

## SERVICE OF CHRISTIAN WORSHIP

### The Lord's Day

Prelude	<i>O Come, All Ye Faithful</i>	<i>Arr. Chuck Sinclair</i>
Welcome and Announcements		
Silent Prayer		
Call to Worship		Deuteronomy 6:4-9
*Hymn	<i>O Little Town of Bethlehem</i>	No. 201, v.1-4
*Invocation and Lord's Prayer		
*Scripture Reading		1 Kings 7:1-12
Children's Lesson		
*Hymn	<i>Angels We Have Heard on High</i>	No. 214, v.1-3
Pastoral Prayer		
*Sermon Text		Matthew 5:27-30
Sermon		"Pluck It Out"
*Bible Song	<i>The Word Our Ground of Hope</i>	No. 253, v.1-4
*Benediction		1 Timothy 6:11-12
*Postlude		No. 253, Chorus
<b>*All who are able, please stand</b>		

## WELCOME TO BETHANY ARP CHURCH

We are very glad to have you with us this morning in Christian love! It is a blessing to see you and we extend a warm welcome to all who worship with us today! For more information about Bethany, please fill out one of the info cards in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate or see the pastor after worship. We are excited to have you and welcome you back next Lord's Day.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you are interested in hosting an event at Bethany ARP Church, please make sure to contact Mrs. Shirley Davis to see if the date is open on the Church Calendar.

If you have, any prayer requests, joys, concerns, or would like a visit please let an Elder or Rev. Glaser know. Rev. Glaser's cell phone number is 601-577-1359 and his e-mail is [pastor.glaser@bethanyarp.org](mailto:pastor.glaser@bethanyarp.org).

If you would be willing to be a substitute pianist, please contact Kelly Fowler (864-425-1611)

### **ATTENTION NEW ADDRESS**

Sarah Faulkner's new address at Brookdale Robinwood is 1750 Robinwood Rd, Apt. 35, Gastonia, NC 28054.

### **CHRISTMAS PROGRAM**

The Christmas Program will be tonight at 5:00pm followed by a covered dish supper. Youth please arrive at 4:30pm.

### **BETHANY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COLLECTION**

As a church, we are collecting household items for the families of Bethany Elementary School students, such as detergent, soap, shampoo, cleaning supplies, etc. Please bring your items and place in the box located in the side wing of the sanctuary by 5:00pm, December 15<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your help with this project.

### **A.R.P. MAGAZINE**

The A.R.P. Magazine is published by our denomination. The magazine covers many of our agencies such as Bonclarken, Erskine College, World Witness, Outreach North America and Women's Ministries as well as other interesting articles. If you would like to renew or start a subscription, enclosed is an order form for you. If you have any questions, please speak to Susan Gordon.

### **THANK YOU!**

Women of the Church collected \$385.00 in dues, \$445.00 for Jubilee ladies. Thank you for your offerings.

### **CHRISTMAS CARE BASKETS**

On Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, we plan to assemble fruit and goodie baskets and deliver them to eight of our church family. Much appreciated would be the placement of your items in the fellowship hall before Sunday School and Worship so baskets will be ready to go out the door in timely fashion. For more information and to volunteer to deliver a basket, contact Karen Jones, WOC Family Living. Thank you for your support of this annual Christmas project.

### **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING AND BUDGET INFO**

After morning worship, we will take a five-minute break and then be constituted by prayer for the purpose of receiving the 2023 budget, electing our treasurer, and receiving the 2023 Sabbath School budget. There are copies of the budget available on the lecterns. There will also be a presentation from the Missions and Outreach Committee on a possible future building project for our kids. If you have any questions, please see Rev. Glaser or Chairman of the Deacons, Mr. Logan Carroll.

### **BLESSING BOX**

The Blessing Box needs non-perishable food. Please bring your donations and put them in the box or leave them on the table in the Fellowship Hall or Ladies' Sabbath School wing. Your donations are very much appreciated.

### **CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS LESSONS AND CAROL SERVICE**

We welcome everyone back at 5:00pm tonight for our annual Children's Lessons and Carols service. Join with us as we sing and fellowship together. Supper will follow. Don't miss this time of joy and thanksgiving!

