

The First Church of the Brethren Roaring Spring, PA December 11, 2022

The third Sunday of Advent focuses on joy.
"Rejoice in the Lord always," says the apostle Paul.
With gladness, we welcome you to worship.

Prelude

Welcome, Announcements and Greeting

Enter Light of Christ *While We are Waiting, Come*

*Call to Worship *Bobbi Beers*

One: Rejoice! God's promises are ever near!

All: We wait for Christ's birth with patience.

One: Rejoice! God's strength is with us.

All: We rest in the power of God's mighty love.

One: Rejoice! We gather in the joy of our salvation!

All: In this love, we gather to worship and pray.

*Hymn # 197 *Angels We Have Heard on High*

Children's Skit *T'was The Night Before Christmas*

Children's Story *Gary Wineland*
*(Children ages Pre-K through 5th Grade are invited to attend
Children's Church in room 201.)*

Lighting of the Advent Candle *Travis Eicher Family*

Sharing of Joys and Concerns
Congregational Prayer

Offertory thought

Offertory

*Doxology

*Offertory Prayer

Scripture

Matthew 11:2-11

Sermon *Rejoice!* Rev. Dr. Dave Crumrine

*Hymn # 318

Joy to the World

*Benediction

*Postlude*Those who are able are invited to stand.
Bold indicates congregational response.

Some parts of this service were adopted from The Abingdon Worship
Annual

The bulletins are in honor of Amy Nooyen by Don and Janie.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Enjoy this Christmas play presented this morning by the children. Thanks to the parents for bringing the children and to all who helped in this presentation.

White Gift Offering envelopes are available at the Welcome Center and near the rear door entrance and may be returned any Sunday. This offering will be used for our budgeted outreach.

Please include in your prayers: John Coates, Gary Speck, Pat Dick, Gary Fluke, Dan Hershberger, Tom Sell, Barbara Roush, Bill Grubb, Fred & Arlene Beers, Dorothy Holsinger, J M Thompson, Gertie Johnson, Dave Albright, Eric Thompson, Dan & Carol Emerick, Shirley Smith, first responders, those affected by natural disasters and those grieving.

Men of our congregation are invited to a monthly breakfast at 8 am on the third Saturday of each month at The Dream in Hollidaysburg. Please join us on Saturday, December 17th.

Sisters of Faith is a group of women from the church who meet monthly on the third Tuesday for dinner. This month we will meet at 6 pm at the U S Hotel. Please bring a \$5 gift for the gift exchanges. Please RSVP by December 18th to Janet Imes or Valerie Smith.

Serving Today	Serving Next Sunday	
Candlelighter	Jr High Youth	Jr High Youth
Organist		Cathy Petre
Pianist	Brenda Fluke-Garber	Terry Hershberger
Storyteller	Gary Wineland	Betsy garach
Children's Church	Terra Gartmann Melinda Green	Jodie & Terry Dellinger
Welcome Center	Darlene Wyland	Darlene Wyland
Worship Leader	Bobbi Beers	Linda Steele
Nursery	Open 9 am -11:45 am	Open 9 am -11:45 am
Parking Lot Greeter	Earl Bryson	Don Bookhammer
Greeter	Don & Janie Myers	Don & Janie Myers
Deacon Greeter	Doug & Brenda Garber	Doug & Brenda Garber
Head Ushers: Pat Frazier, Dave Brumbaugh, J D Barry		
Chancel Choir Accompanist: Cathy Petre		
Minister: Rev. Dr. David A. Crumrine		

Stewardship Report 12/04/2022

Worship Attendance 119 Sunday School 55
Worship Offering \$ 4,669.26 Sunday School Offering \$ 49.00

2022- 2023 Sunday School

Nursery - K	Sharon Hammel and Pat Dick
Grades 1-2	Julie Dick
Grades 3-5	Mindy Wagner
Jr & Sr High	Travis Wagner or Dave Crumrine
Generation Hope	Betsy Garach or Becky Bianconi
Genesis Class	Dave Crumrine
Mr. and Mrs. Class	Terry Hershberger
Alpha Class	Sandy Norris or Pattie Conlon

On Monday, December 19th the book group will meet in the Parlor at 10 am to discuss “Lila.” You still have time to read the book and join them for a discussion.

All those donating cookies for the Angel tree, please have the cookies to the Fireplace Room no later 7 pm, Monday, December 12th. Anyone wishing to help bag the cookies is asked to be in the Fellowship Hall at 7 pm that evening.

