

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**WELCOME:** Welcome to this service of worship at Bainbridge First Methodist Church. Please be sure to sign the attendance pads or register with the QR code on the front of the Order of Worship so we can keep a record of your attendance.

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER:** There will be no Wednesday Night Suppers until January.

### UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS:

Sunday, Dec. 14	Celebration of Christmas	6:00 pm
Tuesday, Dec. 16	Food Bank Crew	9:00 am
Wednesday, Dec. 17	Staff Meeting	1:30 pm
	<b>No Wednesday Night Supper</b>	
Sunday, Dec. 21	Christmas Sweater Sunday	10:30 am

**COFFEE WITH THE REV:** Rev. Lehman invites you to join him in the Welcome Room on Sunday Mornings from 9:30–10:00 am for coffee. He plans to use this time to meet with you or answer any questions you might have about our church.

**NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS:** Coming January 11, 2026! This will be a class for our many 20 and 30 year olds, singles and marrieds, led by Dr. Charles Walker in the Sunday School Building. Stay tuned for more information!

Flowers at the Altar are in celebration of the marriage of Ellie Jewel Bridges and Luke Skinner Jones, wed on December 13, 2025. She is the daughter of Cathy and John Bridges.

The flowers on the Altar Table are in celebration of the Baptisms of Nash Brooks Dalton and Chelsey Murray Dalton.

### MEMBERS WHO MINISTER

**Ushers:** Howard Griffin, Maston Griffin, Marx Gaines, and Mike Polsky

**Greeters:** Jack and Joyce Leverett, and Claire Gaines

**Lay Liturgist:** Kate Poitevint

**Acolyte:** Collin Reynolds

**Video Technician:** Beau Hatcher

**Flowers:** Flower Committee

**Organist:** Martha Stant

**Pianist:** Sheila Lane

**Hymn Leader:** Jenna Chambliss

**Video Disclaimer:** This service is being live streamed on YouTube. Your image may appear in certain views of the video. The video will be available for replay on our YouTube channel. See contact the church of Office if you have any questions regarding this.

<https://www.youtube.com/@bainbridgefirst4146>

**Hearing Assistive Devices:** are available on the back table or ask an usher for help.

**Senior Pastor:** Rev. Nate Lehman

**Children's Director:** Patty Hamilton

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# BAINBRIDGE FIRST METHODIST CHURCH



Please Register

## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

10:30 AM Service of Worship

December 14, 2025

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Nate Lehman

### PRELUDE

*"O Holy Night"*

Placide Cappeau/Adolphe C. Adam

Martha Stant, Organ

### LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

Collin Reynolds, Acolyte

### \*ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

Johnny and Penny Reynolds

**Leader:** Today we light the third candle of Advent, the candle of Joy.

Even in the midst of challenges, we rejoice in the good news of Christ's coming.

#### Scripture Reading:

*"But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.' Luke 2:10-11*

**Leader:** As we light this candle, we celebrate the joy that Christ brings into our lives and into the world.

**People:** **May this flame remind us to live with hearts full of gratitude and to share the joy of the Lord with all the world.**

**Leader:** Let us pray. God of joy, fill us with a deep and abiding joy that overflows. Help us to be witnesses of Your joy in every season to all people.

**People:** **Amen.**

**Leader:** We light the first candle for hope and the second for peace, and the third for joy.

**Leader:** Come, Lord Jesus, our hope, peace and joy.

**People:** **Fill our hearts and the world with gladness.**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE 174****"O Come, All Ye Faithful"****\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 881****"The Apostles Creed"**

Kate Poitevint

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried;  
the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM AND RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS #724****\*RESPONSE NUMBER 70****"Glory Be to the Father"**

Meineke

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.

**CALL TO PRAYER****"Prepare the Way of the Lord"**  
with Collin Reynolds on chimes

Children's Choir

**THE MORNING PRAYER**

Rev. Nate Lehman

**\*OFFERTORY HYMN 180****"Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"****OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Kate Poitevint

**OFFERTORY****"Silent Night"**Joseph Mohr/Franz Gruber  
Martha Stant**PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS # 95 "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"**

**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.**

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT**

Patty Hamilton

(Children are invited to return to their seats with their parents. Nursery is available should you need it.)

**PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD****SPECIAL MUSIC****"God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen"**

Chancel Choir

**\*SCRIPTURE****Matthew 1:18-25**

Rev. Nate Lehman

**SERMON****"Joseph: When Obedience Costs You Something"** Rev. Nate Lehman**RESPONSE TO THE WORD****\*HYMN OF DISMISAL 181 "Love Came Down At Christmas "****SENDING FORTH**

Rev. Nate Lehman

**\*BENEDICTION****POSTLUDE**

Martha Stant, organ

**\*PLEASE STAND (AS ABLE)**