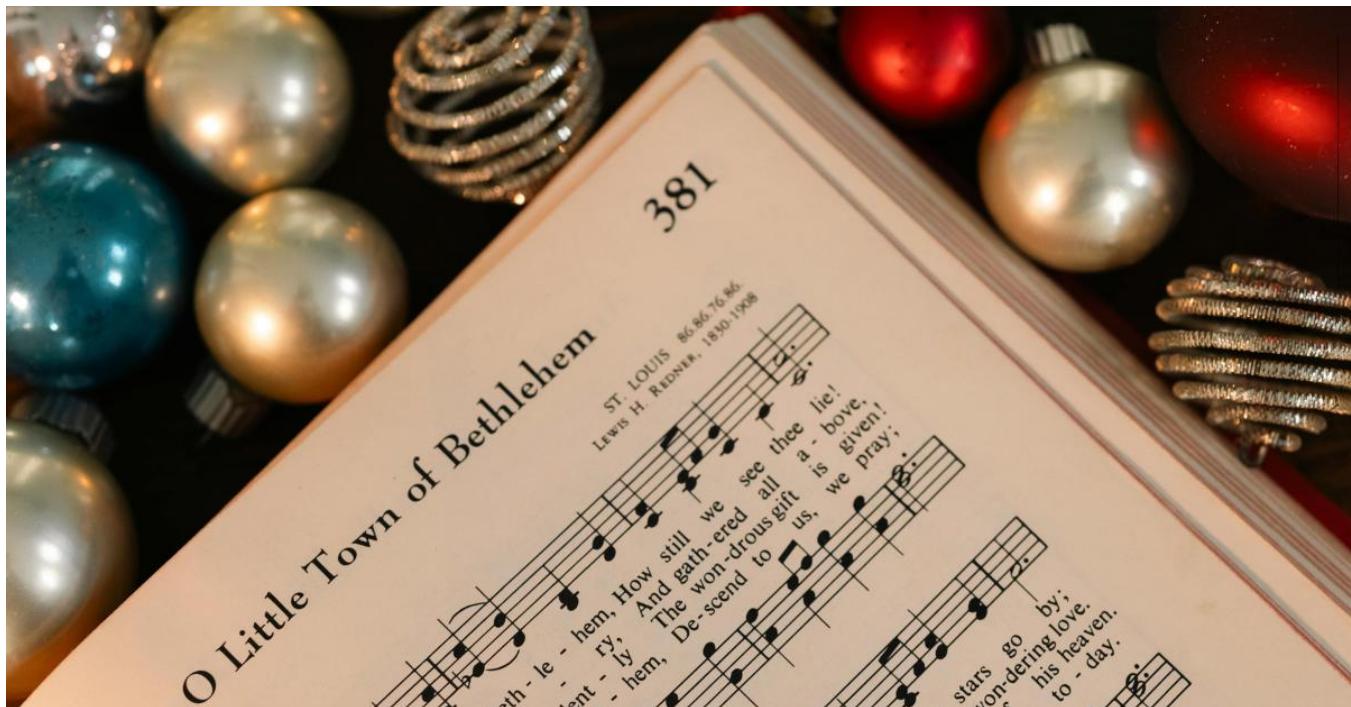


FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS



Bausman Memorial United Church of Christ

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.



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December 28, 2025

9:30am Worship

WELCOME TO BAUSMAN!

1ST TIME GUESTS: Most everything you need is found in this bulletin. Plus, those around you are glad to help and an usher is always available at the main rear entrance. If there are ways we can better extend God's hospitality, leave us a note on the Welcome Card. Your insights are essential as we continue to grow into the community God is calling us to be. Thank you!

HOW TO PARTICIPATE: Congregational readings are in bold with an *All*, *People*, or *Unison* designation. Songs are in the bulletin or pew hymnal. Times for standing and sitting are listed, with it always being okay to remain seated.

“BUSY BAGS”: Coloring books and crayons are available in the north narthex (lobby) for use during worship. Please return all items following the service for others to use the following week. See an usher for assistance.

NURSERY CARE: Available during worship for children birth-kindergarten. The nursery is past the office, to the right. See an usher for assistance.

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL TODAY: Sunday School will return from Christmas break on January 11th, for 1st – 7th graders. Sunday School is generally held during worship except the first Sunday of the month.

