

ADVENT 2022

Sunday Morning Schedule

Every Sunday

9:45am Sunday School

11:00am Worship
(In-person and Live
Stream)

Important Dates & Upcoming Events

Wednesday Evenings

6:30 Choir Practice

November 26th

10:00 Hanging of the
Greens

November 27th

1st Sunday of Advent
9:45 Advent Book Study

December 17th

9am-9pm
2022 Blue Christmas Day
of Prayer

December 24th

5:00pm Christmas Eve
Service :
Lessons in Carols

Elders for the Month of

December

Chip Allen &
Tracey Troxler

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Advent, 2022

Friends,

It's hard to believe that I've had the privilege of being with you for a year already. Our transition team is working hard and we are all quite busy after a very full but very fulfilling fall schedule and now, in the midst of our busy-ness, we approach the holidays.

It is my prayer that our time together during this Adventide will be one of blessing, refreshment, rejoicing, and respite as we together make room in our hearts and in our lives for the coming Christ. Below is an annotated preview of what the next few months will look like for us liturgically, as well as a highlight a new opportunity for us to minister to one another and our neighbors.

And speaking of ministry to our neighbors, we are doing digital ministry now on TikTok. If that's your thing, find us at @bethanypreschurch.

November 27th – December 18th Advent

We're doing art during the service! Throughout each service in Advent, we will be working on an image of Mary and Jesus using *décollage* – we'll be tearing pieces of holiday catalogues and advertisements (symbolizing the materialism of the secular season) and using them to create an image of our Savior and his mom that we will display over Christmas in the sanctuary and beyond in the church. A special thank you to April Troxler who will be helping us put it together. This is a fun and incredibly meaningful way for us to engage in worship in a new way, and I hope you will join me in putting it together.

We are also doing a study together in Advent on the book *Holy Disruption* by Tracey S. Daub. We will meet before service at 9:45 throughout the season of Advent.

December 17th – Day of Prayer/Blue Christmas

The sanctuary will be open to the public from 9am to 9pm for a time of prayer. While the holidays are a time of great joy and celebration for many, for a lot of people, they can be overwhelming, stressful, depressing, and a reminder of those who they have lost. Therefore, we are inviting all of us and our neighbors to come and pray, or take the time to experience a space of quiet reflection and respite in our sanctuary in the midst of all the holiday busyness. We do need your help on this one – for each hour two of us will be here at the church – one as a host who will guide people to the sanctuary, and another who will be in the sanctuary to pray with people if they so desire. Please let Joy or I know if you feel led to participate in this way with us.

December 24th – Christmas Eve

We're coming together at 5pm on that Saturday evening for an evening filled with stories and carols. We will close with the traditional candlelight "Silent Night."

December 25th – Christmas

Christmas is on a Sunday morning this year! Merry Christmas to us! We will hold a shorter, casual service at 11 to celebrate the birth of our Savior.

January 1st – Christmas 1

The first Sunday of Christmas happens to be New Years Day this year. We'll have another more informal service with a carol sing.

January 9th – Baptism of the Lord/Epiphany Sunday

We will celebrate the new year with a service that will include the Sacrament of Communion and once again we'll chalk the doors, just like we did last year.

May this coming season be a blessing for us all, as we prepare to celebrate the coming of the Lord. And also may you all have a happy Thanksgiving!

Jon



Your Transition

We are underway! Your Transition Team is hard at work digesting their training (we're doing a video training series) and will begin our weekly meetings on December 1st to plan and conduct our Mission Study work. You will be hearing from us regularly.

In the meantime, please pray for our team:

A.J. Campbell

Brenda Sykes

Morgan Troxler

Shelby Smith

Tina Patterson

And please pray for our congregation, that God would lead us into the directions that God would have us go as we together answer these three important questions:

Who are we?

Who is God calling us to be?

Who is our neighbor?

Pastor Jon



November 27th	1st Sunday of Advent: Hope
December 4th	2nd Sunday of Advent: Peace & Communion Sunday
December 11th	3rd Sunday of Advent: Joy
December 18th	4th Sunday of Advent: Love
December 24th	Christmas Eve Service: Lessons in Carols at 5:00pm
December 25th	Christmas

Join us as we come back to worship in person and we will also continue to Live Stream.

LIVE STREAM

Check our website to access streaming (www.bethanypreschurch.org).

FACEBOOK: www.facebook.com/bethanypresbyterian

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We are looking for people to help us do this - one person to act as a host who will help people get to the sanctuary and one person who will sit in the sanctuary and pray with people as requested.

