



**The First Church of the Brethren
Roaring Spring, PA
December 9, 2018**

SECOND SUNDAY
Advent

As we prepare our worship space and our homes for the coming of Jesus at Christmas, let us also prepare our hearts.

Prelude	<i>Christmas Candles</i>	John Troutman
Welcome, Announcements and *Greeting		
Enter the Light of Christ		
	<i>While We are Waiting, Come</i>	Screen
*Call To Worship (from H. Burnham Kirkland)		Julie Witkovsky
*Invocation		
*Hymn # 212	<i>Oh Come All Ye Faithful</i>	
Lighting of the Advent Candle		Dan and Sharon Hammel
Anthem	<i>A Light Will Shine</i>	Lloyd Larson
Mountain Top Moment		Jacey Myers
Children's Story		Dave Crumrine
Sharing of Joys and Concerns Congregational Prayer		
Hymn # 195	<i>It Came Upon a Midnight Clear</i>	vs.1 & 5
Offertory Thought		
Offertory	<i>The Star In The East</i>	Esther S Higgins
*Doxology		
*Offertory Prayer		
Scripture:		Luke 1:68-79
Sermon	Be Prepared!	
*Hymn # 197	<i>Angels We Have Heard on High</i>	
*Benediction		
Postlude	<i>Lift Up Your Heads</i>	David Paxton

*Those who are able are invited to stand.

Bold print indicates congregational response

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A congregational forum will be held next Sunday to confirm the slate presented at the Congregational Forum last Sunday.

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

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** next Sunday morning.

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

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 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.

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

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A practice will be held following Sunday School today and December 16 and 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 January.

9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 Windows left to be replaced! \$400 donation per window. Thank you to those who have already contributed to this project and thanks to those who will help us complete the project.

The 2019 Flower and Bulletin Chart is posted by the mailboxes. Payment is on the honor system and can be placed in the offering any time with the note "bulletins" or "flowers." Please print legibly who they are in honor or memory of and from whom. Questions can be answered by the office.

TODAY is the Winter Jam ticket deadline. Please contact Bobbie Price. Cost for youth is \$21.00 and friends are \$42.00.

CHRISTMAS CARDS The Youth are willing to sort your Christmas cards being sent to REGULAR attendees. We will accept your cards December 9 and December 16.

Last Wednesday night Bible Study for Senior Youth is this week, December 12. Join us at 6:00 for dinner in the Fellowship Hall and then from 6:30 to 7:30 in the Senior High room.

District Senior High Youth Retreat - January 11 to 13, 2019 at Camp Blue Diamond. The \$80.00 cost is good until December 31, 2018. See an advisor if you need more information.

Serving Today

Serving next week

Audio	Travis Russell	Travis Russell
Acolyte	Mentoring Team	Mentoring Team
Organist	Darlene Wyland	Cathy Petre
Pianist	Cathy Neal	Brenda Fluke-Garber
Storyteller	Dave Crumrine	Bethann Frederick
Nursery	Janie Myers, Alyssa Bianconi, Avery Smith	Audrey Smith Signe Dellinger
Welcome Center	Carol Emerick	Jeannie Stiffler
Worship Leader	Paul Witkovsky	Vincent Miller
Parking Lot Greeters	Dave Imes	Don Myers Mike Bianconi
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		

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 9 - 16, 2018

Today		Food Bank Collection
	9:25 am	Worship
	10:30 am	Fellowship Time
	10:45 am	Sunday School
	11:30 am	Children's Choir Practice
Tuesday	7 pm	Good Grief
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
Friday		Newsletter submission deadline
Saturday	10-11:30 am	Children's Play Practice
Sunday	9:25 am	Worship
	10:30 am	Congregational Forum
	10:45 am	Sunday School
	11:30 am	Children's Choir Practice
	6 pm	Angel Tree Cookie Bagging

Stewardship Report 12/02/2018

Worship Attendance	184	Sunday School	131
Worship Offering	\$5,426.00	Sunday School Offering	\$ 8.45

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		

Steps of the Resurrection

1. Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane -reserved
2. Jesus is betrayed by Judas and arrested
3. Jesus is condemned by the Sanhedrin
4. Jesus is denied by Peter
5. Jesus is judged by Pontius Pilate
6. Jesus is scourged at the pillar and crowned with thorns -reserved
7. Jesus bears the cross
8. Jesus is helped by Simon the Cyrenian to carry the cross
9. Jesus meets the women of Jerusalem -reserved
10. Jesus is crucified -reserved
11. Jesus promises his Kingdom to the repentant thief
12. Jesus speaks to his mother and the Beloved Disciple
13. Jesus dies on the cross -reserved
14. Jesus is placed in the tomb