RESTROOMS: Ladies and a unisex/accessible bathroom (with wall mounted baby changing table) are available through the doors at the front of the sanctuary. Follow the signs to the office. Bathrooms are on the left.

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS: Contain printed scripture and music, in addition to being in a larger font. Ask an usher for a copy.

HEARING ASSISTANCE: Ask an usher at the rear entrance to the sanctuary who will provide you with a device directly tied into the sanctuary sound system. Please return the device to an usher at the conclusion of worship.

GET CONNECTED: Use the pew holder Welcome Card to register your attendance, share contact information, ask questions, and more. Once completed, place it in the offering plates during the offering time.

WIFI & DEVICES: Thank you for silencing all your devices during worship. Bausman's guest wifi is accessible with the passcode: “gladurhere!”

ORDER OF WORSHIP

WE GATHER TO BE GOD'S PEOPLE

Centering Thoughts: We often think of Jesus as the high, holy, Son of God, who beyond having the flesh and blood of humanity is not much else like us. You could almost make a parody of opposites between Jesus and us: righteous/ sinful, loving/hateful, forgiving/vengeful, faithful/fickle, etc. Yet even as the writer of Hebrews elevates Jesus, he also humanizes him to the point of saying, “he had to become like us in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest...” What does it mean for Jesus to be like you in every respect?

Opening Chimes

Welcome & Announcements

Sharing of Christ's Peace

(Rise in body or spirit to share Christ's peace using customary forms of greeting or by using a peace sign. Please be seated once the prelude begins.)

Prelude: “Still, Still, Still” - Austrian carol, arr. Thygerson

(The acolyte carries the light of Christ into our presence, calling us to worship)

(Please rise in body or spirit)

Call to Worship

Pastor: Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights!

People: Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his hosts!

Pastor: Praise the Lord, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars.

**People: Praise him, you highest heavens,
and you waters above the heavens.**

Pastor: Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!

People: Young men and women alike, old and young together!

Pastor: Let them praise the name of the Lord,
for his name alone is exalted;

People: His glory is above earth and heaven.

Pastor: For to us a child is born; a son is given.

People: Authority rests upon his shoulders,

**and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

Pastor: Together let us worship the living Lord, our God.

People: Amen!

Processional Hymn: “There’s a Song in the Air” (p. #S 25)

WE CONFESS OUR NEED FOR HEALING & GRACE

Call to Confession

Corporate Confessional

All: Saving God, we tell the Christmas story with joy and hope –
the child of God, who has come to earth, to bring salvation for all.
Yet so often we miss the most important point.
You came not to Lord over our lives, but to share in our lives –
in our weakness and shame, in our vulnerability and insecurity,
in our joy and love, in our hurt and in our pain.
Yet we turn from you when we believe you certainly couldn’t know
or when we believe you certainly couldn’t care,
even as your hands stretch wide for us upon the cross.
Forgive us, O God,
for the times we fail to see the most important point,
as you call us again, to see your love in the face of Mary’s child.
Amen.

Personal Silent Confession

(Personal prayers for God’s healing and redeeming peace)

Assurance of Grace

Pastor: ...and his name is called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

People: Glory to God in the highest, whose love is for each and for all.
Amen!

Confession Response (*Unison*)

Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria en las al - tu - ras a Dios!
Glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry! Glo - ry to God in the high - est,
Yen la tie - rra paz pa-ra-a-que-llos que a - ma Dios. . . .
And on earth be peace to all peo-ple with whom God is pleased.

(Please be seated)

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S LIVING WORD

Message for the Young & Young at Heart

(All youth are invited to come forward to the front steps. No Sunday School today.)

Prayer of Illumination

**All: Holy One, in the time of Mary and Joseph
you made your Word flesh in Jesus, the Christ,
that we may witness your truth and behold your love.
Open our hearts anew, to see of your truth that may live of your love.
Speak Lord, for your servants are listening. Amen.**

Epistle Lesson: Hebrews 2:10-18 (p. #219)

In bringing many sons and daughters to glory, it was fitting that God, for whom and through whom everything exists, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through what he suffered. Both the one who makes people holy and those who are made holy are of the same family. So Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters. He says, “I will declare your name to my brothers and sisters; in the assembly I will sing your praises.” And again, “I will put my trust in him.” And again he says, “Here am I, and the children God has given me.”

Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might break the power of him who holds the power of death—

that is, the devil—and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death. For surely it is not angels he helps, but Abraham's descendants. For this reason he had to be made like them, fully human in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 2:13-20 (p. #2)

When they had gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. "Get up," he said, "take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod is going to search for the child to kill him."

So he got up, took the child and his mother during the night and left for Egypt, where he stayed until the death of Herod. And so was fulfilled what the Lord had said through the prophet: "Out of Egypt I called my son."

When Herod realized that he had been outwitted by the Magi, he was furious, and he gave orders to kill all the boys in Bethlehem and its vicinity who were two years old and under, in accordance with the time he had learned from the Magi. Then what was said through the prophet Jeremiah was fulfilled:

"A voice is heard in Ramah, weeping and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children and refusing to be comforted, because they are no more."

After Herod died, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who were trying to take the child's life are dead."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon: "One Like Us"

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Carol Sing

(Join in singing select verses from congregationally selected carols. When sharing a carol, please share the name and page number. You can also select up to two verses to sing.)

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (sins)

All: 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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.

Receiving of Tithes and Offerings

(*Electronic & physical giving options are available through the pew envelope.
Register your attendance with a Welcome Card or using Realm's mobile check-in.*)

Offertory: “Lo How A Rose E’er Blooming”
- from Geistliche Kirchengesang, arr. Thygerson

(Please rise in body or spirit)

Offering Response (Unison)



The musical notation consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef and the bottom staff is in bass clef, both in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp. The lyrics are integrated into the music. The first line of lyrics, "Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here be-low;" is placed above the treble clef staff. The second line of lyrics, "Praise God a-bove, you heaven-ly host: Praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost." is placed below the bass clef staff. The music features a steady eighth-note pattern throughout both staves.

Prayer of Dedication

All: Bountiful God, in the giving of your Son,
you have given a gift that can never be repaid.
Yet, receive our gifts of joy and thanks.
Bless them we pray, as you deepen our walk with you
and as you strengthen the ministries of this church,
so that the light of your love

**may shine all the more brightly within this world.
In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

WE GO WITH GOD'S CALLING

Recessional Hymn: "O Thou Joyful" (p. #S 28)

(The acolyte carries the light of Christ into the world, as the choir leads us in the way.)

Commissioning & Benediction

Chimes

Postlude: "Joy To The World" - G.F. Handel, arr. Roed

(As the postlude concludes, go in peace to love and serve at the calling of God.)

THIS WEEK AT BAUSMAN

Sunday, December 28 – First Sunday after Christmas, Carol Hymn Sing

9:30AM Worship, Nursery
8:00 PM Wyo Cub Scout Pack 413 – Committee Meeting

Monday, December 29

11:00 AM Turning Point Group, AA – Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, December 31 – New Years Eve

11:30 AM Turning Point Group, AA – Fellowship Hall

Thursday, January 1 – New Year's Day

8:15 AM 815 Morning Meeting – Fellowship Hall
10:30 AM Women's Recovery Group, Fellowship Hall

Friday, January 2

Boy Scout Klondike Prep

8:15 AM 815 Morning Meeting – Fellowship Hall
11:30 AM Turning Point Group, AA – Fellowship Hall

Sunday, January 4 – Epiphany –Communion by Intinction, First Sunday Fellowship

8:30 AM Chancel Choir
9:30AM Worship, Communion by Intinction, Nursery, First Sunday Fellowship
4:30 PM Girl Scout Troop 192 – Fellowship Hall

PRAYERS & CARES

Congregational Cards of Care

God invites us to share life-giving love through our faith. One way to do this is to weekly join in our “Cards of Care” ministry. This week we are uplifting Linda Shultz, who now lives far from Bausman. Stop by the table in the front left corner of the sanctuary to add your name and care to this week’s card. Thank you!

Prayer Requests

Thank you for joining in the joy and care of others by including the following prayers in your prayer times. Submit your prayer requests by using a Prayer Card, contacting the church office, or the prayer chain coordinator (Mary Moll). Prayer requests are maintained for up to four weeks and can be resubmitted an unlimited number of times. When possible, please check with the person before submitting their name.

Praise & Celebrations: St. John's Gernanats UCC and Pastor Frances Merkel; Children's Pageant Participants and Teachers

Healing & Strengthening: Virginia Buser; Jan Heist; Andrew Wolfe (National Guardsman); Lorraine Yahner

Care & Support: Virginia Buser; Jan Heist; Andrew Wolfe (National Guardsman); Lorraine Yahner

Comfort In Time of Loss: Virginia Buser; Jan Heist; Andrew Wolfe (National Guardsman); Lorraine Yahner

Birthdays Celebrated this Week

12/27 Megan Anders

12/30 John Hibschnan

12/31 Jon Scott

1/1 Lizzie Luyben

1/3 Drew Warner

Anniversaries Celebrated this Week

12/30 Marc & Laura Waetjen

1/2 Jacob & Nacy Brown

Worship Information

Sponsorships

Bulletins: To the Glory of God, by Sue Wentink.

Today's Worship Leaders

Ministers: All Members

Head Usher: Kent Hollinger

Ushers: Margie Baer, Rodney Baer, Gary Rhoads, Sue Rhoads

Acolyte: TBD

Reader: Jodi Reardon

Welcome: Shelby Brunner

Pianist: Debbie Weinhold

Preacher: Rev. Joseph Motz

Nursery: Amalia Cannon

Altar Guild: Margie Baer

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Last Week's Worship

Worship Attendance: In Person: 120 Online: 3

Offerings Received for God's Ministry:

General Fund: In person \$3842 Online: \$268 Capital Offering:\$140 The Christmas Fund (Veterans of the Cross):\$140

"LOOK AND SEE"
WHAT IS HAPPENING AT BAUSMAN!
DECEMBER 28, 2025

(Visit bausmanucc.org and sign up for the weekly e-blasts as well)

2026 Offering Envelopes - Please pick up your offering envelopes (in the East Narthex) by the end of December to minimize the number of offering envelopes that need to be mailed. You are also welcome to assist friends, family members and neighbors by picking up and delivering their envelopes to them. If you can't find your offering envelope please contact the church office.

End of Year Giving - For tax purposes, offerings postmarked in 2025, or received in 2025, will be included on your 2025 giving statement. All offerings postmarked 2026, or received in the offering plate in 2026, will be recorded on your 2026 giving statement.

The one exception is if you used a 2026 offering envelope. All 2026 offering envelope contributions are held and counted as 2026 offerings. If you would like to make a contribution in 2025 towards your 2026 pledge, please contact the Financial Secretary, Cece Wagner, to ensure your contribution is accounted for accurately.

The Church Office will be closed December 25, 2025 through January 4, 2026. During this week, Pastor Joe will have access to the church voicemails. If you have a Pastoral Emergency, you can call the church office and leave a message, or you may contact him directly.



Bausman Annual Soup Sale - The Fundraising Committee will hold their annual Soup Sale January 27-31, 2026. Soup options will be Chicken Noodle, Chicken Corn Noodle, Vegetable Beef, Italian Wedding Soups and Turkey Chili and will be \$11/quart. We recommend that if you are interested in purchasing soup, don't put off placing an order. There will be limited quantities available after orders are filled. Use the QR code to the left, or pick up an order form on the table in the sanctuary. Thank you for your support with this event.

Question? Contact Lori Moser 610-678-7395.

Ways to Support the Annual Soup Sale - As you know, this is one of our major fundraisers for the year. Many volunteers are needed for this event. In January, and you can sign up for various days and hours during the week of the sale. Please join us, even if you are available for only an hour or two.

Also, help get the word out! Handouts with a QR code to the order form, as well as hard copies of the order form, are available on the table in the sanctuary. Please share them with family, friends, and neighbors.

Clothing Collection for Hope Rescue and Lighthouse - In January, Bausman will collect all season clothing for both HOPE RESCUE and LIGHTHOUSE. Please bring items to church where drop boxes will be set up in the East Narthex. Items are coats, hats, scarves, gloves, shoes, towels, belts, purses and new men's underwear size s to XXXL

In Case of Worship Cancellation Due to Inclement Weather - In the case there is a need to cancel worship due to poor weather conditions, cancellation information will be posted on the following platforms:

- The church answering machine message
- Email sent out through Realm and Posted on the Newsfeed
- Facebook - Bausman's Facebook page
- WFMZ.com - Under Business and School Closings

There's A Song In The Air

CHRISTMAS SONG 6. 6. 6. 6. 12. 12.

