



**The First Church of the Brethren
Roaring Spring, PA
December 2, 2018**

FIRST SUNDAY
Advent

A blessed Advent to you! Today as we worship,
we begin the season of anticipation, hope and preparation
for the coming Messiah. Welcome.

Prelude *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice!* Thygerson

Welcome, Announcements & *Greeting

Enter the Light of Christ Choir & Congregation
While We are Waiting Come

Call to Worship (from Isaiah 2)

L: Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

P: Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord.

L: During this Advent season, let us learn of God's ways and
walk in God's paths.

All: Let us seek the well-being of all creation.

Chancel Choir Response *Of the Father's Love Begotten*

Invocation

*Carol Hymn # 178 *Come, Thou Long-expected Jesus*

Anthem *Prophets Knew* Lloyd Larson

Hanging of the Greens

Narration: Why do we do this?

Carol Hymn # 201 *Hark the Herald Angels Sing* vs. 1 & 2

Narration: The Symbolism of the Chrismon Tree

Carol Hymn # 318 *Joy to the World* vs. 1 & 4

Narration: The Creche

Children's Story Linda Steele

Carol Hymn # 191 *O Little Town of Bethlehem* vs. 1 & 2

Narration: The Advent Wreath Craig, Chris & Rachel Wagner

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Congregational Prayer

Scripture Isaiah 2:2-3

Meditation *Promise Kept* Dave Crumrine

Offertory Thought

Offertory *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* Young

*New Doxology

*Offertory Prayer

*Carol Hymn # 172 *O Come, O Come, Immanuel* vs. 1, 4 & 6

*Benediction

L: Follow the light of hope's guiding star. Seek the child.

P: Listen to the words of the heavenly hosts. Find the child.

L: Offer as gifts the best that you have. Serve the child.

ALL: Peace be among us. God be with us. Amen

*Postlude *Wondrous Tidings* Simone

*Those who are able are invited to stand.

Bold print indicates congregational response

The altar flowers are given in memory of Clair & Ethel Keith by
Dan & Carol Emerick.

The bulletins are given in memory of Sarah E. Hoover by her
family.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A congregational forum will be held immediately following our
worship service today. The forum will include the 2019 slate being
presented, 2019 Budget Vote, and a vote to start raising funds for
a Capital Campaign.

Please include in your prayers: Carl Hoover, Russell Johnson,
Paul Longenecker, Gladys Dodson, Matt Price (deployed),
Tommy & Sandy Smith, Patrick Dennis, Rick McCoy, Barbara
Roush, Linda Steele, Brenda Yingling, John Flamish and Erika
Smith.

	Serving Today	Serving next week
Audio	Travis Russell	Travis Russell
Acolyte	Mentoring Team	Mentoring Team
Organist	Cathy Petre	Darlene Wyland
Pianist	Marcia Fleck	Cathy Neal
Storyteller	Linda Steele	Dave Crumrine
Nursery	Pat Dick, Signe Dellinger	Janie Myers, Alyssa Bianconi, Avery Smith
Welcome Center	Jane Brumbaugh	Carol Emerick
Worship Leader	Worship Team	Paul Witkovsky
Parking Lot Greeters	Paul Witkovsky Dave Imes	Dave Imes
Greeters		
Rear Door	Maureen & Doug Detwiler	Maureen & Doug Detwiler
Front Door	Rufus Petre	Rufus Petre
Deacon Greeters	Mitch & Bethann Frederick	Mitch & Bethann Frederick
Head Ushers: Pat Frazier, Dave Brumbaugh, Earl Bryson		
Chancel Choir Accompanist: Cathy Petre		

Hanging of the Greens resources –
Community of Christ-Hanging of Greens Ideas, CofChrist.org.

Directory of Ministry: Dr. David Crumrine dcrumrine@rsfirstchurch.org H: 224.5389 C: 932.8489 Leadership Team Chairperson: Paul Witkovsky Worship Coordinator: Terry Hershberger hershretired@gmail.com C: 329.5575 Office Administrator: Jan Simington churchoffice@rsfirstchurch.org O:224.4113 Custodian: Jan Claar Bookkeeper: Cindy Shaw 224.5056

Any two-year-old through fifth grader is invited to participate in the upcoming **children's Christmas program** on December 16th. The program will be held during the morning worship service. If your child would like to participate, please contact Sandy Norris at 224-2860 by December 2nd. If interested in participating, please indicate if your child would like a speaking or non-speaking part. Practices are scheduled to be held on 12/8 and 12/15 from 10:00 am- 11:30 am.