### **SUNDAY EVENING SERVICE**

There will be no evening service tonight, join with us next week, Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm as we close out the year.

### **SABBATH SCHOOL**

We welcome everyone to Sabbath School at 10:00am. This week we are in a new quarterly lesson with the Book of Romans. The Children will be continuing their Fall curriculum upstairs in their classrooms. We also invite the men for the Men's Prayer time at 9:30am. All are welcome! As a reminder, we are also continuing to go through the Shorter Catechism as a church family in Sabbath School. We are breaking it down to go through it a few questions at a time every Sunday for a year. A weekly breakdown will be going home with your children. If you have not received this let me know and I'll get you a copy. If you need to providentially miss a Lord's Day, you can still follow along. If you have any questions, just let Rev. Glaser know.

### **ONLINE DEVOTIONS ON FACEBOOK LIVE**

Rev. Glaser will be leading a devotion through Christ's teachings in the book of Hebrews on Monday mornings at 8:00am on our FB page. On Tuesday at 8am and Thursday at 3pm, we will hear annotated devotionals from Charles Spurgeon's "Morning and Evening". All these videos, along with the Sunday morning worship service, Sabbath School, and the Evening Lesson are being uploaded to our YouTube channel. To find it just go to YouTube and search "Bethany ARP Church".

### **ONLINE GIVING/OFFERINGS**

On the offering front, we encourage those not in attendance to mail their offering to the church. For those present, please place your offering in one of the plates as you enter or exit. Thank you again for your gifts for the Lord's work at Bethany. We do have an online option at <https://abundant.co/generalsynodarpchurch/bethanyarp>. Just as an FYI there is a 3% charge which comes out of your gift for this service.

### **WEDNESDAY NIGHT YOUTH GROUP AND PRAYER MEETING**

We welcome you to join us Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm for a time of fellowship, prayer, and devotional time.

### **FOURTH QUARTER MISSIONS GIVING**

The Fourth Quarter missions giving will be going to the work of the Camp Joy. Camp Joy is the special needs camp of the ARP Church.

### **DECEMBER BETHANY BANNER**

The Bethany Banner for December is now available for pick-up! Make sure to get yourself one!

### **TUESDAY/THURSDAY PRAYER/CATECHISM HELPS**

On Tuesday and Thursday via email and on Facebook Rev. Glaser is sending out prayer/worship helps on Tuesday and Catechism explainers on Thursday. In November, we will be looking at the Larger Catechism on Thursday. If you have not been receiving these emails, or if you would like them printed out as handouts, please let Rev. Glaser know. We hope these are helpful for your spiritual growth!

### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

December 4: \$3,215.00  
Needed Weekly: \$2,601  
Fourth Quarter Mission Project: \$50  
Benevolence Fund (aid members): \$1,182  
Thanksgiving Offering: \$167.00  
Carpet Fund: \$1,000.00

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

December 11<sup>th</sup>: Mugs and Muffins  
Congregational Meeting  
Youth Christmas Program @ 5pm  
December 17<sup>th</sup>: Christmas Caroling @ 4pm  
December 18<sup>th</sup>: Christmas Care Baskets

### **PRAYER REQUESTS**

End to Coronavirus, Robert and Nancy Callister, Ruth Helms, Jan Clay Crawford, Mary Clay Crawford, Betty Williams, Roy Wells, Hayes Faulkner, Sarah Faulkner, Peggy Wells, Theodore McClure, our schools, our nation, and the Bible Released Time Classes

### **LONG TERM NEEDS**

Our President, an end to abortion, preservation and strengthening of marriage in America, protection of soldiers, persecuted Christians

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## O Little Town of Bethlehem

*Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small ... out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times. Mic. 5:2*

1. O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie;  
 2. For Christ is born of Mar - y; and gath - ered all a - bove,  
 3. How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly, the won - drous gift is giv'n!  
 4. O ho - ly child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray;

a - bove thy deep and dream - less sleep the si - lent stars go by:  
 while mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of won - d'ring love.  
 So God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bless - ings of his heav'n.  
 cast out our sin and en - ter in; be born in us to - day.

yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing Light;  
 O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er pro - claim the ho - ly birth!  
 No ear may hear his com - ing, but in this world of sin,  
 We hear the Christ - mas an - gels the great glad tid - ings tell;

the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.  
 And prais - es sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth.  
 where meek souls will re - ceive him still, the dear Christ en - ters in.  
 O come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Em - man - u - el.

