

# THE LORD'S DAY

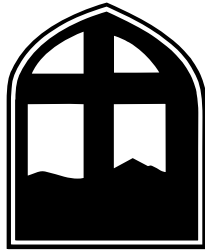
December 18, 2011

## WORSHIP SERVICE

*Enter with reverence, Worship in truth, Serve Christ with gladness.*

# Bethany

B I B L E C H U R C H



## BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD!

We have blessed you from the house of the LORD.  
God is the LORD,  
And He has given us light;  
Bind the sacrifice with cords to the horns of the altar.  
*Psalm 118:26-27*

### MEDITATION

Looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself His own special people, zealous for good works.

*Titus 2:13-14*

### PRELUDE

*O Splendor of God's Glory Bright (Puer Nobis)*

PUER NOBIS

### †CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*Psalm 118:26-27*

### ADORATION

*†Good Christian Men, Rejoice*

Hymn **202**  
IN DULCI JUBILO

†CONGREGATIONAL READING

*The congregation will read text in italics.*

Psalm 1

<sup>1</sup> Blessed *is* the man who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stands in the path of sinners, nor sits in the seat of the scornful;

<sup>2</sup> *But his delight is in the law of the LORD, and in His law he meditates day and night.*



<sup>3</sup> He shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water. that brings forth its fruit in its season. whose leaf also shall not wither; and whatever he does shall prosper.

<sup>4</sup> *The ungodly are not so, but are like the chaff which the wind drives away.*

<sup>5</sup> Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

<sup>6</sup> *For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the ungodly shall perish.*

<sup>†</sup> *Doxology*

OLD ONE HUNDRETH

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow!  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly hosts;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**CONFESSION & ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

*We Three Kings of Orient Are*

Hymn 220  
KINGS OF ORIENT

**THANKSGIVING**

<sup>†</sup>*Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*

Hymn 205  
W ZLOBI LEZY

**PETITION**

<sup>†</sup>Prayer of Intercession

Offering

**MINISTRY OF THE WORD**

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Kings 4  
Matthew 1

<sup>†</sup>*O Splendor of God's Glory Bright*

Ambrose of Milan (4<sup>th</sup> cen.); trans., comp.

Hymn

PUER NOBIS, adapt. Michael Praetorius (1609)

O splendor of God's glory bright, from light e -  
Come, ver - y Sun of heav - en's love, In last - ing  
O joy - ful be the pass - ing day With thoughts as  
Con - firm our will to do the right, And keep our  
All laud to God the Fa - ther be; All praise, e -  
ter - nal bring - ing light, O Light of Light, light's  
ra - diance from a - bove, And pour the Hol - y  
pure as morn - ing's ray, With faith like noon - tide  
hearts from en - vy's blight; Let faith her eag - er  
ter - al Son, to thee; All glo - ry to the  
liv - ing spring, True Day, all days il - lu - min - ing.  
Spir - it's ray On all we think or do to - day.  
shin - ing bright, Our souls un - shad - ow'd by the night.  
fires re - new, And hate the false, and love the true.  
Spir - it raise, In e - qual and un - end - ing praise.

**THE SERMON**

We're Not There Yet, Part 1  
2 Peter 1:5-11

<sup>†</sup>*O Little Town of Bethlehem*

Hymn 217

ST. LOUIS

**<sup>†</sup>PRAYER & BLESSING**

<sup>†</sup>*Congregation will stand*



Christmas Fellowship at the Stranges, 5:00 PM



We're Not There Yet, Part 1 *from* 2 Peter 1:5-11

Pastor Ryan Martin

Christians must resist “spiritual inertia,” and supplement their faith. We must *move forward* spiritually.

1. Why We Must Move Forward

2. How We Move Forward

- 2.1. We move forward by growing in excellent character.
- 2.2. We move forward by growing in knowledge.
- 2.3. We move forward by growing in self-control.
- 2.4. We move forward by growing in perseverance.
- 2.5. We move forward by growing in godliness.
- 2.6. We move forward by growing in brotherly love.
- 2.7. We move forward by growing in love.

*Planned Hymns for Next Week:*

Angels, from the Realms of Glory (193); I Wonder as I Wander (211); O Come, All Ye Faithful (201); Angels We Have Heard on High (196); How Great our Joy (218)



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*Sunday School, 9:45; Sunday Morning Worship, 11:00,  
Sunday Evening Prayer Meeting, 6:00.  
Fellowship Dinner 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month & no evening service.  
Wednesday Evenings: Awana, visitation, fellowship groups  
Please note weekly announcements for any changes to this schedule.*

**To Our Guests:** We welcome you to Bethany Bible Church! We trust you will sense our desire to exalt the Lord in our worship, as well as our commitment to the sufficiency of the Scriptures. You and your entire family are invited to worship with us. A nursery is provided for ages 0-3 if you would like, and you may also hear the service in the foyer or fellowship room if you need to attend to small children. We would like to have a record of your visit. You should receive a *guest card* which you may give to Pastor Stiekes personally or hand to one of our ushers. We trust that God will richly bless you as we endeavor to magnify the Lord on His day.

*ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMING EVENTS*

**TODAY**—5 PM, Christmas Fellowship at John & Karen Strange’s; bring your favorite Christmas treat, salty or sweet & Bible verse ‘gifts’; please park on the Stranges’ side of the street

**DECEMBER 21<sup>st</sup>**—7 PM, Christmas caroling

**DECEMBER 24<sup>th</sup>**—6 PM, Christmas Eve candlelight service

**DECEMBER 25<sup>th</sup>**—Regular Sunday School & Morning Worship; No Evening Service

**JANUARY 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>**—Prayer Emphasis Week

	Dec 11	Budget	YTD	YTD Budget
General Fund	\$3,423	\$3,677	\$183,603	\$183,846
Missions	\$25		\$3,903	
Deacons Fund	\$0		\$7,611	
Building Fund	\$25		\$4,660	

*Weekly Catechism*

61. Q. What is the sixth commandment?

A. The sixth commandment is, "You shall not murder."