

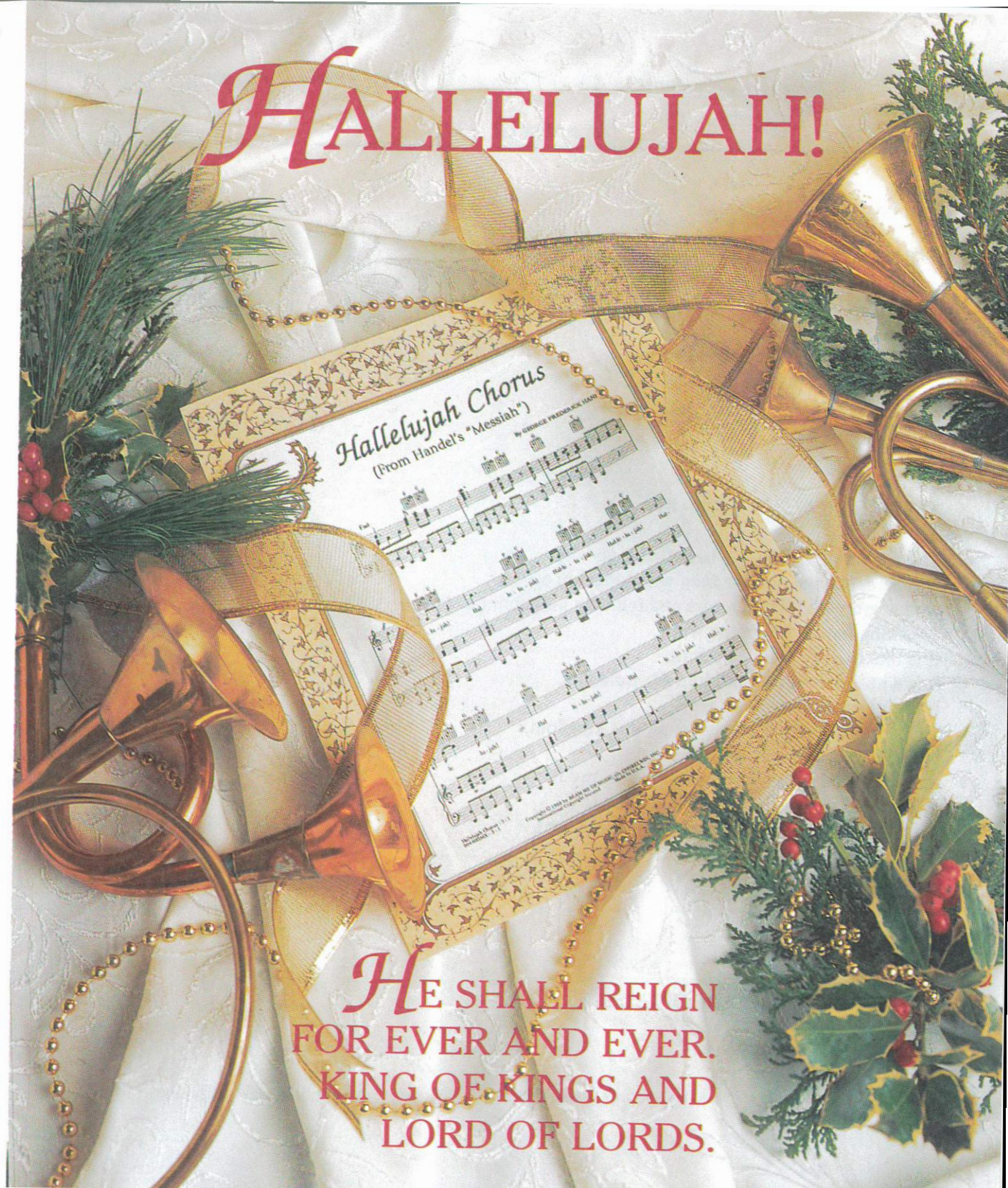
### Our Mission

Berea Friendship United Methodist Church is called  
To share the good news of Jesus and to serve others in His name.

### Our Vision

At Berea Friendship United Methodist Church  
Our vision is to strengthen and encourage our faith journey with others to  
Build meaningful relationships and make disciples of Jesus Christ.

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# HALLELUJAH!

*Hallelujah Chorus*  
(From Handel's "Messiah")  
By GEORGE FRIDERIC HANDEL

HE SHALL REIGN  
FOR EVER AND EVER.  
KING OF KINGS AND  
LORD OF LORDS.

December 26, 2021

THE PRELUDE

Joan Kotrady

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

GREETING

Davon Harrelson

ANNOUNCEMENTS (see insert)

HYMN - No. 234

O Come, all ye Faithful

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - #17

The Kingdom of God is where Christ is.  
It is here, but can only be seen with kingdom eyes,  
And heard with kingdom ears and felt with kingdom hands.  
This kingdom, it is like the wind,  
It is like the tree that bears fruit,  
It is a nest, it is where children are welcome,  
It is a place of people forgiven.  
Help me, oh God, that I may enter this kingdom,  
That I may find my place there,  
that it may be the point of reference for my life.  
Help me to so live in that world, oh God,  
That when I transition from this life to the next,  
That I might not even know.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

PASTORAL PRAYER

CHORAL ANTHEM

Silent Night, Silent World. Sally A. Albrecht & Jay Althouse

SCRIPTURE READING:

Luke 2: 21-35

- <sup>21</sup> After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the Angel before he was conceived in the womb.  
<sup>22</sup> When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord  
<sup>23</sup> (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every first born male should be designated as holy to the Lord"),  
<sup>24</sup> and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtle doves or two young pigeons."  
<sup>25</sup> now there was a man in Jerusalem who's name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him.  
<sup>26</sup> It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before him had seen the Lord's Messiah.  
<sup>27</sup> guided by the spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law,  
<sup>28</sup> Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,  
<sup>29</sup> "Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word;  
<sup>30</sup> for my eyes have seen your salvation,  
<sup>31</sup> which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,  
<sup>32</sup> a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel."  
<sup>33</sup> And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him.  
<sup>34</sup> Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed  
<sup>35</sup> so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed-and a sword will pierce your own soul too."

SERMON

Davon Harrelson

Christ - A Dream Come True

\*HYMN - No. 217

Away in A Manger

\*EXTINGUISHING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

BENEDICTION (Rom 16)

To God, who is able to strengthen you -  
To the God of prophecy, wisdom,  
Mystery, and faith-  
To this God be glory forever.  
Go in peace. AMEN.

**January 2022 is close at hand:**

The following groups will be meeting in January. All final details will be confirmed and presented in the January Newsletter and next Sunday's Bulletin.

**Trustees:** Tuesday, January 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

**Admin. Council.** Monday, January 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30

**Men's Club.** The Men's Club will meet on Saturday, January 15<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall.

**Shalom Circle.** The Shalom Circle will meet on Saturday, January 15, at 12:30 more details to come.

**Friendship Circle.** The Friendship Circle will meet on January 18, more details to come

**Inspiration Group:** Thursday, January 27<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 p.m. New Year's Kick Off Lunch in the Fellowship Hall. Meat and Drinks will be provided. More details to come. There will be a sign up sheet placed on the Sanctuary Door. All church members are invited.

**Project Connect 2022** - An opportunity is coming in the new year. Connect with members unable to attend for various reasons