

# BETH EL

AME CHURCH, PORTLAND, OREGON

*December 14, 2025*

*Third Sunday of Advent*



*Bishop Francine A. Brookins, Presiding Prelate*  
*Reverend Spencer F. Barrett, Presiding Elder*  
*Reverend Phillip E. Ross, Pastor*

December 14, 2025 11:00 a.m.

## 3RD ADVENT SUNDAY WORSHIP EXPERIENCE

Praise & Worship ..... Instrumental Music

### PROCESSIONAL

**The Doxology** ..... #647

*“Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise Him all creatures here below,  
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts, Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost Amen!”*

**The Call to Worship** .....

**Leader: I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord.  
Our feet shall stand within Thy gates, O Jerusalem!**

*People: For a day in Thy courts is better than a thousand. I had Rather be a door-  
keeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness.*

**Leader: Because of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek Thy good.**

*People: Those that be planted in the house of the Lord, shall flourish in The courts of  
our God.*

**Leader: Blessed are they that dwell in Thy house. Lord, I have loved Thy habita-  
tion, the place where Thy Honor dwelleth.**

*People: For the Lord is in His Holy temple, let all the earth keep Silence before Him*

**Leader: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be accepta-  
ble In Thy sight, O Lord my Strength and my Redeemer.**

**ALL: O sing unto the Lord a new song, for He has done Marvelous things! Make  
a joyful noise unto the Lord, All the earth, sing praises.**

The Morning Hymn ..... The Congregation

### The Invocation

The Choral Response ..... Bethel Music Ministry

The Ministry of Music ..... Bethel Music Ministry

### The Scripture Reading

The Preface to the Decalogue ..... ***“From all that dwell below the skies” #69***

✚ Summary of the Decalogue

✚ Gloria Patri ..... ***“Glory Be to the Father” #626***

The People’s Moment ..... The Social Action Committee

Announcements/Recognition of Visitors ..... Miss Kiara Bennett

### Advent Presentation - “Joy”

✚ Candle Lighting

✚ Litany ..... See Insert

Worship through Altar Call/Giving ..... Rev. Phillip E. Ross

Offertory Prayer ..... *“All Things Come of Thee, Oh Lord”*

The Song of Sermonic Preparation ..... Bethel Music Ministry

The Word Proclaimed ..... Rev. Ross

The Invitation to Christian Discipleship ..... Rev. Ross

The Apostles Creed ..... See Insert

The Doxology ..... #647

*“Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise Him all creatures here below, Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts, Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen”!*

The Benediction ..... #652

## RECESSIONAL

### OFFICERS OF THE DAY

Steward - Sister Carol Drayton

Trustee - Sister Linda Beasley



*Let's*



*Get into The  
Holy Word  
at Bethel!*

## *Bible Study with Pastor*

**WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY**

**12:00 noon LIVE @ BETHEL and**

**ZOOM - ID: 8718286140, Passcode: 12345**

**Call In # 253-205-0468**

## *Membership Ministries*

**†Church School with Sister Margaret Marshall**

**"LIVE", Sunday Mornings 10:00 am**

**Wednesday Evenings 6:00 pm**

**605-475-4007, Passcode: 920644#**

**†Bible Study with Brother Paul Marshall**

**Thursday Afternoons 12:00 pm**

**605-475-4007, Passcode: 920644#**

If you didn't get a chance to give your Tithes/Offering the last few Sunday's we have a QR code for your convenience! **Using your cell phone camera, point at QR code, a link will appear on your screen, select the link to be taken directly to Givelify.** Don't have a cell phone? The link is [www.givelify.com](http://www.givelify.com).

**QR Code**



## *Pray without Ceasing!*

### *Prayer with the Pastor*

**†Tuesday, Wednesday, & Friday Mornings**

**7:00 am, Zoom Meeting ID: 6924495642, Passcode: 145690#**


### *Prayer led by Exhorter Bobbi Smith*

**†Tuesday Evenings 6:00 pm, 605-313-5109, Passcode: 735111#**

**†Thursday Mornings 6:30 am, 605-475-4007, Passcode: 920644#**

## ***ANNOUNCEMENTS - DECEMBER 2025***

### **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14TH**

- † **Altar Guild - Poinsettia Sale** will end TODAY, December 14, 2025. Order forms are on the Information Table in the vestibule. Please refer to flyer for more information.
- † **“Let Your Light so Shine”- 2025 Lights of Love . The YPD/Youth Ministries Presents their annual Advent season fundraiser, “Lights of Love - LoL”.** You will be able to purchase a light in memoriam, for a family member, friend, a business, and/or for yourself. Please see the flyer in the bulletin for specifics. Thank you in advance for your generous support of The Young People of Bethel AME, Portland! 
- † **Sunday Prayer Time** - Join the 5th District as we gather each Sunday evening at 6:00 PM (for just 30 minutes). Your prayers matter. Your presence matters. Come on in the room. **ZOOM** Meeting ID: 817 7575 8872, Passcode: Music

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16TH - Presiding Elder's Quarterly Conference** - Details to be announced.