A Hoss's Fundraiser is being held at the Duncansville location today to benefit the youth, to replenish the NYC fund. Please show this when placing your order. Group #104713.

We will be providing a dozen cookies, one for each child from the Angel Tree located at the Roaring Spring True Value. Please sign up at the Welcome Center. Place **IN THE KITCHEN** Sunday morning, December 16.

Help Needed: Angel Tree cookies will be bagged at 6 pm Sunday, December 16th in the Fellowship Hall.

Please sign the Attendance Register during the offering. Visitors are encouraged to share their address.

For All Youth - Winter Jam will be March 30th @ 6:00 in State College. Tickets are \$42 for friends who want to attend and \$21 for members of our youth group. We would like to pre-order the tickets and need your replies by December 9th. Please contact Bobbi Price at 793-3405 or Jill Brumbaugh at 934-8398 to reserve your spot. (Please note, the soup kitchen trip is from March 27-30)

The monthly gathering of "Good Grief" will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 11 at 7:00pm. We will join together in the Overflow Room as we continue to bring comfort and support to one another in our journeys of finding a new sense of peace and purpose, especially as the Christmas season is about us. If your heart is grieving over a loss, recent or otherwise, please pray about attending this informal support group. If you have questions, please speak with either Pastor Dave or Kaye Russell.

Fruit Baskets will be assembled at 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall on Friday, December 14th.

Deacons and Undershepherds may pick up fruit baskets from 6:30-7:30 pm Friday, December 14th and 10-11 am Saturday, December 15th from the Fellowship Hall.

The Middle PA District Disaster Team will be holding a Carry-In Meal prior to their meeting on Monday, December 3 at 6:00 pm at Roaring Spring First Church of the Brethren. Everyone is asked to bring a covered dish or dessert to share. All are welcome.



The J O Y Christmas Party will be on December 20th from 10 am to noon in the Fellowship Hall. Anyone interested in providing a breakfast casserole or goodies is asked to contact Jane Brumbaugh.

A practice will be held following Sunday School for the next three Sundays (December 9, 16, 23) for those children and youth who want to be part of the children and youth choir that will sing during the Christmas Eve service. Contact Bethann Frederick for more information.



Angel Tree: This year we will receive health kits and donations for blankets. Place \$10 for each blanket you wish to provide in an envelope and place in the offering with "blanket" noted on it. The list of items to make a health kit are available at the Welcome Center. Both will be received through the month of December.

Living out our Faith

Vision Being the hands and feet of Jesus, serving with open minds and hearts.

Mission We exist to be a community of welcome and worship where people find peace, purpose, and power through Jesus Christ.

December 2 - 9, 2018

Today		Hoss's Fundraiser
	9:25 am	Worship / Hanging of the Greens
	10:30 am	Congregational Forum
	10:45 am	Sunday School
Monday	6 pm	Middle PA Disaster Response
Wednesday	9 am	Ladies Aid Quilting
	1 pm	Prayer Shawl Ministry in Parlor
	6 pm	Sr Youth Gathering
	6 pm	Venture Club
	6:30 pm	Chancel Choir Practice
Thursday	9 am	Bulletin Announcement Deadline
	9 am	Breakfast at Spring House Grille
	6:30 pm	Knitting Group in Parlor
Saturday	10-11:30 am	Children's Play Practice
Sunday		Food Bank Collection
	9:25 am	Worship
	10:30 am	Fellowship Time
	10:45 am	Sunday School

Stewardship Report 11/25/2018

Worship Attendance	172	Sunday School	86
Worship Offering	\$3,293.00	Sunday School Offering	\$64.60

Sunday School Classes

10:45 am – 11:30 am

Class	Room	Class	Room
Nursery	202	Generation Hope	405
Pre-k – 2 nd Gr	201	Genesis	406
3 rd -5 th Grade	506	Alpha	402
Jr High	504	Mr & Mrs	301
Sr High	502		