



**The First Church of the Brethren
Roaring Spring, PA
December 23, 2018**

FOURTH SUNDAY
Advent

It's almost time! Kids are wound up, and adults are stressed.
So I invite everyone to take a deep breath and find peace as we
worship the coming Christ.

- Prelude *O Holy Night/Jesu Bambino, O Come, All Ye Faithful*
- Welcome, Announcements and *Greeting
- Enter the Light of Christ *While We Are Waiting* Screen
- *Call To Worship (Back of bulletin) Rusty Hoover
- *Invocation (from H. Burnham Kirkland)
- *Carols of Christmas Screen
- Children's Story Rufus Petre
- Anthem *Sing We Now of Christmas* Arr. Larson
- Lighting of the Advent Candle
Todd, Stacey, Vada & Vale Thompson
- Sharing of Joys and Concerns
Congregational Prayer
- Offertory Thought
Offertory: *Silent Night/Away in a Manger*
Doxology
Offertory Prayer
- Hymn *Let There Be Peace on Earth* Screen
- Scripture: Luke 2:13-14
- Sermon: The Prince of Peace
- Hymn # 197 *Angels We Have Heard On High*
- Benediction
- Postlude *Boar's Head Carol*

*Those who are able are invited to stand.

Bold print indicates congregational response

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The altar flowers are given in memory of H. Glenn Claar by his family.

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

Please sign the Attendance Register during the offering. Visitors are encouraged to share their address. Members and regular attends can note change of address and phone number.



A practice will be held following Sunday School today 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.

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 using the envelopes found near the rear door. Questions can be answered by the office.

Stewardship Report 12/16/2018

Worship Attendance	201	Sunday School	108
Worship Offering	\$4,148.00	Sunday School Offering	\$66.00

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Family Ministries 5th Sunday Meal will be held at noon on Sunday, December 30th. Please sign up to bring something to share. Pork, sauerkraut and drinks will be provided. Sign up at the Welcome Center today!!

Thanks to Amy Nooyen, Becky Bianconi, Brenda Fluke-Garber, Pattie Conlon, Clara Hoffman, Sandy Norris, and the mothers and fathers of the younger children for their help with the children's program. Congratulations to all the toddler, pre-school and elementary children, they did a great job telling the story of Jesus birth.

Serving Today

Serving next week

Audio	Travis Russell	Travis Russell
Candlelighter		
Organist	Barb Wineland	Darlene Wyland
Pianist	Cathy Neal	Marcia Fleck
Storyteller	Rufus Petre	Autumn Toth
Nursery		
Welcome Center	Arlene Beers	Nancy Forshey
Worship Leader	Rusty Hoover	Sandy Norris
Parking Lot Greeters	Dave Imes Don Bookhammer	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		

The Nuts and Bolts of our Endowment Fund

Here at First Church we operate with three kinds of financial tools. The yearly budget that pays salaries and keeps the lights on. Capital campaigns that allow us to take on bigger things like construction or a new boiler. And the Endowment Fund.

This Endowment Fund works with gifts that are designated beyond the day-to-day operation of our organization. Often the Endowment Fund is used to fund outreach or special areas of the focus like a special initiative – something beyond the ordinary.

The key is that each year, only a little of the Endowment Fund is used, so the remainder is left to grow. And over time, as gifts are made to it and the principal grows, the Endowment Fund becomes a substantial way for us to keep our church thriving well into the future.

For more details on how you can give above and beyond to the Endowment Fund, contact Mike Bianconi or call the church office.

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.

MESSENGER

Subscriptions are \$7.25 for a first-time subscriber, \$14.50 for one year and \$27 for two years. Contact Jan in the office if interested.

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		

December 23 - 30, 2018

Today	9:25 am	Worship
	10:45 am	Sunday School
	11:30 am	Children's Choir Practice
Monday	7 pm	Christmas Eve Service
Monday – Thursday		Office Closed
Wednesday	1 pm	Prayer Shawl Ministry in Parlor
Thursday	9 am	Bulletin Announcement Deadline
	9 am	Breakfast at Spring House Grille
	6:30 pm	Knitting Group in Parlor
Sunday	9:25 am	Worship
	10:45 am	Sunday School
	12 pm	Family Ministry Meal

Youth News

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.

Church of the Brethren **Workcamps** - registration opens January 17, 2019.

Souper Bowl of Caring will be Sunday, February 3. If you like to write and want to help plan the service, please contact Brenda Fluke-Garber at 793-4637.

Volleyball practices will start in February. The Tournament is Saturday, March 16, 2019

Middle District Soup Kitchen trip to Washington D. C. - March 27 to 30, 2019.

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