

Dear Lord, we thank you for your gift of Jesus Christ to the entire world. We thank you that Christ's coming makes hope, peace, joy, and love possible for every person in every nation. Encourage us to do our part to bring good will and peace to our families, our churches, our neighborhood, our world. Now let your Spirit put us in touch with you, the living God, through the celebration of Christmas. Let Jesus' light shine within our hearts even more brightly than it shines from the candles. Help us to hear your word and to celebrate your everlasting love. We ask this through Jesus Christ, through whom you give us all good things. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM *Ava Grace McLean Naquin, Olivia Garner Naquin,
Howard Keith Ward, Ella Bayleigh Ward and Emily McKennah Ward*

MUSIC BY BETHANY'S CHILDREN

OFFERTORY PRAYER

GIVING OF OUR GIFTS TO THE BIRTHDAY KING, JESUS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Sweet Little Jesus Boy* Soloist, Bessie Conner

*DOXOLOGY UMH, No. 95

*HYMN *O Little Town of Bethlehem* UMH, No. 230

*GOSPEL LESSON Luke 2:1-7

MESSAGE BY THE INN KEEPER Pastor Art Wolz

SPECIAL MUSIC *Marys' Little Boy Child*

CONCLUSION BY THE INN KEEPER

INTRODUCTION OF THE HOLY COUPLE

Holy Communion

THE CONSECRATION OF THE GIFT FROM BETHLEHEM

THE GIVING OF CHRIST'S SON FOR THE PEOPLE OF GOD BY MARY AND JOSEPH
OF NAZARETH

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Prelude on "Silent Night"

Samuel Barber (1910-1981)

Sending Forth

*PASSING THE PEACE OF THE SAVIOR

*HYMN *Silent Night* UMH, No. 239

*LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

POSTLUDE *Hallelujah Chorus, from "Messiah"* George Frideric Handel
(1685-1759)
Arr. Virgil Fox

"Hallelujah, for the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth,
Hallelujah!

The Kingdom of this world is become the Kingdom
Of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign
For ever and Ever, Hallelujah!
King of Kings, and Lord of Lords, and He shall

Reign for ever and ever, Hallelujah!"

- *Revelation XIX: 6, XI: 15, XIX:16*

*BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

*Please stand as you are able

Merry Christmas

The pastor and staff of Bethany UMC send our prayers that God may bless each of you with a Christmas holiday filled with love, joy, and peace.

Single Service this Sunday

Please note that there is only one service this Sunday, at 11:00 a.m. Also, Sunday school will not be held.

NEW YEAR'S DAY SERVICE

On January 1, 2012 we will have an informal service of sharing. There will be one service at 11 am. We will gather in the Warren Belvin Fellowship Hall. Be thinking about some talent you have and consider sharing it with the congregation. **No Sunday School.**