

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent- December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022,     Christmas Cantata 9:15am**

**Prelude**

Sounding Brass Quintet

**Video: Announcements**

**(Bold print is the congregational response)**

**Welcome**

Rev. Lynn Boyd

**Call to Worship**

O God, hear our call.

**Stir up your strength and come to save us!**

Restore us, O God.

**Let your face shine, that we may be saved.**

For we know that new life is coming.

**A child will change us all.**

Let your hand be upon him in blessing.

**For he will bring you near.**

He will be God-with-us.

**Give us life, O God,**

**and we will forever call on your name.**

**Opening Prayer \***

**Holy One, you send us new life in so many forms.**

**Open our minds,**

**that we may recognize it.**

**Open our hearts,**

**that we may receive it.**

**Open our souls,**

**that we may live it.**

**Open us this day and all days. Amen.**

**Hymn of Praise \***

*People, Look East*

UMH 202

Jeff Beyers, Organist and Sounding Brass Quintet

**Lighting of the Advent Candles**

Jenn Farra and Nick Adams

**Hymn Response**

*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

UMH 196

**Prayers of the People**

Jim Piccione

## **The Lord's Prayer**

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 trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass 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.

## **Passing the Peace of Christ**

Even as we pray for the peace of the world, let us offer the peace of Christ to each other.  
May God's love, Jesus' grace, and the Spirit's presence's surround you and give you peace.  
**May God's love, Jesus' grace, and the Spirit's presence's surround you and give you peace,**  
also. Glory to God. Amen.

<b>Special Music</b>	<i>Brightly Shone the Star</i>	Handbell Choir
<b>Sharing of Tithes and Offering</b>		Sounding Brass Quintet
<b>Offertory Prayer</b>		Rev. Lynn Boyd

<b><i>Christmas Cantata</i></b>	Director David Tramontana
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***A Child is Born in Bethlehem***  
Chancel Choir and Handbell Choir

<b><i>Of the Father's Love Begotten</i></b>	Arr. By Lloyd Larson
Chancel Choir, Handbell Choir, and Piano	

<b><i>A Star in the East- Three Carol Settings</i></b>	Arr. By Gwyneth Walker
Chancel Choir, Sounding Brass, Organ, and Percussion	

*Bring A Torch*  
*In the Bleak Midwinter*  
*Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow*

***Festival First Nowell***

Arr. Dan Forrest

Chancel Choir, Sounding Brass, Organ, and Percussion

**1. (All)**

The First noel the angels did say was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay  
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep, on a cold winter's night that was so  
deep. Noel, noel, noel, noel, born is the king of Israel

**2. (Women in the Congregation)**

The Looked up and saw a star shining in the east beyond them far

**(Men in the Congregation)**

And to the earth it gave great light and so it continued both day and night

**(All)**

Noel, noel, noel, noel, born is the king of Israel

**3. (All)**

Then let us all with one accord sing praises to our heavenly Lord  
That hath made heaven and earth of naught and with his blood mankind hath  
bought. Noel, noel, noel, noel, born is the king of Israel

**Benediction\***

Rev. Lynn Boyd

**Postlude**

Sounding Brass Quintet

(\*) You are invited to stand if you are comfortable standing

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**Christmas Eve Worship at Bel Air United Methodist Church**

11:00 am Sanctuary Service

4:00 pm Children and Family Service, Children's Choir Sings

6:00 pm Mt. Carmel

7:00 pm Sanctuary, Handbell Choir & Special Choir

8:00 pm Mt. Carmel

9:00 pm Sanctuary, Chancel Choir

Please notice there will NOT be an 11:00 PM service.

### **Christmas Day Worship**

One Service at 10:30 am in the Sanctuary

**Thank you for your faithful gifts and service!**

**Bel Air United Methodist Church**

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#### *People, Look East*

People, look east. The time is near of the crowning of the year. Make your house fair as you are able, trim the hearth and set the table. People, look east: Love, the Guest, is on the way. Furrows be glad. Though the earth is bare, one more seed is planted there. Give up your strength the seed to nourish, that in course the flower may flourish. People, look east: Love, the Rose, is on the way. Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim, one more light the bowl shall brim, shining beyond the frosty weather, bright as sun and moon together. People look east: Love, the Star, is on the way. Angels announce with shouts of mirth him who brings new life to earth. Set every peak and valley humming with the word, the Lord is coming. People, look east: Love, the Lord, is on the way.

#### *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

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. 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.