



BETHANY CHRISTIAN CHURCH

(Disciples of Christ)

“Where Blessings Happen”

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LOVING *God.* **LIVING** *for Christ.* **LISTENING** *to God's Spirit.*

December 6, 2020

10:45 a.m.

THE GATHERING TIME

"Please enter the sanctuary in reverence and prayer and leave
it with joy and fellowship."

RINGING OF THE CHIMES- 10:40- a.m.

Seat Arrivals (Front to Back)

THE PRELUDE

Ruth Crenshaw

THE WELCOME AND CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Please fill out the welcome sheet and place in the offering plate when passed.

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

† THE CALL TO WORSHIP

L: When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation,

C: and take me home,

what joy shall fill my heart.

L: Then I shall bow in humble adoration,

C: and there proclaim,

my God, how great thou art!

L: Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee;

C: how great thou art, how great thou art!

† THE INVOCATION

Our God and Savior, we prepare ourselves now for Your coming among us. With gladdened hearts and opened minds, we await Your enlightenment of us. In anticipation, we praise You from the depths of our hearts and sound our alleluias to You. O come among us, now,

and lift us into the euphoria of Your presence and Your adoration. This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

WORSHIP THROUGH PRAYER

THE CALL TO PRAYER

Silent Prayers

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer (using "debts" and "debtors")

SPECIAL MUSIC

WORSHIP THROUGH MEDITATION

† THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 1:1-8 NIV

THE SERMON

Getting Ready

Pastor Bob Arnold

WORSHIP THROUGH DECISION AND DEDICATION

† THE INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

MUSICAL OFFERTORY

HEALING MINISTRY

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

THE STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

WORSHIP THOUGH COMMUNION

† THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

In unison: “I believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God, and my Savior.”

THE COMMUNION MEDITATION

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE COMMUNION PRAYER

RECEIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

(All believers in Jesus, the Christ, are welcome to share in the Lord’s Supper.)

Please carry all used cups and wrappers out of the sanctuary. There will be two trash bins on either side of the sanctuary exit.

† THE BENEDICTION

† RECESSIONAL (Back to Front)

† THE POSTLUDE

† Please stand as you are able

STAFF & VOLUNTEERS

SENIOR PASTOR: Rev. Robert Arnold

ORGANIST: Ruth Crenshaw

AUDIO: William See

OFFICE MANAGER: Samantha Flores

SUNDAY DAYCARE: Laura Perez, Lupe Diaz

PIANIST: Anna Longo

VIDEO: Ken Blystone

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRIES: Chris Marquez

LAST SUNDAY RECAP

Attendance:

Tithes and Offerings:

Kitchen Remodeling Fund:

Total:

Bible Study Zoom Class

Pastor Bob’s Zoom Bible Study class is held on **Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.**

Social Distance

We ask everyone to please social distance before, during, and after service, while in the building.

Love Comes Down, Even When COVID-19 Is Around!

Normally we would be sharing with the congregation the shoes (colors, types, sizes) for each child who will be spending Christmas 2020 in the YWCA Transitional Living Center, a live-in facility for women who are experiencing domestic violence, and their children. However, to make certain that no-one gets COVID while shopping, instead this year we are going to give money to the TLC and they will order the shoes and have them sent directly to the TLC facility.

We would appreciate all donations, to help make the childrens' Christmas brighter and happier. Checks should be made out to Bethany Christian Church with a note "for the TLC Project." You can contact Sandra Blystone for more information.

Church Office

The office will be **closed December 4th & 7th.**

Social-Distance Christmas Eve

We are hoping to be able to offer socially-distanced Christmas Eve this year. Accordingly, we are tentatively offering two services 3:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m., Please call the office to reserve a place at the one you would like to attend, along with how many people will join you.

PRAYER CONCERNS

*"If one member suffers, we all suffer together. If one member is honored, we all rejoice together."
(1Corinthians 12:26)*

Week Ending December 5

Bill Baldwin
(Larry & Bonnie Baldwin's son)

Gloria Holguin

Dan Blystone
(Ken & Sandra Blystone's nephew)

Carol Hollshwandner

Peggy Knapp
(Lola Mae Perry's cousin)

Giovanna Arnold

Rob Frantz
(Northgate Christian Church's Pastor)

Week Ending November 28

Bill Baldwin
(Larry & Bonnie Baldwin's son)

Gloria Holguin

Dan Blystone
(Ken & Sandra Blystone's nephew)

Donna Buckman

Jim
(Martha Morris's son)

Carol Hollshwandner

Cornelia Ford

Peggy Knapp
(Lola Mae Perry's cousin)

Wanda Gibbons

Week Ending November 21

Bill Baldwin
(Larry & Bonnie Baldwin's son)

Gloria Holguin

Dan Blystone
(Ken & Sandra Blystone's nephew)

Donna Buckman

Jim
(Martha Morris's son)

Carol Hollshwandner

Cornelia Ford

Peggy Knapp
(Lola Mae Perry's cousin)

Wanda Gibbons

Our Homebound and in Care Facilities:

Alice McBee, Marvin Morris,
Carol Hollshwandner

WEEKLY CALENDAR

November 29- December 5, 2020

SUNDAY:

Sunday Daycare	No Meeting
Sunday School (adults)	No Meeting
Morning Worship	No Service
Sun City bell Ringers	No Meeting

MONDAY

Office	Closed
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TUESDAY

ACOA

WEDNESDAY

Gamblers Anonymous	
Bible Study Zoom Meeting	7:00 p.m.

THURSDAY

Choir Practice	No Meeting
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SATURDAY

Music Lessons	No Meeting
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SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 1:1-8 NIV

The beginning of the good news about Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God, as it is written in Isaiah the prophet:

“I will send my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way”

“a voice of one calling in the wilderness,
‘Prepare the way for the Lord,
make straight paths for him.’”

⁴And so John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem went out to him. Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River. John wore clothing made of camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. And this was his message: “After me comes the one more powerful than I, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

L: The Word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God

Getting Ready
Mark 1:1-8

Introduction: Beginning Foundation of the Good News – v.1

Part One: Getting Ready to Go With Christ – v. 2-3

Part Two: A Journey into the Wilderness – v. 4-5a

Part Three: Repentance of Sin and Baptism – v. 5b-6

Part Four: Exaltation of Christ / The Way of the Lord – v. 7

Part Five: Baptism with the Holy Spirit – v. 8

Conclusion: Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord