

**Worship Service for Bethany U.C.C.
November 23, 2025**

Prelude

Announcements, Joys and Concerns

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 100)

L: Shout joyfully to the Lord, all the earth!

C: **Serve the Lord with gladness; come before Him with joyful singing!**

L: Know that the Lord is God; it is He who made us; we are His people and the sheep of His pasture.

C: **Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise. Give thanks to Him, bless His name.**

All: **For the Lord is good; His loving kindness is everlasting. His faithfulness extends to all generations.**

*HYMN #509 SS *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*

*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

O God, our creator of all that we have, all that we are, and all you would have us be: we come before You offering praise and thanksgiving! Grant that we may always keep sight of Jesus in our lives. Trusting in Your love we offer prayers for others. Help make us agents of Your presence in all the lives we touch. Make us bold to share Christ with the world You love. Amen.

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, You have given us so much to be grateful for. Yet, far too often we fail to follow Your will for our lives. We don't allow Your Spirit to work as You intend in our lives. We hoard what You call us to share and we don't put enough trust in You. Forgive us, we pray for the times when our hearts have grown selfish and fearful. Lead us in lives that bear witness to You. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI

INVITATION TO CHILDREN (Jesus Loves the Little Children)

CHILDREN'S TIME

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

TOTENFEST REMBRANCE

HYMN #296 UCC *For All the Saints*

CALL TO THE OFFERING

*OFFERTORY #351 UCC *We Give Thee But Thine Own*

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Gracious and merciful God, the gifts we bring today are a small portion of what You have given us. We ask that You bless and guide how these gifts are used. May we and they give effective witness to the good news offered through Christ. Amen

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

SCRIPTURE

John 6: 25-35

SPECIAL MUSIC

MESSAGE

*HYMN #307 UCC *Now Thank We All Our God*

*BENEDICTION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY - Pastor Joel Schlatter

Decorating the church is next Sunday, Nov. 30, at 6 p.m.

Women's Fellowship will meet Wednesday, Dec. 3, with a carry-in meal at noon. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin strip. Roast beef will be provided. Cookies will be packed for those in need. Each member should bring about 3 dozen individually-wrapped cookies. The business meeting will be at 1:30 p.m.

This year's Christmas Eve program is Come and Adore Him. If you are interested in singing, please contact Tami Roskamp.

Youth Fellowship will meet Sunday, Dec. 7, at 6:30 p.m. Please reach out to Jared Roskamp or Michael Hoener if you know of high school age youth who may be interested in being involved.

Joel & Susan are happy to announce the birth of Olivia Grace Schlatter last Wed. in Columbia, MO. She joins mom and dad, sister Avery, 7, and brother Jake, 4. All are doing well.

The live nativity for Warsaw Christmas on Main needs volunteer men, women, and children for half-hour sitting times Saturday, 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.
- Women's Fellowship Meeting: Wednesday, December 3, 12 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.

Diane Schrader is greeter today, Jane Roskamp next week. Thanks to the greeter, Pastor Joel, 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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