The slate was approved on Sunday. These are the results:
Moderator – Dan Hammel; Sunday School Superintendent – Dave Imes; Leadership Team Chair – Kaye Russell; Leadership Team Vice-Chair – Paul Witkovsky; Missions & Service Team Chair – Don Bookhammer; Hospitality & Communication Team Chair – Beth Burns; Finance & Facility Team Chair – Bryce Nooyen; Annual Conference Delegates – Herb & Beth Burns; District Conference Delegates – Sandy Norris and Paul Witkovsky.

Please sign the Friendship Attendance Register located at the end of each pew. We encourage members and regular attenders to include any **changes** to address, email or telephone numbers.

“Winter Wear Tree” Help us help those who are less fortunate than we are. Please bring “winter wear” and place around the tree in the Overflow Room. Items we are collecting include hats, gloves, scarves, warm boots and shoes, coats, sweat shirts and pants, socks, long underwear, etc. All donated items will be given to the Roaring Spring Library to use as part of their community outreach program.



Christmas is a joyous time as we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, but it can also be stressful when trying to juggle all the holiday festivities. To help alleviate some of that stress, **the M.U.M.s Group will be sponsoring two free gift-wrapping days** in December. All members of the congregation are welcome to stop in, at the Overflow Room, on Friday, December 16th between 6:00-8:00pm or Saturday, December 17th between 3:00-5:00pm to have their gifts wrapped. A sign-up sheet for gift wrapping and also for volunteers to help is available at the welcome center. Please see Amy Nooyen for more information.



The congregation is invited to a birthday party for Jesus on December 21st from 6-8 pm in our Fellowship Hall. We encourage you to bring presents that can be donated to our local schools' clothes closets. Items needed include: hoodies, socks, underwear, mittens and gloves, hats, hygiene items, sweat pants, etc. Please sign up at the Welcome Center so we know how many to plan for.



*Christmas Eve
Candle Light Service*

7 pm



**Christmas
Morning Worship**

10 am

Sunday School will not be held

Fruit Baskets will be available in the Overflow Room after ReCharge on Wednesday and during the day on Thursday.

The deadline for information for the January 2023 newsletter is 1 pm, Monday, December 12th. Information received after this will be included as time and space allow.

December 11 - 18, 2022

Today		Food Bank Collection
	9:25 am	Worship
	10:45 am	Sunday School
	10:45 am	Fellowship Time
Monday	1 pm	Newsletter submission deadline
Tuesday	9:30 am	Bible Study
	7 pm	Good Grief
Wednesday	9 am	Ladies Aid Quilting
	1 pm	Prayer Shawl Ministry in Parlor
	5:45 pm	ReCharge
	6:30 pm	Chancel Choir Practice
	7:30pm	Fruit Basket Pick up
Thursday	9 am	Bulletin Announcement Deadline
	9 am	Breakfast Fellowship
	9 am	Fruit Basket Pick up
	6:30 pm	Knitting Group in Parlor
Friday	6-8 pm	Gift Wrapping
Saturday	8 am	Men's Fellowship Breakfast
	3-5 pm	Gift Wrapping
Sunday	9:25 am	Worship
	10:45 am	Sunday School
	11:45 am	Deacon Prayer



A GOOD GRIEF Christmas opportunity

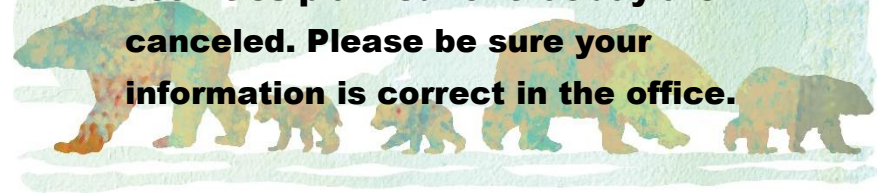
RS First Church will be offering a time of reflection during our Sunday morning worship on Dec 18 for those who have experienced a loss (or losses) in their life and would like the opportunity to remember their loved ones during the Christmas season.

If you, a relative, or neighbor have experienced a loss at any point in your life, and the Christmas season seems to be a time of sadness, please plan to attend worship on this date as Pastor Dave incorporates a time of remembrance and support of those present and invites God into our hearts, bringing us a sense of peace and comfort. Please feel free to invite others you may know who may benefit from this opportunity.

If you have questions, please feel free to speak with either Pastor Dave or Kaye Russell.

The monthly gathering of good grief will be held on Tuesday, December 13 at 7:00 PM. We will join together in the parlor 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.

**In the case of inclement weather:
If we cancel Sunday worship,
notification will be done through a
phone call. We will also publicize this
information on our website and
Facebook page. Should Spring Cove
School District cancel or have an
early dismissal, all children and youth
activities planned for that day are
canceled. Please be sure your
information is correct in the office.**



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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.