The sign up is in the Narthex or call the church office.

Talk to Pastor Jon if you have any questions



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT BETHANY

November is Helping Hand Fund month. Throughout the month we will be collecting all loose offering for the Helping Hand Fund.

November 20th – December 18th - Bethany Angel Tree 2022

The Angel Tree will be up and loaded. This year we will be adopting Alamance Eldercare and Alamance Meals on Wheels clients. Please see handout for all the details.

November 27th – December 18th Advent Book Study

Join us for our 2022 Advent Study with *Holy Disruption: Discovering Advent in the Gospel of Mark*

by Tracy S. Daub. We will meet every Sunday in Advent during the Sunday School hour beginning

on November 27th (Advent 1). Books will be available from the office for \$11. Please register online (<https://www.bethanypreschurch.org/advent-devotional-2022.html>) or through the office by the Monday, November 7th to ensure we have a book for you.

Please come prepared to discuss the first chapter on November 27th. They are pretty short and our discussions will be based on the reading. We will meet at 9:45 in the Fellowship Hall.

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Let Joy or me know if you're interested in being a candle lighter or reader in the Advent season

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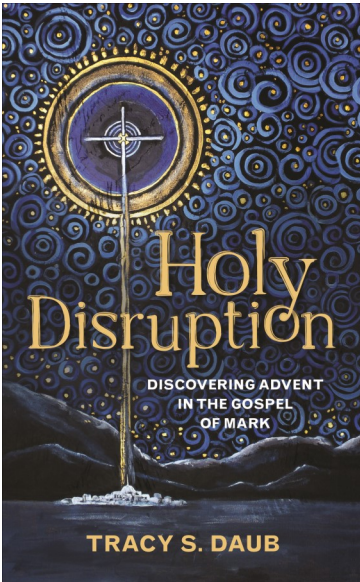
November is Helping Hand Fund Month

Did you know we have a fund to help out people in our church and our community who are facing financial need? We do – it's our Helping Hands Fund! For years we have collected to build up this fund on fifth Sundays and have used that to help pay for specific bills for people who are in need. Wonderfully, this ministry has been able to help many. Unfortunately, given the amount of need around our area that keeps increasing combined with the changes in our worship due to the pandemic, our fund has depleted and we are not currently able to help in the ways we used to be able to and have had to turn people away.

In November, we will focus on rebuilding our fund so we can once again help people in the congregation and the wider community who are in need. We hope you will join us in our efforts – this too is a part of our congregation's stewardship. Stay tuned for more info on how you can help!



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From the publisher:

Where's the baby? The Gospel of Mark doesn't have a nativity story—so where's the Advent message? It's in every aspect of Jesus' life, to his death and beyond.

The Incarnation—God come to earth in human form to be baptized, teach, heal, eat, and die—is what we celebrate at Christmas, and Mark shows us just how radical and celebration-worthy it is!

Holy Disruption presents a fresh understanding of the holiness of Christmas grounded, not in a conventional cozy Christmas message, but through Mark's disquieting gospel which invites its readers to experience God's disruptive but transformative love for us and our world.

What's Happening in Scouting



The Scouts of Pack 9 honored US Military Veterans by marching in the Graham NC Veterans Day Parade over the weekend. The weather was great, and the parade was witnessed by many Graham residents. The route was approx 1.5 miles and include a turn around the Court House Square Everyone had a great time.

Scouts Looking for Storage Space

Pack and Troop 9 Scouts are looking for a Donor to provide a 1,000 Sq foot storage type building,

or warehouse, to store the following Scout Equipment:

2 camping trailers , 1 sailboat (Sailing Merit Badge), 1 demo car (Automotive Merit Badge).

Space needed for security and protection from the weather.

Feel free to contact:

Jeff Benes - Committee Chair Cub Pack 9 & Troops 9

(336) 675-9086 cell

benes.nc@att.net

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About our Offering

You are invited to make your contribution in one of four ways:

- drop it in the offering plate that is located at the narthex door (before worship) and in the narthex (following worship);
- mail it in to the church; drop it off at the church in person;
- or, use our quick and secure online giving platform. This can be accessed through our website, or by scanning the QR code on this page.

Scan this QR code for direct access
to our Online Giving Platform



If you have any questions concerning our finances or your giving, please feel free to contact Pam Hurt, our

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Karen Maxwell
Tina Patterson
Shelby Smith
Kim Snyder
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December 17th
9:00am—9:00pm

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