

**Bethany Memorial Church
(Disciples of Christ)
December 27, 2020
First Sunday of Christmas**

**Prelude
Welcome
Announcements**

Vicki NeCastro
Vonnie Larson

WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Vonnie Larson

HYMN OF PRAISE: #167 vv. 1,3

"Go Tell It on the Mountain"

Go, tell it on the mountain,
Over the hills and everywhere;
Go, tell it on the mountain,
That Jesus Christ is born.

While shepherds kept their watching
O'er silent flocks by night,
Behold throughout the heavens
There shown a holy light.

Go, tell it on the mountain,
Over the hills and everywhere;
Go, tell it on the mountain,
That Jesus Christ is born.

Down in a lowly manger
The humble Christ was born,
And God sent us salvation
That blessed Christmas morn.

Go, tell it on the mountain,
Over the hills and everywhere;
Go, tell it on the mountain,
That Jesus Christ is born.

INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Vonnie Larson

*Our Father/Mother 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 debts as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. AMEN.*

PASSING OF THE PEACE

L: The peace of Christ be with you.

P: And, also with you.

THE WORD IN OUR MIDST

JOYS AND CONCERNS PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Sharon Watkins

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 10:61-62:3

Vonnie Larson

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD,
my whole being shall exult in my God;
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.
For as the earth brings forth its shoots,
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,
so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise
to spring up before all the nations.

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,
and her salvation like a burning torch.
The nations shall see your vindication,
and all the kings your glory;
and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the LORD will give.
You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Vicki NeCastro

SERMON

Rev. Watkins

"Go Tell It on the Mountain"

WE PARTAKE AT GOD'S HOLY TABLE

CALL TO OFFERING

Vonnie Larson

DOXOLOGY AND OFFERING PRAYER

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts:
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost.*

COMMUNION INVITATION

Connie McVicar

THE THANKSGIVING PRAYER OF THE ELDER

Connie McVicar

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

FELLOWSHIP OF COMMUNION

Please partake of the bread and cup – one in the Spirit.

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

GOING FORTH TO SERVE

CLOSING HYMN: #143 vv. 1,3

"Joy to the World"

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King!
Let every heart prepare him room,
And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of his righteousness,
And wonders of his love,
And wonders of his love,
And wonders, wonders of his love.

**BENEDICTION
POSTLUDE**

Rev. Watkins
Vicki NeCastro

Thank you for worshipping with us today!

Minister
Liturgist
Elder
Music

Videographer

Rev. Dr. Sharon Watkins
Vonnie Larson
Connie McVicar
Vicki NeCastro
Brenda Hart
Connie McVicar

PRAYER LIST

Jean McVicar, mother-in-law of Connie McVicar
Brittany Smurthwaite, daughter of Susan Smurthwaite
Chris Smurthwaite
Grandchildren of Susan Smurthwaite
Gary and Vonnie Larson
Ashley Pietrangelo, niece of Penny Tittle
Mark and Donna Sutherland, brother and sister-in-law of Pat Sutherland
Shana Hatzopoulos and Nicolas Hatzopoulos
Lynn Cowell, brother of Shirley Kemp
Nancy Pietrangelo (sister of Penny Tittle)
Jackie Andrews
Mike Gostlin, son-in-law of Larry and Carol Grimes (husband to Becca)
Jeanne Cobb
David Gnatek (brother-in-law of Holly Hillgardner)
Tammy Ritchea
Ruth Tye, Jeannie Sarg Tye, and Jay Tye
Jack Hoffman
Ned George (father of David) and family
Perry Jones, Jr.
Jeffrey Yost
Sharon Poyneer (sister of Vonnie Larson)
Caden Knisley
Ellen Sanford
Mary Jane Jackson
Holly, Frank, and Sharley Hillgardner
Donna Norman (Becky Ayers' sister)
Dottie Smith
Linda Owens Walter

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **Wheeling Freeze Shelter**, administered by Youth Services System is open from December 15 through March 15 for people who are unhoused. They are in need of **personal hygiene items** and **cold weather gear**. They can also use **diapers, formula, and towels**. Please bring your donations to the church or call and we will pick them up. We plan to make a delivery to the shelter sometime this month.

There will be no Bible Study or Mid-Week Prayer meeting this coming week. Do not take this as meaning you cannot pray or study the Bible!

There are students at Bethany College who are likely to return in January without appropriate outer wear. **The Dean of Students office is asking for donations of new, warm, winter coats, etc. to help needy students.** Coats can be dropped off at Student Life or hung on the rack outside of student life. New coats, gloves, and hats in all sizes are welcome. If you prefer, items can be dropped off at the church and we will deliver them to the Student Life office. Call the church office if you would like to make arrangements for your donations.

Due to the "red zone" status of Brooke County, **Bethany Memorial Church is no longer open for in-house worship on Sunday mornings.** Please join us on Facebook Live at 10:45 am each Sunday for services.