### **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17TH**

- † **BIBLE STUDY 12:00 noon LIVE @ BETHEL and ZOOM.** We're studying **The Book of Romans**. Please plan to join us -Meeting ID: 8718286140, PASSCODE: 12345, CALL-IN: 253-205-0468.
- † **GOOD GRIEF (Session 1) 11am prior to weekly Bible Study-** Please join the Connectional Lay Organization for a three-session seminar focused on navigating the journey of grief. The sessions are No Cost, but Registration is Required. **ZOOM:** [https://us02web.zoom.us/joining/register/U\\_K0qJ3LRsiVSUXKqWsNQg](https://us02web.zoom.us/joining/register/U_K0qJ3LRsiVSUXKqWsNQg)

### **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18TH - Thursdays Are For Healing (5th District) -**

**6:30pm-9:00pm** - Trained mental health professionals will be in the Healing Room with breakout sessions for Seniors and Young adults - **ZOOM** Meeting ID: 896 1311 5252, Passcode: 529540

### **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20TH - Bethel Choraleers Choir Rehearsal - 12:00pm**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21ST - Bethel A.M.E. Usher Board and Church School “Christmas Toy GIVEAWAY”** 9:30am-10:30am and 12:30pm-1:30pm. Ages 12 and under, 3 toys per child. Please contact Bethel Church for more information (503)288-5829. Thank you!

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25TH CHRIST Our Savior is Born... Happy Birthday and Merry Christmas!**





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## **ALTAR GUILD 2025 POINSETTIA SALE**

### **LAST DAY TO ORDER 12/14/2025**

Please help the Bethel Altar Guild beautify the sanctuary this holiday season - 2025!

Purchase a poinsettia for \$15.00 and honor your loved one(s).

They will remain on the altar until Sunday, December 21st. You may remove your poinsettia at the end of the 11 o'clock service.

Order forms are now available on the table in the vestibule.

Thank you in advance for your participation and support!

Elaine Hartzog, President

Rev. Phillip E. Ross, Pastor



## *Prayer for the Sick & Shut-in, but Never Shut-out*

*We are believing the promise of **James 5:14-15** for the following:*

Ainya Bradford, Walter Key, Laura Jacobs Sr., Mildred Scurlock, Cynthia Triplet, Jean Winters, Joil & Cynthia Southwell, Chrisanna Martines Woods, Vashti Johnson -  
Laurelhurst Village, Room 118, 3130 SE Stark St., 503-535-4768, Stephanie Thompson,  
Ethel Love, Joan Cook, Richard Boyd, Elmira Davis, Rev. Maurice Wright, Elizabeth Taylor, Denson Fowlks, Luther Evans, SataieVior Ayilola, Haley Peoples, Alyce Bowser,  
Rev. Jack Walker, Sister Dorothy Fuller, Kevin Fuller & Family, The Family of Sister Patricia Menefee, & Joe McFerrin, Jr., and Family.

**\*\*Please submit all requests to the Church Office Manager by Wednesday to have members included on the Prayer List. Please remember those who are currently unwell or grieving with prayers, cards, and phone calls.**

*\*\*Members who are absent can give their tithes and offerings by mailing to our address, through Givelify or can contact your Class Leader or one of our Stewards, and they will coordinate a safe way to receive your gifts and return them straight to the Bethel AME Church. We thank you for supporting this ministry and following the biblical principle of giving.*



### **TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT WITH PASTOR**

**Email - [RevPRoss@yahoo.com](mailto:RevPRoss@yahoo.com)**

Please provide your name, phone#, and email address.

*You'll receive an appointment confirmation via email.*

(ALL appointments will be scheduled for 30 minutes

UNLESS more time is requested when making the appointment)



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16TH ANNUAL

# *Lights of* LOVE

NOVEMBER 23rd thru DECEMBER 31st

**LIGHT TYPES**  
**MEMORIAL OR INDIVIDUAL**  
**\$7.00 EACH OR 2 FOR \$10.00**

**BUSINESS CARD - \$10.00**

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