



# BRENTWOOD COMMUNITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Passion for Christ, Compassion for All

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## Epiphany Sunday New Years Service

10:30 am Sunday, December 31, 2023

*\*Mark invites you to stand, as you are able.  
Please turn off all cell phones, or set on vibrate!  
Let us be in the spirit of worship, centering around  
God the Creator, Son the Redeemer  
and Holy Spirit the Sustainer who invites us into their  
presence, heal us and mold us into the image of God!*

### COMING TOGETHER FOR WORSHIP SERVICE

Greeter: Linda Walton  
Usher(s): Scott Baxter & Gbenga Olayomi

**Assistive listening receivers and headsets are available for members of the congregation who would like to use them.**

**\*ZOOM** host will guide you as you join online worship from 10:15 am

**\*\***You will find blue buttons on our church website ([brentwoodumc.org](http://brentwoodumc.org))

to join either **Live Zoom** Worship Service or **YouTube Live** Stream

**\*\*\*Recording** of Sunday Worship Service will be available after 7 pm Sunday on church website

**WELCOME** (Sound of the Gong)

Heidi Stark

**\*OPENING HYMN**

“We Would See Jesus” (#256 vs. 1, 3, 5 UMH)

Together

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Heidi Stark

**MISSION/MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES**

Heidi Stark

**TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES**

Rev. Hyesung Lee

**LORD’S PRAYER**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** (Preschool to 5th Grade)

**OFFERING of PLEDGES & THANKSGIVING**

Prayer: Heidi Stark

Offertory Music

\* Doxology #94 (UMH)

**TIME FOR COMMUNITY** From Zoom & Sanctuary

Rev. Hyesung Lee

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Passing of the Peace

**HYMN OF PRAYER**

“Be Thou My Vision” (#451 UMH)

Together

**\*GOSPEL READING**

Luke 18:15-17 (NRSV)

Heidi Stark

**MESSAGE**

“The *Reel* Christmas Story: *Elf More, Grinch Less*”

Rev. Hyesung Lee

**CLOSING HYMN**

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” (#400 UMH)

Together

**BENEDICTION**

Rev. Hyesung Lee

**POSTLUDE WITH RECESSIONAL**



Riley Clarke



*“Brentwood Community United Methodist Church is a welcoming and reconciling congregation, affirming its ministry with the whole family of God regardless of age, race, ethnic origin, economic situation, gender identity, sexual orientation, or marital status.”*

### Today & Upcoming Schedule

DATE	TIME	GROUP	ROOM
Sun. Dec 31 <sup>st</sup>	10:30am	Worship Service	Sanctuary
		Sunday School After Time with Young Disciples	Sunday School Rm
Sat. Jan 6 <sup>th</sup>	8am	UMM Breakfast	Fellowship Hall
Tues. Jan 9 <sup>th</sup>	10am	Worship Committee	Fellowship Hall
Tues. Jan 9 <sup>th</sup>	7pm	Finance	Fireside
Tues. Jan 9 <sup>th</sup>	7pm	Trustees	Zoom
Wed. Jan 10 <sup>th</sup>	4:30pm	SPRC	Fellowship Hall
Wed. Jan 10 <sup>th</sup>	7pm	Ad Council	Fireside Room

<b>Friday Email</b>	Weekly News	Deadline: Thurs at noon	Contact: Michelle admin@brentwoodumc.org
<b>D's and O's</b>	BCUMC Monthly Newsletter	Editor: Bob Clarke <a href="mailto:bbclarke@comcast.net">bbclarke@comcast.net</a> Deadline: 28 <sup>th</sup> of the month	Contact: Church office if you wish to receive a copy 925 634 3093
<b>Prayer Chain</b>	Contact Linda Barnhill 925 628 9018; <a href="mailto:lindalucy1103@outlook.com">lindalucy1103@outlook.com</a> with your prayer requests		
<b>Suggestion/ Feedback Box</b>	Let us know how we are doing. You can confidentially leave messages or requests in the box in the back of Sanctuary. Your input is important to us.		
<b>Online Offering</b>	If you would like to donate to BCUMC use the QR code or, you can go directly to our Vanco donation page at: <a href="http://www.brentwoodumc.org/bcumc/make_donation">www.brentwoodumc.org/bcumc/make_donation</a>		

1. **ADULT BIBLE STUDY**

Lesson 4 – A Song of Justice Dec 24, 2023 – The Fourth Sunday of Advent Focal Passage: Luke 1:46-55 Purpose Statement: To Learn to Sing Our Song of Justice in Light of God’s Acts of Salvation and Liberation In this passage of scripture, Luke recounts Mary’s song of praise to the Lord: “My soul magnifies the Lord” ... The wording Mary uses resembles her ancestor Hannah’s song (1 Samuel 2: 1-10) and Miriams son long before that. It also contains a dozen other allusions to the Old Testament. This means to me that Mary was a woman that studied and knew God’s Word. The Scriptures were in her heart and came out through her song. But, despite being highly gifted and even privileged, Mary did exactly what such greatly blessed people should do. Mary magnified the Lord. This remedies pride and self-congratulation and shows us what every blessed believer should do. Mary’s song shows the futility of trusting in self, of trusting in political power, or of trusting in riches. Mary’s trust was in God, and it was rewarded. This take-away snippet is written by participants of the BCUMC’s Adult Bible Study class and is shared for the benefit of all members of the congregation. Today’s author: Diego R. Garcia

2. **BIBLE GIVING SUNDAY**

On Sunday Jan 7<sup>th</sup> during Worship Service, Bibles will be given to 3<sup>rd</sup> graders and older who have not received the Bible from the church yet. Parents, please let Michelle (church office) or the pastor know if your children would like to get one.

3. **DE-HANGING OF THE GREENS**

On Sunday Jan 14<sup>th</sup> after the service, the Greens will be taken down. Everyone is invited to join the crew for this event.

4. **CHURCH LEADER TRAINING BY THE CONFERENCE**

On Saturday, Jan 20<sup>th</sup> 9am to 12:30pm (via zoom), there will be training session by conference leaders for pastor, Lay Leader, Treasurer, Trustee, Council/Board Chair, or on SPRC, Nominations or Finance Committees. For questions, contact [zohrehs@calnevumc.org](mailto:zohrehs@calnevumc.org)  
REGISTER here: <https://calnev-reg.brapp.com/2023ChurchLeadersTraining71>  
Registration by Jan 15<sup>th</sup> 2024.

**THOSE SERVING AT WORSHIP TODAY**

<b>Ministers</b>	All Who Follow Christ	<b>Greeters</b>	Linda Walton
<b>Pastor</b>	Rev. Hyesung Lee	<b>Usher(s)</b>	Gbenga Olayomi & Scott Baxter
<b>Choir Director</b>	Alivia Logan-Kumagai	<b>Acolyte</b>	TBD
<b>Worship Leader</b>	Hedi Stark	<b>Crucifer</b>	TBD
<b>Accompanist</b>	Riley Clarke	<b>Audio/Visual</b>	Dave Funk
<b>Sunday School</b>		<b>Nursery</b>	
<b>Altar Flowers</b>			
<b>Attendance from Previous Sunday: 57</b>			
Adults: 42	Children/Youth: 7	Zoom: 16	YouTube: 2
<b>Attendance from Christmas Eve: 83</b>			
Adults: 78	Children/Youth: 2	Zoom: 0	YouTube: 3