- 5:00pm Wednesday night meal, Community Center and tent
- 6:00pm The joyful poetry of Advent, Parker Hall
- 6:00pm Adult connection space, Iris Room
- 6:00pm Children's choirs, Faith Finders hall
- 6:00pm Gentle yoga, Zoom
- 6:00pm Youth Midweek, 3rd floor
- 7:00pm Sanctuary Choir rehearsal, choir room

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1

- 8:00am Women's Centering Prayer, 223/Zoom
- 1:00pm Celebration Ringers rehearsal, 226

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2

- 5:00pm Room in the Inn, Community Center

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Email angie@belmontumc.org to sign up for our weekly "Upcoming Events" and "Belmont News" emails.

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We believe every person is of sacred worth and created in God’s image. We commit to Jesus’ example of inclusive love, care, and intentional hospitality with persons of every race, ethnicity, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, marital status, faith story, physical or mental ability, economic status, or political perspective.

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