

THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

Today	19:30 am	Contemporary Worship Service (WC)
	11:00 am	Traditional Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	12:00 pm	Hand and Foot Card Playing (128)
	12:15 pm	Kidz Choir (119)
	12:30 pm	Grow 1-Kidz Event Planning (FH)
	12:30 pm	Mini Me Handbell Choir (114)
	3:00 pm	Handbell Practice (114)
	4:00 pm	Handbell Practice (114)
	5:00 pm	Kidz Club & Childcare for ages 4+ (Chapel)
	5:00 pm	Prayer Service (Sanctuary)
Mon., 9/9	10:00 am	Wisteria (121)
	4:00 pm	Book Art (128)
	6:30 pm	MAD (Making a Difference (124)
Tues., 9/10	6:30 pm	Praying for Your Adult Children (123)
	9:15 am	Connect & Coffee for Prek Parents (121)
	3:30 pm	Prayer Group (121)
	6:00 pm	Disciple 2 Fast Track (124)
	6:30 pm	Trustees Mtg. (128)
	6:30 pm	Handbell Practice (114)
Wed., 9/11	7:00 pm	Young Adults-the Chosen Season 2 (130)
	9:00 am	Crochet (128)
	6:30 pm	Choir Practice (119)
Thurs., 9/5	6:30 pm	Crochet (128)
	6:30 am	The Chosen Season 2 (130)

PRAYER SERVICE /TODAY

We will be holding a special prayer service tonight at 5:00 pm in the Sanctuary, where we can come together to seek God's comfort and healing for our community. We will have a special time of remembrance for all the victims, prayers for Apalachee students and teachers, and counselors and clergy available to talk with anyone in need. Please join us as we lift up our hearts and voices to the One who is our refuge and strength.

Complete listing of this week's Grow Groups and Events are printed in The Bethlehem Happenings.

Copies are available in the Stars Café, Narthex, and side Vestibules. The Happenings is also emailed church-wide on Friday of each week. To receive this email, please contact the church office at info@bethlehemfirstumc.com.



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September 8, 2024 | 11:00 Traditional Worship
16th Sunday after Pentecost



So many times life does not turn out like we think it should. We wait for healing from the Lord and the Lord does not appear. We wait to get married only to find out that married life is not what we expected. We wait to move from one home to another only to find road blocks as we try to move. We wait for a new job when we lose a job. We wait for a check that always seems to be coming in the mail.

We wait and as we wait, we begin to grumble about our surroundings and especially about the people surrounding us. We think people are the source of the problem of waiting.

Often we suffer during our waiting. We are in pain. We loose our focus on the Lord in the waiting and we begin to look at humans as our saving source.

James tells us to be patient in suffering, in waiting because the Lord is near. It is true that it is darkest before dawn and things have to become incredibly bleak for us to see the hand of the Lord in our life offering us kindness, tenderness and mercy. It is a great honor to wait in suffering, but it doesn't feel like it. How can we be patient and endure times of great distress?

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11:00 AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE
IN THE SANCTUARY

**please stand as you are able*

PRELUDE	Katie Wilson
BRINGING IN THE LIGHT	Dylann & Grayson Kiner
GREETING	Rev. Frank Bernat
CALL TO WORSHIP	Dan Aldridge
Sing praises to God, O you saints and give thanks to God's holy name! We exalt you, O God, for you have restored us to life! We may cry through the night, but your joy comes with the morning. You hear us, O God, and you are gracious in our distress. You turn our mourning into dancing! Our souls cannot be silent! O God, our Savior, we give thanks to you forever!	
OPENING PRAYER	Dan Aldridge
O God, in mystery and silence you are present in our lives, bringing new life out of destruction, hope out of despair, growth out of difficulty. We thank you that you do not leave us alone but labor to make us whole. Help us to perceive your unseen hand in the unfolding of our lives. And to attend to the gentle guidance of your Spirit, that we may know the joy you give your people. Amen.	
*OPENING HYMN	UMH 62
<i>All Creatures of Our God and King</i> (Vv.1,4,5)	
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from the Book of James	Rev. Frank Bernat See Insert
*GLORIA PATRI	UMH 70
<i>Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.</i>	

At this time, children are dismissed for Kidz Church



PASTORAL PRAYER /THE LORD'S PRAYER	Rev. Bernat
*OFFERTORY HYMN	UMH 474
<i>Precious Lord, Take My Hand</i> (Vv. 1,2)	
GIVING OF OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS	Rev. Bernat
OFFERTORY ANTHEM	Chancel Choir
<i>There's Something About That Name</i>	
*DOXOLOGY	UMH 95
<i>Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.</i>	
SCRIPTURE READING	James 5:7-12 Dan Aldridge
MESSAGE	"Patient Endurance" Rev. Beth Dickinson
*CLOSING HYMN	UMH 62
<i>Blessed Assurance</i> (v. 1)	
*BENEDICTION	Rev. Dickinson
*POSTLUDE	Katie Wilson



Prayer Requests

Email your requests to info@bethlehemfirstumc.com, and they will be emailed out Wednesdays in the weekly PrayerNet and included in The Happenings, which is available by print and emailed out each Friday. You may also contact the church office by phone at 770-867-3727.