Josiah G. Holland

Karl P. Harrington

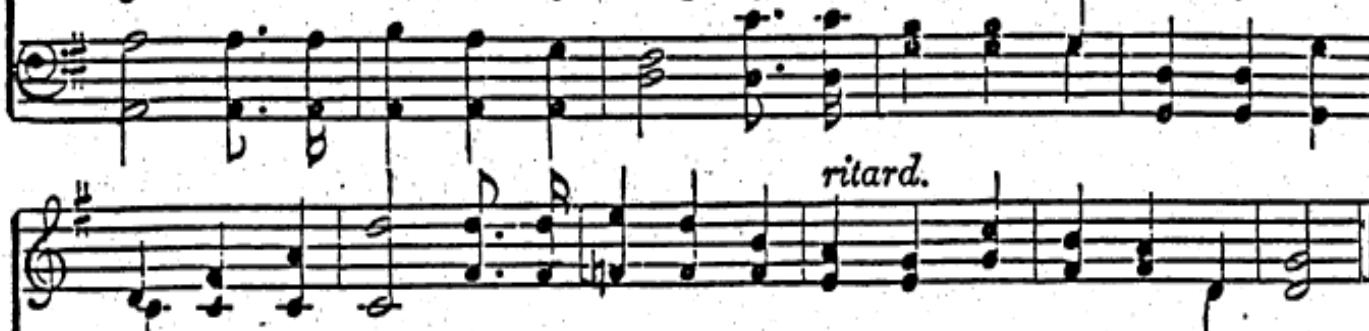
Adante con moto



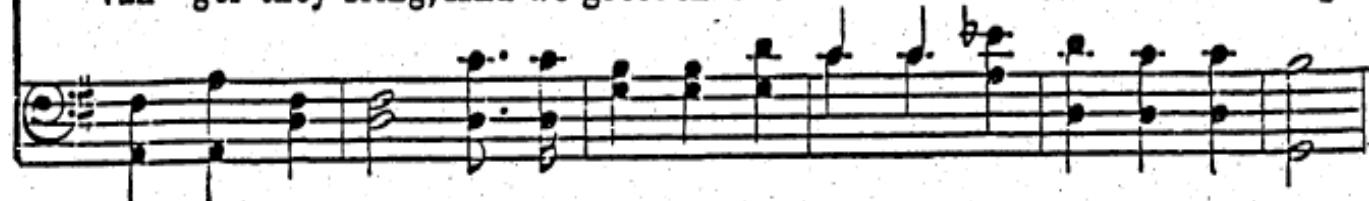
1. There's a song in the a-irl There's a star in the sky! There's a mother's deep
2. There's a tu - mult of joy O'er the won-der-ful birth, For the Virgin's sweet
3. In the light of that star Lie the a - ges impearled; And that song from a -
4. We re-joice in the light, And we ech - o the song That comes down thru the



prayer, And a ba - by's low cry! And the star rains its fire while the
boy Is the Lord of the earth. Ay! the star rains its fire while the
far Has swept o - ver the world. Ev - 'ry hearth is a - flame, and the
night From the heav - en - ly throng. Ay! we shout to the love - ly e -



beau - ti - ful sing, For the man-ger of Beth - le - hem cra-dles a King!
beau - ti - ful sing, For the man-ger of Beth - le - hem cra-dles a King!
beau - ti - ful sing In the homes of the na - tions that Je - sus is King!
van - gel they bring, And we greet in His cra - dle our Sav - iour and King!



O Thou Joyful

German: St. 1, J. Falk; sts. 2, 3, anon.
Tr. H. Katterjohn, 1919

SICILIAN MARINERS' HYMN 9.7.6.6.10.
Sicilian Melody, 1794



1. O thou joy - ful, O thou won - der - ful Grace re - veal - ing
2. O thou joy - ful, O thou won - der - ful Love re - veal - ing
3. O thou joy - ful, O thou won - der - ful Peace re - veal - ing



Christ - mas - tide! Je - sus came to win us From all sin with-in us:
Christ - mas - tide! Loud ho - san - nassing - ing And all prais-es bring - ing,
Christ - mas - tide! Dark-ness dis - ap - pear - eth, God's own light now near-eth,



Glo - ri - fy, glo - ri - fy the ho - ly child.
May thy love, may thy love with us a - bide.
Peace and joy, peace and joy to all be - tide.