## Angels We Have Heard on High

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*Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests.*

Luke 2:14

1. An - gels we have heard on high, sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,  
 2. Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?  
 3. Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;

and the moun - tains in re - ply ech - o back their joy - ous strains.  
 Say what may the tid - ings be, which in - spire your heav'n - ly song?  
 come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born King.

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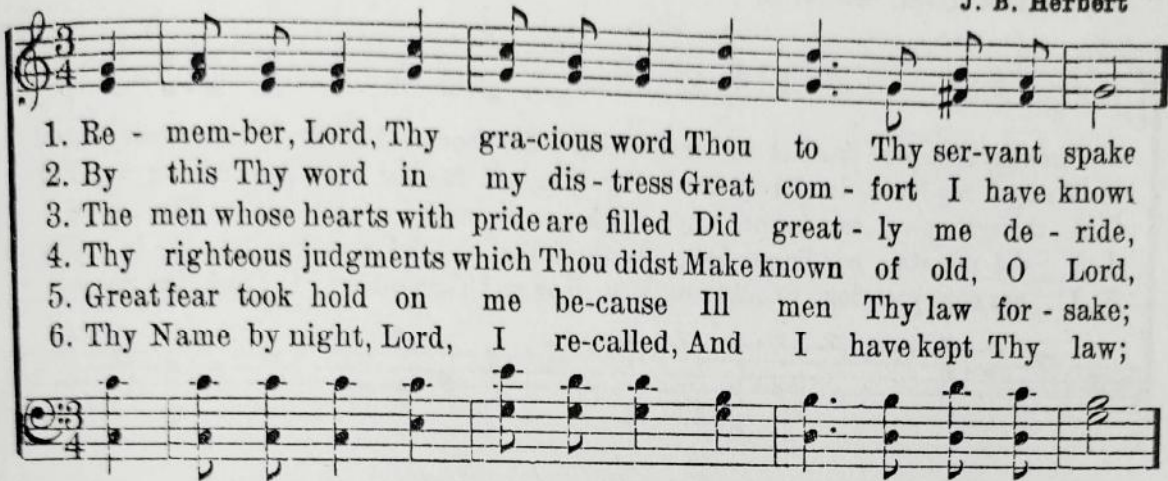
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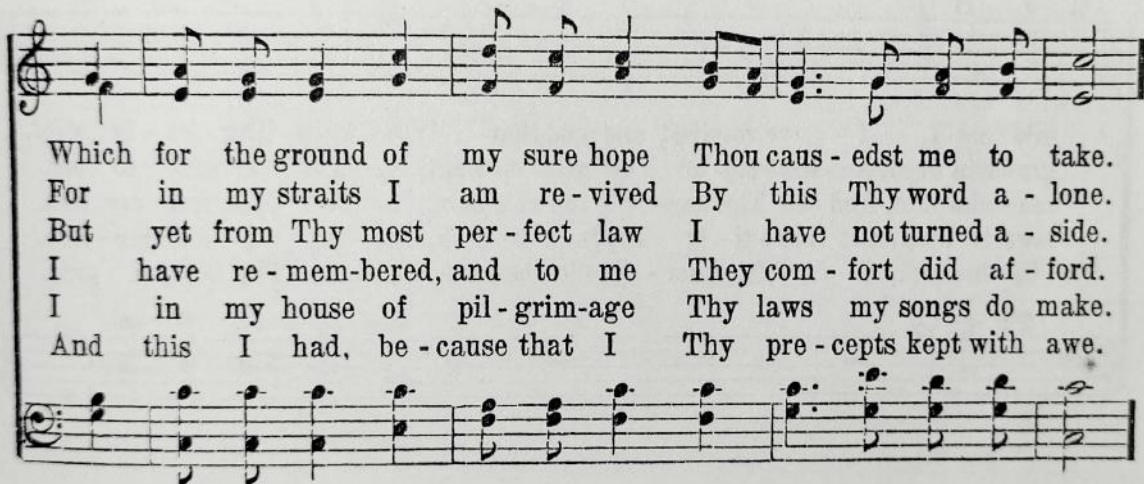
## The Word Our Ground Of Hope

