

Bethany United Church of Christ
November 16, 2025

As you prepare your heart for worship it might be helpful to read through the call to worship and the prayer of confession and think about them.

Prelude and Bell Ringing
Announcements, Joys and Concerns

Call to Worship (from Psalm 98)

Leader: O sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things!

Congregation: His right hand and his holy arm have gotten him victory.

L: He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to his people.

C: All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

L: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;

C: break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

L: Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody!

C: With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD!

L: Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;

C: the world and those who dwell in it!

Prayer of Invocation

*Hymn of Praise #467 (SS) "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, forgive us. We worry about what goes on in the world and what will become of us, and what will become of others. We worry about wars, and starving people, and natural disasters, and human violence. We don't know how to answer people who question where you are in all of this, and sometimes we ourselves wonder the same thing. This is a sinful approach to life, though we seldom recognize that. Help us to see your hand in the world

when we can, and to trust you when we can not. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, the One we trust even though we have not seen him. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

*GLORIA PATRI

Invitation to the Children (Jesus Loves the Little Children)
Children's time

Pre-K to Grade 2 children dismiss to church entryway for Sunday School

Scripture

Old Testament lesson – Isaiah 65:17-25; 12:1-6

New Testament lesson – Luke 21:5-19

Sermon “What’s the Plan?”

*Hymn of Response #275 (SS) “All the Way My Savior Leads Me”

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

Offering, Offertory

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn of Commitment #148 (SS) “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

*Charge and Benediction

Amen! We go forth to serve.

*Choral Response: “God Be with You” #177 (SS) (v. 1)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY – Rev. Darwin Smith

Thank you to all who attended, prepared, and cleaned up after the Men's Event last Sunday!

This year's Christmas Eve program is Come and Adore Him. If you are interested in being part of a choir or singing a duet or solo, please contact Tami Roskamp.

Decorating the church for the Christmas season will be on the first Sunday of Advent, November 30, beginning at 6 p.m.

Youth Fellowship has been reactivated. The next meeting will be Sunday, December 7, at 6:30 p.m. in the hall. Please reach out to Jared Roskamp or Michael Hoener if you know of any high school age youth who may be interested in being involved.

American Legion Post 823 in Mendon will hold its annual Pancake & Sausage Breakfast to support veterans on Saturday, December 6, from 7 to 11 a.m. It is \$12 for adults, \$5 for kids 5-12, and free under 5. See bulletin strip for more.

The live nativity for Warsaw Christmas on Main needs volunteer men, women, and children for half-hour sitting times Sunday, December 13, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. If interested, please contact Deb Althide (309-337-3311) or Jane Roskamp (309-333-0778).

SAVE THE DATES:

Decorating for Christmas:	Sunday, November 30, 6 p.m.
Youth Fellowship Meeting:	Sunday, December 6, 6:30 p.m.
Soup Supper:	Saturday, January 17
Women's Bible Study:	Mondays, 9:30 a.m.
Confirmation Class:	Sundays, 9 a.m.

Mary Doyle is greeter today, Diane Schrader next week. Thanks to the greeter, Rev. Smith, the musician, AV tech - all who helped with the service.

WELCOME ALL! If you are a visitor, please sign the guest register and come again.

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