

The First Church of the Brethren Roaring Spring, PA December 18, 2022

“... and they shall name him Emmanuel,” which means, “God is with us” (Matthew 1:23, NRSV). What message is more comforting and praiseworthy? Welcome to worship.

Prelude

Welcome, Announcements, Greeting

Enter the Light of Christ *While We are Waiting*

*Call to Worship Linda Steele

One: Come, Child of Bethlehem.

**All: Make your presence known to us
and dwell in our midst as we worship.**

One: Come, servant King.

**All: Teach us the ways of your kingdom
and make our hearts your throne.**

One: Come, Brother of all.

**All: Show us the meaning of our humanity.
Go before us and lead us to God;
Bring us to the fullness of your Kingdom.**

*Carols of Christmas

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

Lighting of Advent Candle Dave Smith Family

Chancel Choir *Sing We Now of Christmas*

Sharing of Joys & Concerns
Congregational Prayer

Offertory Thought
Offertory
*Doxology
*Offertory Prayer

Scripture Matthew 1:23

Sermon *He Is Right Here!* Rev. Dr. Dave Crumrine

Responsive Call Honoring Those Who Grieve

Blue Sunday Candle Lighting

*Hymn vs. 1 *Silent Night*

*Benediction

*Postlude
*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 altar flowers are in memory of Bob Walls by his family.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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: Terry Hershberger and family, 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.

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.

Serving Today	Serving Next Sunday	
Candlelighter	Jr High Youth	Jr High Youth
Organist	Cathy Petre	Barb Wineland
Pianist	Terry Hershberger	Marcia Fleck
Storyteller	Betsy Garach	Pastor Dave
Children's Church	Jodie & Terry Dellinger	Hank & MaryAnn Meetze
Welcome Center	Darlene Wyland	Darlene Wyland
Worship Leader	Linda Steele	Kaye Russell
Nursery	Open 9 am -11:45 am	Open 9 am -11:45 am
Parking Lot Greeter	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 12/11/2022

Worship Attendance 156 Sunday School 0
Worship Offering \$ 2,561.00 Sunday School Offering \$ 0.00

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

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.

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.

The church members present at the 12-4-22 Congregational Forum voted to proceed with the Elevator Modernization project. The option that was most selected from the 4 options presented was "complete ASAP, but borrow from the parsonage fund". The total amount proposed is \$69,814 plus \$3,459 to do roof drain repairs to the building's flat roof areas. Doing the drain repairs will prolong the need to replace the entire flat roof so that we may address the elevator project first.

We have received over \$25,000 to date in donations for the elevator project. Please stay tuned for additional information regarding this project in the months ahead. Questions may be addressed to Bryce Nooyen or Don Bookhammer.

If anyone would like to share a Christmas greeting with Libby (Bechtel) Garner, her current address is 1000 Wyomissing Blvd. Wyomissing PA. 19610
Libby would enjoy receiving notes and cards anytime.
If you have any questions regarding Libby's health, please talk with Kaye Russell.

The Good Grief support group would like to extend their gratitude to the Deacons for preparing and serving a wonderful fellowship meal on December 13. There were 12 folks in attendance and the opportunity for fellowship was well received and a very meaningful and healthy opportunity for us.
Thank you each again for your willingness to share your hearts, time, and talents.

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.



10 am
Sunday School will not be held



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.

December 18 - 25, 2022

Today	9:25 am	Worship
	10:45 am	Sunday School
	11:45 am	Deacon Prayer
Monday	10 am	Book Group
Tuesday	9 am	Bulletin Announcement Deadline for Dec. 25 and Jan. 1
	9:30 am	Bible Study
	6 pm	Sisters of Faith
Wednesday	1 pm	Prayer Shawl Ministry in Parlor
	6 – 8 pm	Birthday Party for Jesus
	6:30 pm	Chancel Choir Practice
Thursday	9 am	Breakfast Fellowship
	6:30 pm	Knitting Group in Parlor
Friday		Office Closed
Saturday	7 pm	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
Sunday	10 am	Worship
Monday		Office Closed



*Christmas Eve
Candle Light Service*

7 pm



Messenger, A magazine of the Church of the Brethren. New subscriptions will begin in April and cost \$7.25 for first time subscribers. One year is \$14.50. Please notify the office if interested in starting a subscription.

If you would like to have loved ones remembered during this morning's worship, please print their names clearly below and bring the paper along with you when you are invited to come forward during worship to light a candle, or candles, in remembrance.

(Please hand the paper to Pastor Dave so that their names may be read while you are lighting candles).

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