

# THE LORD'S DAY

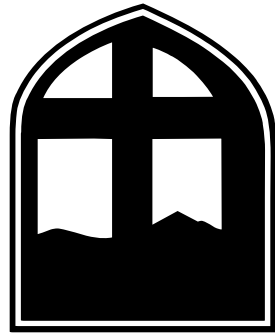
December 23, 2012

## WORSHIP SERVICE

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

# Bethany

B I B L E C H U R C H



# HOPE IN GOD;

For I shall yet praise Him,  
The help of my countenance and my God.  
*Psalm 42:11b*

### MEDITATION

“Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel,” which is translated, “God with us.” *Matthew 1:23*

### PRELUDE

*O Lord, How Shall I Meet Thee*

PASSION CHORALE

### †CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Psalm 42:11b

### ADORATION

†*Angels We Have Heard on High* Hymn **196**  
GLORIA

†CONGREGATIONAL READING Psalm 42:1-8  
*The congregation will read text in italics.*

<sup>1</sup> As the deer pants for the water brooks, so pants my soul for You, O God.

<sup>2</sup> *My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and appear before God?*

<sup>3</sup> My tears have been my food day and night, while they continually say to me, “Where is your God?”

<sup>4</sup> *When I remember these things, I pour out my soul within me. For I used to go with the multitude; I went with them to the house of God, with the voice of joy and praise, With a multitude that kept a pilgrim feast.*

<sup>5</sup> Why are you cast down, O my soul? And why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God, for I shall yet praise Him for the help of His countenance.

<sup>6</sup> *O my God, my soul is cast down within me; therefore I will remember You from the land of the Jordan, and from the heights of Hermon, from the Hill Mizar.*

<sup>7</sup> Deep calls unto deep at the noise of Your waterfalls; all Your waves and billows have gone over me.

<sup>8</sup> *The Lord will command His lovingkindness in the daytime, and in the night His song shall be with me—a prayer to the God of my life.*



†*Doxology* OLD 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**  
*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* Hymn **199**  
MENDELSSOHN

†*How Great Our Joy* **THANKSGIVING** Hymn **218**  
JUNGST

**PETITION**  
†Prayer of Intercession

Offering

**MINISTRY OF THE WORD**  
SCRIPTURE READING 2 Kings 20  
Mark 12:18-44

Ministry of Music



†O Lord, How Shall I Meet You

Hymn

Text: Paul Gerhardt (1653); tr. Catherine Winkworth

Tune: PASSION CHORALE; H. L. Hassler (1514-1612); harm. J. S. Bach

1.O Lord, how shall I meet You, How wel - come You a - right?  
 2.I lay in fet - ters, groan - ing; You came to set me free.  
 3.Love caused Your in - car - na - tion; Love brought You down to me.  
 4.Sin's debt, that fear - ful bur - den, Can - not His love er - ase;

Your peo - ple long to greet You, My hope, my heart's de - light!  
 I stood, my shame be - moan - ing; You came to hon - or me.  
 Your thirst for my sal - va - tion Pro - cured my lib - er - ty.  
 Your guilt the Lord will par - don And co - ver by His grace.

O kin - dle, Lord most ho - ly, Your lamp with - in my breast  
 A glo - rious crown You give me, A trea - sure safe on high  
 Oh, love be - yond all tell - ing, That led You to em - brace  
 He comes, for you pro - cur - ing The peace of sin for - giv'n,

To do in spir - it low - ly All that may please You best.  
 That will not fail or leave me As earth - ly rich - es fly.  
 In love, all love ex - cel - ling, Our lost and fal - len race.  
 His child - ren thus se - cur - ing E - ter - nal life in heav'n.

THE SERMON  
 Christ's Coming and Tradition  
 Mark 7:1-13

†Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne

Hymn 223

MARGARET

† PRAYER & BLESSING

†Congregation will stand



No Evening Service



CHRIST'S COMING AND TRADITION *from* MARK 7:1-13

Pastor George Stiekes

There is one major reason why Christ came to this earth. Filled with love, mercy, grace, He was made in our likeness, lived among us a sinless life and then further humbled Himself by yielding His life to the death of Calvary's Cross on our behalf (Phil 2:7-8). *For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost* (Luke 19:10). While there was one major reason for His coming, there were also many applications. In Matt 5:17, Jesus gives us one of these applications. *Think not that I am come to destroy the law or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill.*

1. Tradition and Religion (Mark 7:1-6)

2. Tradition and Worship (Mark 7:7)

3. Tradition and the Word of God (Mark 7:8-13).



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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

MONDAY—6 PM, Christmas Eve Communion Service

WEDNESDAY—No activities

NEXT SUNDAY—No evening prayer service

DECEMBER 31<sup>st</sup>—7 PM, New Year's Eve Fellowship

JANUARY 2<sup>nd</sup>—Midweek services resume

	Dec 16	Budget	YTD	YTD Budget
General Fund	\$6,154	\$3,608	\$190,380	\$183,985
Missions	\$50		\$3,864	
Deacons Fund	\$1000		\$8,349	
Building Fund	\$100		\$2,508	\$22,824

NEW MISSIONARY LETTERS: Waugh, Gibb

Weekly Catechism

25. Q. Who is the Redeemer of God's elect?

A. The only Redeemer of God's elect is the Lord Jesus Christ, who being the eternal Son of God, became man, and so was and continues to be God and man, in two distinct natures and one person for ever.

1 Tim 2:5; John 1:14; 1 Tim 3:16; Col 2:9

Planned Hymns for Next Week:

Joy to the World (194); The First Noel (213); What Child is This (228); Of the Father's Love Begotten (Divinum Mysterium); O Little Town of Bethlehem (217)

