

Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good,
because God tested them and found them worthy;
like gold in the furnace God tried them,
and like a sacrificial burnt offering God accepted them.

Those who trust in God will understand truth,
and the faithful will abide in love
because grace and mercy are upon the elect,
and God watches over the holy ones.
The righteous live forever;
their reward is with the Lord.

***HYMN** *Shall We Gather at the River* (Vv. 1, 2) UMH 723

CANDLES IN HONOR OF... Rev. Bernat

LIGHTING THE HONORCANDLES

Readers: Barb Mann, Stephen Smith
Candle Lighters: Addie Pryor, Addison Smith

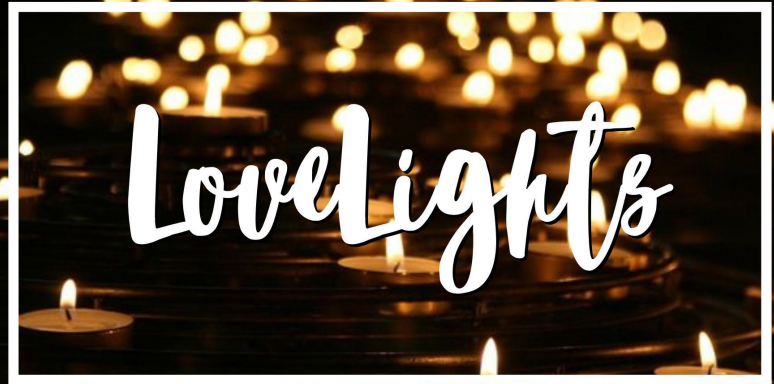
SILENT MEDITATION Rev. Gomez

A time of silence to reflect, remember, and thank God for your loved ones.

PRAYER Rev. Gomez

***HYMN** *When We All Get to Heaven* (Vv. 1, 2) UMH 701

BENEDICTION Rev. Bernat



Sunday, November 3, 2024
6:00 p.m.

**A service to remember the loved ones
who have been a light in our lives.**

*"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with
God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the
beginning. Through him all things were made; without him
nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and
that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the
darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it."*

John 1:1-5



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Bethlehem First United Methodist Church
LoveLights Service

6:00 p.m.

November 3, 2024

PRELUDE/BRINGING IN THE LIGHT Becky Pentecost

WELCOME Rev. Frank Bernat

CANTICLE OF HOPE Rev. Megan Gomez

We shall see a new heaven and earth, for the old will pass away.

God's glory will be our light, and night shall be no more.

**We shall see a new Jerusalem,
the holy city descending from heaven.**

The city shall need no sun or moon, for God's glory will be its light,

for God's Lamb will be its lamp,

and by its light the nations shall walk.

God's glory will be our light, and night shall be no more.

We shall hear a loud voice from the throne:

"Behold, God's dwelling is with mortals.

Indeed, God will dwell with them

and they will be God's people."

God shall wipe away all our tears, and there shall be no more death.

Mourning, crying, and pain shall cease,

for all former things will pass away.

God's glory will be our light, and night shall be no more.

We shall hear One speak from the throne:

"Behold, I make all things new.

I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end."

Our Lord testifies to these things: "Behold, I am coming soon."

The grace of the Lord is with us.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! Come!

God's glory will be our light, and night shall be no more.

INVOCATION Rev. Gomez

O Lord our God, we thank you that you have brought this day to its close. We thank you that you have given rest to our bodies and souls. Your hand has been over us, guarding us and preserving us. Forgive our feeble faith and all the wrong we have done this day, and help us to forgive all who have wronged us.

Grant that we may sleep in peace beneath your care, and defend us from the temptations of darkness. Into your hands we commend our loved ones, we commend this household of faith, we commend our bodies and souls. O Lord, may your holy name be praised. **Amen.**

***HYMN** *Holy, Holy, Holy* (Vv. 1, 3) UMH 64

DEVOTION "Time Is Our Only Luxury" Matt Brown
John 13:34-35; 1 John 4:7-12

PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. Bernat

SPECIAL MEMORY~BFUMC ALL SAINTS MEMBERS Rev. Bernat

William Stanley Hunt	December 25, 2023
Howard Ron Hughes	January 13, 2024
Carolyn Harrison	February 1, 2024
Johnnie McKissick	February 14, 2024
Diane Walters Snell	June 13, 2024
Richard Earl Boyd	July 28, 2024
Betty Smith Kelley	October 19, 2024

***HYMN** *For All The Saints* (Vv.1, 4) UMH 711

CANDLES IN MEMORY OF... Rev. Bernat

LIGHTING THE MEMORY CANDLES

Readers: Barb Mann, Stephen Smith

Candle Lighters: Trinity Johnson, Tristyn Johnson

CANTICLE OF REMEMBRANCE Rev. Gomez

The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God
and no torment will ever touch them.

The righteous live forever; their reward is with the Lord.

In the eyes of the foolish they seem to have died,
and their departure was thought be an affliction,
and their going from us to be their destruction;
but they are at peace.

For though in our sight they were punished,
their hope is full of immortality.

The righteous live forever; their reward is with the Lord.