

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.

PARENTS' BREAK ROOM: Our Welcome Space has a Parents' Break Room for you and your little one if you need to take a "break" during Sunday Worship Service.

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

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS:

Tuesday, Dec. 23	Food Bank Crew	9:00 am
Wednesday, Dec. 24	Early Communion Service	5:00 pm
	Christmas Eve Service	7:00 pm
Wed. Dec. 24–Fri. Dec. 26	Office Closed	

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES: Please join us for Early Communion at 5 pm in Reynolds Chapel or Christmas Eve Service at 7 pm in the Sanctuary.

FLORIDA STREET ROAD CLOSURE: There will be no parking on Florida Street from 3:00 pm to 8:00 pm on Christmas Eve.

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.

MEMBERS WHO MINISTER

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

Greeters: Mike and Suzi Kraft, and Mycla Palmer

Lay Liturgist: Deborah Higdon

Acolyte: Ameria Deibert

Video Technician: Philip Moore

Flowers: Flower Committee

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

Youth Director: Lisa Enfinger

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BAINBRIDGE FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

10:30 AM Service of Worship

December 21, 2025



Please Register

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Nate Lehman

PRELUDE

"Of the Father's Love Begotten"

Chancel Choir

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

Ameria Deibert, Acolyte

*ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

Gilbert Family

Leader: Today we light the fourth candle of Advent, the candle of Love.
Through the incarnation of Jesus, God's love has been poured out for all people.

Scripture Reading:

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16

Leader: As we light this candle, we reflect on the depth of God's love revealed in Emmanuel—God with us.

People: May this flame remind us to love one another unconditionally as God has loved us.

Leader: Let us pray. God of love, transform our hearts to reflect Your incredible love. Help us to live as witnesses of Your great love in all we do.

People: Amen.

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

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

People: Fill our hearts with Your great love.

***HYMN OF PRAISE 190** “Angels from the Realms of Glory”

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** “The Apostles Creed” Deborah Higdon

**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.**

*RESPONSE NUMBER	"Glory Be to the Father"	Meineke
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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”	Children’s Choir
	with Collin Reynolds on chimes	

THE MORNING PRAYER Rev. Nate Lehman

***OFFERTORY HYMN 194** “It Came upon the Midnight Clear”

OFFERTORY PRAYER Deborah Higdon

OFFERTORY “Breath of Heaven” arr. by Lloyd Larson
Piper Loeffler

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 “In the Bleak Midwinter” Chancel Choir

***SCRIPTURE** Luke 2:8-20 Rev. Nate Lehman

SERMON “Shepherds: When Good News Breaks Into the Night” Rev. Nate Lehman

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

***HYMN OF DISMISAL 163 “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”**

SENDING FORTH

***BENEDICTION** Rev. Nate Lehman

POSTLUDE

"What Child is This"

William C. Fix
Martha Stant, organ

*PLEASE STAND (AS ABLE)