Psalm 119. C. M. 37-42

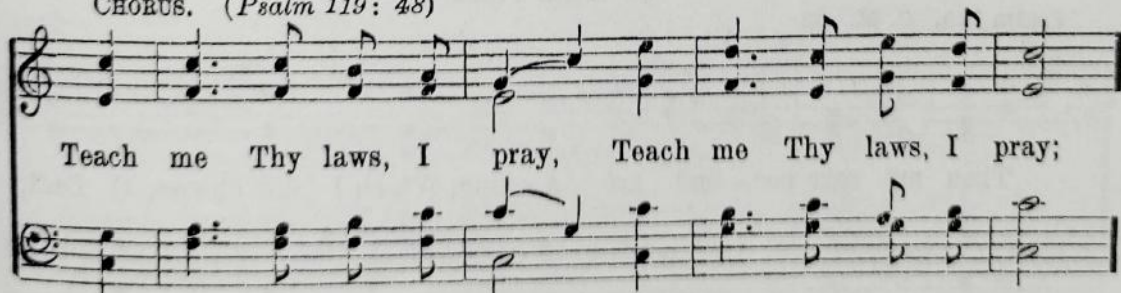
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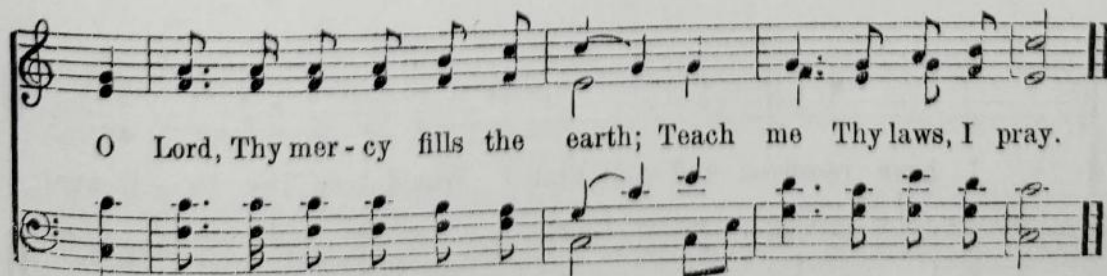
1. Re - mem-ber, Lord, Thy gra-cious word Thou to Thy ser-vant spake  
 2. By this Thy word in my dis-tress Great com-fort I have knowi  
 3. The men whose hearts with pride are filled Did great-ly me de-ride,  
 4. Thy righteous judgments which Thou didst Make known of old, O Lord,  
 5. Great fear took hold on me be-cause Ill men Thy law for-sake;  
 6. Thy Name by night, Lord, I re-called, And I have kept Thy law;



Which for the ground of my sure hope Thou caus-edst me to take.  
 For in my straits I am re-vived By this Thy word a-lone.  
 But yet from Thy most per-fect law I have not turned a-side.  
 I have re-mem-bered, and to me They com-fort did af-ford.  
 I in my house of pil-grim-age Thy laws my songs do make.  
 And this I had, be-cause that I Thy pre-cepts kept with awe.

CHORUS. (*Psalm 119: 48*)


Teach me Thy laws, I pray, Teach me Thy laws, I pray;



O Lord, Thy mer-cy fills the earth; Teach me Thy laws, I pray.

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**BETHANY ARP OUTDOOR SPACE IMPROVEMENT PLAN – MISSIONS AND OUTREACH**

*The goal of this presentation is to provide a positive future goal for enhanced usage of our existing available space given the projected growth in our area.*



*This is total cost. It is expected that the work will be done in phases*

## **Recreation/Outdoor Plan:**

Upgrade Picnic Shelter	\$1,000
Concrete Work	\$14,000
Net/Poles	\$400
Striping	\$2,000
Backstop	\$500
Gaga Ball Pit	\$550
Toddler Area	\$1,200
Playground	\$16,400
Landscaping	\$2,000
Fencing	\$40,000
Miscellaneous	\$3,500
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$81,550</b>