



## Sunday Worship

**Prelude:** *Sing We the Song of Emmanuel*

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

*Joy to the World*

*Angels from the Realms of Glory*

*He Shall Reign Forevermore*

*Away in a Manger (Forever Amen)*

Bethany Family Prayer

**Sermon:** Simeon's Hope

*What Child is This*

Benediction

## Highlights

### GO Trip: New York City - Info Meeting

Dec. 14 (12:15 PM) & Dec. 17 (6:00 PM) | The

#### Gathering Rm

For those interested in or praying about joining our Summer 2026 Global Outreach trip to New York City, there will be an information meeting on Sunday, December 14th, after second service in the Gathering Room. This is a great opportunity to ask questions, learn more, and apply if you are ready to join the team. The meeting will last approximately 30 minutes.

### Holiday Services Schedule

Check out our upcoming holiday services schedule.

Special Christmas Eve Service: Wednesday, December 24th, 4pm. No child care provided.

Combined Worship Services: Sunday, December 21st and Sunday, December 28th will each be a single service at 9:30 am. We will also not have Sunday School or Children's church but nursery is available (0-2yrs).

### Staff Christmas Gift

The elders are collecting gifts to express our love and appreciation for our pastors & staff at this special time of year. Envelopes are available at the welcome tables or give by going to [bethanycentral.org/staffgift](https://bethanycentral.org/staffgift).

## Announcements & Events

### Bethany Family News

Our deepest sympathies to Kevin & Cindy King on the death of Cindy's mother, Jean Samuelson, on Wednesday, December 10th.

### Upcoming Membership Vote

We are excited to be voting new members into Bethany in two weeks. Watch next week's bulletin for details on whom you can be encouraging and welcoming into our church family.

### Holiday Office Hours

#### December 24th - 1st, 2026

Our church office will close at noon on Wednesday, December 24, and remain closed through Thursday, January 1, 2026, for the Christmas and New Year holiday. We will reopen on Friday, January 2. Thank you for keeping these holiday hours in mind as you plan your week.

### Wednesday Activities: Holiday Schedule

Please take note that all Wednesday night activities will be paused for three weeks—December 17, December 24, and December 31. Awana and Youth Group will resume on January 7. On that evening, Youth Group will meet off-site from 6:00–8:00 PM at Elevate in Peoria. Students who plan to jump will need a signed waiver and \$12 to participate.

### Thank you: Operation Christmas Child

A special thank you to Bethany for packing 327 Operation Christmas Child boxes this year. These boxes have now been sent to a processing center and will soon be delivered to children in more than 100 countries around the world. Thank you for blessing a child with both meaningful gifts and the love of Jesus Christ.

### The Table & The Anvil: Small Gatherings, Real Connection

The Table (for women) and The Anvil (for men) are small gatherings designed to help you build community and share life together. These are small group gatherings hosted by people from our church, happening at various times and locations to fit your schedule. Each gathering is unique. Whether you're eating a meal together or enjoying a fun activity together, it's a chance to meet new people and enjoy genuine fellowship. Visit [bethanycentral.org/gatherings](https://bethanycentral.org/gatherings) to browse all available gatherings and sign up!

### BEST Lunch and Learn

#### Monday, December 15th, 11:00 am

Join us for our next BEST Lunch as we enjoy Christmas Carols and Classics with the Bethany Brass! Come celebrate the season with beautiful music and warm fellowship. You can RSVP at [bethanycentral.org/best](https://bethanycentral.org/best) or by calling the church office at 309.692.1755.