

“When the angel came to her, he said,
 “Rejoice, favored one! The Lord is with you!”
 (Luke 1:28; CEB)

Worship Leader: Lynn Coughlin

ENTRANCE & PRAISE

Prelude John Kwon

Welcome Rev. Park

Announcements

Advent Wreath Lighting Light of Hope Lynn Coughlin

Singing: I believe in the sun, even when it’s not shining (x4)

Call to Worship

L: Let us serve the Lord with gladness.

All: And come before his presence with a song.

L: Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord.

All: Let us exult his name together.

Opening Hymn “O Come, All Ye Faithful” (vs. 1-3) UMH #234

- 1. O come all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
 O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem.
 Come and behold him, born the King of angels;

Refrain:

O come let us adore him, O come let us adore him,
 O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

- 2. True God of true God, Light from Light Eternal,
 Lo, he shuns not the Virgin's womb;
 Son of the Father, begotten not created;

Refrain:

- 3. Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation;
 O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
 Glory to God, all glory in the highest;

Refrain:

Passing the Peace

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.
 Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.*

PROCLAMATION

Scripture Reading Luke 1:26-38 Lynn Coughlin
 This is the Word of Life for all the people of God.
 Thanks be to God

Offering Anthem “Mary, Did You Know?” Karen D’Aversa
 You may give online at www.bfvumc.org/online-giving or mail to
 Bethany of Fox Valley UMC, 2200 Ridge Ave. Aurora, IL. 60504

Message Creating Joy Even in Anxiety Rev. Park

SENDING FORTH

Closing Hymn “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” UMH #196

- 1. Come, thou long expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;
 From our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in thee.
 Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art;
 Dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.
- 2. Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a King,
 Born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.
 By thine own eternal spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
 By thine all sufficient merit, raise us to thy glorious throne.

Benediction Rev. Park

Postlude John Kwon

Date	Nov. 1	Nov. 8	Nov. 15	Nov. 22
In-Person	25(Sanctuary) 6(FH)	25(Sanctuary) 1(FH)	--	--
On-Line	68	58	64	54
Offering	\$4,516	\$3,895 Joash \$270	\$3,070 Joash \$1,480	\$3,175 Joash \$250

Announcements

1. SAINTS IN ACTION

Liturgist: Lynn Coughlin
Facebook Live Service: Jim Young & Park Family
Power Point Presentation: Tom Garvey

Flowers on the altar last week were placed by Ed and Gayle Boclair in celebration of their wedding anniversary.

2. GROCERY GIFT CARD DRIVE

Covid-19 has had an extraordinary impact on our community and will continue to do so, especially in this Christmas season. And we know it will take much time to recover even with a continued effort. Now, Pastor Sam asks for your support for a grocery gift card drive to provide direct assistance to families in need in our community. For the next three weeks, BFVUMC will collect funds and grocery gift cards to be distributed to our impacted families. To support this effort, you can earmark your gift (Cash, Check or Grocery gift card) for our grocery gift card drive. If you know anyone in need, please contact Pastor Sam at pastorsam@bfvumc.org or 847.612.7477. You can share God's presence!

3. CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA SALE

Despite the fact that we are holding only online services for the time being, we still plan to decorate our altar area with our traditional poinsettias! Please consider ordering one or more for the sanctuary. The plants may then be picked up on Saturday, December 26 from 9:00am to 10:00am at the church. **Orders may be emailed or dropped off at the church office by Sunday, December 13.**

Choose between a 6" red or white poinsettia. They are \$11 each. Please make a note as to whether the plant is "in honor of" or "in memory of" a particular person. Please make checks payable to "Bethany of Fox Valley UMC". If you have any questions, please contact the church office at 630.851.8010 or info@BFVUMC.org.

4. NORTHERN ILLINOIS CONFERENCE REDISTRICTING ANNOUNCED

Last year, the NIC announced that the Cabinet would submit legislation in June 2020 to reduce the number of districts from six to five. This measure was approved at the Annual Conference held (virtually) on November 14. The new plan creates five new districts with new names. Once the new plan becomes effective on July 1, 2021, Bethany of Fox Valley will be part of the **Prairie Central District**, along with the other Aurora-based United Methodist churches. If you have questions about the redistricting, please contact Pr. Sam at 847.612.7477(Call or Text) or pastorsam@bfvumc.org.

5. WINTER FUNDRIVE FOR BUILDING MAINTENANCE

Bethany's Trustees are sponsoring a Winter FUNDrive. As in the past, you're invited to donate gently used clothing items, bedding, towels and shoes to help us raise funds to support repairs and maintenance around the church. No furniture, books, electronics or household items at this time. **The drive will run through Friday, January 8th, 2021.** Plan to go through your closets, bag items you wish to donate and drop them off at the church

during the week, Tuesday through Friday from 9am until noon. We can also arrange to pick-up items or alternative drop off times at the church. Email Susanna Brandon susieq60510@yahoo.com or contact her at 630-487-1158. Tax receipts are available. Pick up a hard copy at the church or contact the church office for an email receipt info@bfvumc.org

6. 2020 FALL STEWARDSHIP EVENT (For 2021) "Giving of Influence" Time, Talent and Treasure

We are entering that time of year when we are called to explore our relationship with God by making a commitment to share our time, our talent and our treasures through Bethany of Fox Valley United Methodist Church. We do this as a welcoming, reconciling and missional community with the goal of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

The Stewardship Event will conclude on Sunday December 6, 2020. The theme this year is Giving of Influence. We are called to be a positive influence in our community. Our influence as God's church is dependent upon how many people we serve and how well we serve. As faithful stewards, we are called to make strong commitments to shine light in and through the ministry and mission of Bethany of Fox Valley UMC. In this way our community will be touched by our good and positive influence. You all are invited to take advantage to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ who shared His whole life.

You will find the 2021 Stewardship Commitment Card on Bethany's web site bfvumc.org. Look for "Stewardship 2021" on the home page. New this year is the ability to complete your commitment card online using our website. You will also have the opportunity to complete you cards on paper and mail it to the church office if that is your preference.

We ask that you complete your commitment card, either online or on paper, by December 6, 2020.

7. JOASH OFFERING SLATED FOR REPAIRS TO FRONT ENTRANCE

This is the last week to contribute to our annual Joash offering. The funds raised during this year's Joash offering will go towards repairs to our front entrance to ensure the doors to our building continue to operate smoothly and securely. Please indicate your contribution as a Joash offering to ensure we designate it to the correct fund. Your support is very much appreciated and vital to keeping our church home in good repair and a welcoming presence in our community.

8. PASTORAL VISITATION WITH HOLY COMMUNION

During this time of the COVID-19 pandemic, access to Holy Communion has been very limited. Pastor Sam is still on duty to deliver the non-anxious and prayerful presence of God with a pre-packed communion element (Wafer and Juice) to all families of BFVUMC. If you and your whole family would like to receive Holy Communion at your own place, please reach out to Pastor Sam at 847.612.7477(Call or Text) or pastorsam@bfvumc.org and he will be available at your convenience.