

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

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*Welcome to Bethel United Methodist Church.*

*We're glad you are here! If you are seeking a church home, we invite you to join us as we love and serve from this blessed place in God's Kingdom.*

Prelude

Greeting and Celebration of the Church's Ministries

Lighting of the Advent Candles      The Stevie Long Family  
\* *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* (Verse 7)      **Hymnal, # 211**

Opening Prayer

\*Greet One Another with the Peace of Christ

\*Hymn      **Hymnal, # 196**  
*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

Old Testament Lesson      **Micah 5:2-5a**

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Whispered Prayer, Pastoral Prayer, and  
*The Lord's Prayer*      **Hymnal, # 895**

\*Hymn      **Hymnal, # 234**  
*O Come, All Ye Faithful* (Verses 1, 2 & 3)

Offering of God's Tithes and our Gifts

\**Doxology* and Dedication of the Offering      **Hymnal, # 95**

Musical Meditation

***Prayer for Illumination:***

**Lord God, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit. Throughout our Advent worship, remind us that Jesus has come, is present among us, and will come again in glory. Amen.**

Gospel Lesson      **Luke 1:39-55**

Moments with our Youth

Message      *"A World About to Change"*      Rev. Way

Invitation to Receive God's Gifts

\*Hymn\*\*      **Hymnal, # 230**  
*O Little Town of Bethlehem*

\*Benediction

Postlude

\*Please stand, as you are able.

\*\*Our anointed altar is always open to those who come at God's call and invitation.

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Pastor: Bob Way

Lay Leader & Treasurer: Bruce Pleasant  
Pianist: Frances Marston

## Prayer List

### Shut-In Members and Special Needs

(Names may be removed after three months, unless requested to be kept on list.)

James (Snake) Ashby	12	Josh Lawson	12	Bill Richburg	12
Tyffanie Berdine	12	A. C. Long	12	Ashley Richmond	10
<i>Our Bishop</i>		Kathy Mason	12	Jerry Richmond Family	11
Beatrice Briggs	12	Ken (Mac) McIntyre	12	Paul Richmond	12
Naomi Catlett	12	<i>Military Members &amp; Families</i>		Janice Roland	12
<i>Persecuted Christians</i>		<i>Missionaries &amp; Families</i>		Karl Roland	12
Craig Church	10	Beatrice Moore Family	12	Lois & Franklin Rudd	10
<i>Our Church &amp; Charge</i>		Doris Nance	12	<i>Schools, Students &amp; Teachers</i>	
David Cobb Family	11	<i>Our Nation</i>		Bruce Tatum Family	12
<i>Disaster Survivors &amp; Teams</i>		<i>Newtown, CT Families</i>	12	Dixie Vernon	12
<i>Our District Superintendent</i>		Howard Oakley	12	Edward Vernon	12
<i>First Responders</i>		<i>Elected/Appointed Officials</i>		Gypsy Vernon	12
Justin Frizzle	11	John Ooley	11	Daryl Webster	10
Marvin Hamlett	12	Cheryl Owen	12	Daniel Whited	10
Pete Hamlett	12	James Painter	12	John Whited, Jr.	10
Tristan Jett	12	Jay Pleasant	12	Clyde Willis	10
Keith Kirby	12	Janet Ratcliff	12		

**Next Week's Scriptures:** 1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26; Psalm 148;  
Colossians 3:12-17; Luke 2:41-52

### Announcements:

Christmas Eve Communion (Drop-In, at Union UMC): 4:00–7:00 pm  
Mon, Dec 24

Church Council: 7:00 pm Tue, Jan 8

Bible Study (at Union UMC): 7:00 pm Thu, Jan 10

United Methodist Women (UMW): 11:00 am Sat, Jan 19, at Rosalyn  
Way's Home

*Human Relations Day Special Offering:* Sun, Jan 20

*Methodist Home for Children Sunday / Special Offering:* Sun, Feb 17

Hurricane Sandy relief donations through UMCOR: write a check to  
*Bethel UMC with 2012 Hurricanes on the "Memo" line*



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