

The First Church of the Brethren

Roaring Spring, Pennsylvania

November 19, 2023

Psalm 90 proclaims: "Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations" (v. 1, NRSV). May children, youth and adults all feel at home in this, Christ's church. Welcome.

Community Gathering

Announcements

Linda Steele

Enter the Light of Christ

Call to Worship

One: We lift up our eyes toward you, O God.

All: Longing for a glimpse of your grace.

One: We watch for you.... and wait.

All: Trying to keep awake and aware.

One: Trying not to miss your presence.

All: Trying not to miss our very lives.

One: Today, we come to you awake.

All: In faith, filled with your love, hoping to sense your mercy and your grace.

Praise Through Video

I Can Only Imagine

Children's Story

Marlys Hershberger

(Children ages Pre-K through 5th Grade are invited to attend Children's Church)

Chancel Choir Anthem

*A Litany of Seedtime and Harvest

*Hymn # 94

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

Sharing of Joys & Concerns

Congregational Prayer

Scripture

Matthew 25: 14-30

Sermon

Rev. Dr. David A. Crumrine

What Are You Willing To Bet?

Offertory Thought

Organ Offertory

*Doxology

*Offertory Prayer

*Closing Hymn # 145

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

*Benediction

*Postlude

*Those who are able are invited to stand.

Bold print indicates congregational response.

The bulletins and Altar Flowers are given in loving memory of Martha Brumbaugh by her family.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please include in your prayers: Tom Sell, Bill & Carolyn Grubb, Nancy Mobley, Barbara Roush, Fred Beers, Dorothy Holsinger, Sharlene Wood, Dan Emerick, John Coates, Eric & Shawna Thompson, Pat Dick, first responders, those affected by natural disasters, those with health concerns, our church family.

Please sign the Friendship Attendance Register located at the end of each pew, including any **changes** to address, email or telephone numbers. New attenders may include their information when they feel comfortable to do so. This enables us to keep our records updated as to who is an active member/attender.

Guy & Nancy wish to thank all those who were supportive during our time of sorrow. The visits, hugs, and well wishes contributed much to our recovery from our loss of Glenda Forshey.

The Youth are selling GOBS! Please see one to order. Delivery is Wednesday, December 6. If you want to help us sell, please see Mindy Wagner to get an order sheet.

The Youth will once again be helping elves and sort the Christmas cards that you wish to send to the regular attendees. We will have our box in the welcome center for cards on December 3, 10 and 17.

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.

Serving Today

Serving next Sunday

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Candlelighter	Youth
Organist	Cathy Petre
Pianist	Cathy Neal
Worship Leader	Linda Steele
Storyteller	Marlys Hershberger
Children's Church	Angie Russell
Welcome Center	Darlene Wyland
Nursery	
Parking Lot Greeter	Earl Bryson
Greeters	Don & Janie Myers
Deacon Greeters	Dave & Janet Imes
Head Ushers: Dave Brumbaugh, J D Barry, Pat Frazier Worship Coordinator & Choir Director: Terry Hershberger Chancel Choir Accompanist: Cathy Petre Officiant: Rev. Dr. David A. Crumrine	

Weekly Stewardship Report

November 12, 2023	Attendance	Offering
Worship	124	\$ 5,803.00
Sunday School	71	\$ 0.00

Income / Expense through November 12, 2023

Actual Income	\$ 238,059.60
Budget Income	\$ 226,399.62
Actual Expense	\$ 237,504.12

November 12 - 19, 2023

Today	9:25 am	Worship
	10:30 am	Sunday School
	10:30 am	Congregational Forum
	11:45 am	Deacon Meeting & Prayer
Monday	10 am	Book Group
Tuesday	9:30 am	Bible Study
Wednesday	9 am	Ladies Aid Quilting
	1 pm	Prayer Shawl Ministry in Parlor
Thursday – Monday		Office Closed
Sunday	9:25 am	Worship
	10:30 am	Sunday School

2023 – 2024 Sunday School Classes

Class	Location	Class	Location
Nursery	Room 202	Generation Hope	Room 506
K – 2 nd Grade	Room 201	Genesis	Room 406
3 rd – 5 th Grade	Room 405	Alpha	Room 402
Junior High	Room 504	Living Faith	Room 301
Senior High	Room 502		

Congregational Forum



Following Worship This morning

Packets available in the Overflow Room



December 3
Hymn Sing

December 14
J O Y Christmas Social

December 24
Christmas Eve Service

December 31
5th Sunday Fellowship Meal



A GOOD GRIEF Christmas opportunity

RS First Church will be offering a time of reflection during our Sunday morning worship on November 26 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 bring about 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 12 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.