

## Final Blessing

## Closing Carol

#246 “Joy to the World (reprise)”

Pastor Julie Wilson

Red Hymnal  
Sue Poullette, Organ

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,  
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and heaven, and heaven, and nature sing.

## Closing Music

“Song of Joy”  
(Christopher Boodle)  
“Joy to the World”

(Settings by David Cherwien, Fred Bock)

Sue Poullette, Organ

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## Upcoming Sermon Series

This January our sermon series will focus on joy and peace in relationships. It promises to be both fun and deeply meaningful as we explore the joy and challenge of being peacemakers. This series will emphasize how God calls us to get along with others, spread joy, and build peaceful relationships.

## Love and Laughter—December 29th

**Sunday morning worship at 10:00 am** — This all-ages service of lessons and laughter interweaves joy and playfulness with scripture readings as we celebrate the holy joy of this season. This service will invite worshipers to connect, sing, laugh, and relish in the angel's promise that Christ brings joy to the world.

## Puzzle Tournament

Save the date: Sunday, February 2, 1:30 - 3:30 pm. Mark your calendars for Bethany's first jigsaw puzzle competition! Teams of four will race to see who can finish a 500-piece puzzle the fastest. If speed puzzling is not your jam, you will enjoy the casual puzzling tables and can drop off or pick up gently-used puzzles at the Swap Table. Light refreshments and door prizes will round out the event. Registration details coming soon!

## About Bethany

### Keep in Touch

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Tuesday, December 24, 2024  
4:30 pm



## Welcome

We are honored you chose to worship with us today.  
To learn more about the life of the church, visit our website: [BethanyMadison.org](http://BethanyMadison.org)

## Bethany's Vision for the World

Every person feels, knows, and shares God's love.

## Gathering Music

Sue Poullette, Organist

### “On Christmas Night All Christians Sing”

(Traditional English carol, arr. David Paxton, Raymond Harris)

### “Shepherd's Noel”

(English carol, arr. J. Wayne Kerr)

### “Angels and Shepherds”

(Czechoslovakian carol, arr. Patricia Harris)

### “He Is Born”

(French carol, arr. Robert J. Powell)

### “It Came Upon a Midnight Clear”

(arr. David Cherwien)

## Welcome!

Pastor Julie

We believe all people are recipients of God's love and grace, and that God intends the church to be a community that embodies love, grace, and justice for all people. We celebrate God's gift of diversity and value the wholeness made possible in community equally shared and shepherded by all. We welcome and affirm people of every gender identity, gender expression, and sexual orientation, who are also of every age, race, ethnicity, physical and mental ability, level of education, family structure, and of every economic, immigration, marital, social status, and so much more. Everyone is welcome!

**Call to Worship \***

Leader: In those days,  
 in the beginning,  
 Joseph and Mary traveled to Bethlehem.  
 He was to be registered,  
 and she was expecting a child.  
 The time came for Mary to give birth,  
 so she delivered her child,  
 wrapped him in bands of cloth  
 and laid him in a manger.

**People: And the angels sang,**

**“Glory to God in the highest heaven,  
 and on earth, peace to all whom God favors.”**

Leader: Let us worship our with-us God.

**People: Let us sing songs of praise!**

*Deacon Kory Douglass*

**Carol**

**#234 “O Come, All Ye Faithful” (v 1-4)**

Red Hymnal  
*Sue Poullette, Organ*

**Lighting the Advent Wreath & Children’s Message**

*Pastor Julie Wilson & Lisa Weaver  
 (Children are invited to come forward)*

**Special Music**

**“Mary Had a Baby”**  
 American Spiritual

*Kathy Mohs, Erin McConnell  
 Evan Lange, Piano*

**Christmas Poem \***

*Pastor Julie Wilson*

**Scripture (Isaiah 9:2-7) CEB**

*Deacon Kory Douglass*

**Carol**

**#240 “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”**

Red Hymnal  
*Sue Poullette, Organ*

**Scripture Reading**

**Luke 2:1-7 (CEB)  
 Luke 2:8-14 (CEB)  
 Luke 2:15-20 (CEB)**

*Avery Saddler  
 Adeline Fox  
 Bohdi O’Rourke*

**Special Music**

**“Christmas Lullaby”**  
*By Jason Robert Brown*

*Erin McConnell, Soloist  
 Evan Lange, Piano*

**Message**

**“Love Knows Your Name”**

*Pastor Julie Wilson*

**Carol**

**#246 “Joy to the World”**  
*(All children join with bells)*

Red Hymnal  
*Sue Poullette, Organ*

**Offering**

Tonight’s offering will go to the support of the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) Disaster Response fund. All donations made to this fund go directly to disaster relief.



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**Special Music**

**“On Christmas Night”**  
 By MD Ridge & Steven Ottományi

*Chancel Choir  
 Evan Lange, Piano*

**Prayer**

*Deacon Kory Douglass*

**Lighting of Candles**

**#239 “Silent Night”**

Red Hymnal  
*Sue Poullette, Organ; Evan Lange, Piano*

*The Pastor will give light to the ushers who will pass the light to the congregation.  
 Please keep lighted candles upright.*

Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright  
 Round yon virgin mother and child. Holy infant so tender and mild,  
 Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night, shepherds quake at the sight;  
 Glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing Alleluia!  
 Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born!

Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love’s pure light;  
 Radiant beams from thy holy face with the dawn of redeeming grace,  
 Jesus, Lord, at thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

Silent night, holy night, wondrous star, lend thy light;  
 With the angels let us sing, Alleluia to our King;  
 Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born!