

First Church of the Brethren Roaring Spring, PA December 1, 2024

Happy New Year! Today the church calendar begins anew with Advent as we celebrate Jesus' coming in the past, present and future. Welcome to worship.

Community Gathering

Enter the Light of Christ *While We Are Waiting, Come*

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

Focusing on Worship Linda Steele

*Hymn # 212 *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

Nativity

Lighting the Lights

Wreaths

Chrismon Tree

Lighting the Advent Candle

Sharing of Joys & Concerns
Congregational Prayer

Hymn # 172 vs.1, 3, 5 *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

Offertory Thought

Offertory

*Doxology

Offertory Prayer

Meditation

*Hymn # 197

*Benediction

*Postlude

*Those who are able are invited to stand.

Bold print indicates congregational response.

Some parts of this service were adapted from The Abingdon Worship Annual and some from Skitguys.com

The flowers on the altar are given in memory of Sarah Hoover by her family.

The bulletins are given in loving memory of Nancy Mobley by her husband, Don Bookhammer.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please include in your prayers: Family of Nancy Mobley, Barry Griffith, Gary & Connie Fluke, Jim Hoover, Joe & Bobbi Price, Bill & Carolyn Grubb, Ramon Burket, Tommy Smith, Bonnie Butler, Dan & Carol Emerick, Joan Johnson, Barbara Roush, Betty Estep, Fred Beers, Paul Unger, Tom & Janis Thompson, Chuck Kuntz, Eric Thompson, Dorothy Holsinger, Joyce Mock, Audrey Smith, Sharlene Wood, first responders, Camp Blue Diamond, those affected by natural disasters, our church family.



Christmas Cards **CHRISTMAS CARDS** - the youth will help you "mail" cards to your church family. We will collect and deliver cards on the following dates: December 1, 8 and 15. Please remember to put a return address on each card. Also, this is for those persons who **regularly attend**. Please put a stamp on the cards for persons who don't attend church and mail them with your other cards. Thank you!

	Serving Today	Serving Next Sunday
Candlelighter	Children	Savannah Thompson
Organist	Cathy Petre	
Pianist	Cathy Neal	Brenda Fluke-Garber
Worship Leader	Linda Steele	Pattie Conlon
Storyteller	Sandy Norris	Pastor Dave
Children's Church	Jodie & terry Dellinger	Tammy Carter
Welcome Center	Darlene Wyland	Darlene Wyland
Nursery		
Parking Lot	Rick Carrier	Don Myers Jaden Myers
Greeters	Carol Emerick	Carol Emerick
Deacon Greeters	Mike & Becky Bianconi	Linda Steele
Head Ushers: Dave Brumbaugh, J D Barry, Pat Frazier, Bill Evans Worship Coordinator & Choir Director: Terry Hershberger Chancel Choir Accompanist: Cathy Petre Officiant: Rev. Dr. David A. Crumrine dcrumrine@rsfirstchurch.org First Church of the Brethren 901 Bloomfield Street Roaring Spring, PA 16673 Office 814.224.4113 Churchoffice@rsfirstchurch.org		

Sunday School Classes

Class	Rm	Class	Rm
Nursery – Pre K	202	Young Adults	Stage
K – 2 nd Grade	201	Generation Hope	504
3 – 5 Grade	405	Genesis	406
Jr High Youth	506	Alpha	402
Sr High Youth	503	Living Faith	301

A 2024 Gifts & Talents Survey is located at the Welcome Center. Please complete and return by the end of the year to the Welcome Center or the office.

Please sign the Friendship Attendance Register located on each pew, including any **changes** of information. **New attenders** are encouraged to share their information when they are comfortable with doing so.

All women are invited to our Sisters of Faith dinners. Watch bulletins and newsletters for the location as it changes monthly. We meet at 6 pm on the third Tuesday of the month.

Men's Fellowship invites all the men to breakfast on the third Saturday of each month at 8 am at The Dream in Hollidaysburg.

The White Gift Christmas Offering will aid local, district and world ministries. Financial gifts will be divided among: 1) Family Services, Inc. in Blair County, 2) Mid PA District ministries, and 3) the Emergency Disaster Fund, the financial part of our national and global Brethren Disaster Ministries. Envelopes may be found at the Welcome Center and from the rack near the rear door entrance and may be turned in anytime in December.

The Giving Tree is located in the overflow room, next to the sanctuary. We are collecting **food and hygiene items for our local food banks**. Please place your donations under the tree December 1-December 24. If you prefer to donate money, please give your financial gift to a Missions & Service Team member and a paper ornament will be placed on the tree with the amount given (without names). Thank you for sharing. ~ **Missions & Service Team:** Don Bookhammer, Bobbi Beers, Sandy Burket, Tammy Carter, Cindy Estep, Marlys Hershberger, John Holsinger, Julie Witkovsky, Darlene Wyland.

M.U.M.s (Mothers Uplifting Mothers) Group will be having a Wreath Workshop at Roots in the Cove on Sunday, December 8, 2024 at 6:00pm. Mothers of all generations are welcome to join us and can create a beautiful wreath or a potted pine box while we fellowship together. The event will be \$45. Light refreshments will also be available. A sign-up sheet is available at the welcome center. Please see Amy Nooyen for more information or if you need childcare.

December 8 - Youth will be helping with Fellowship Time and then we will have lunch and an activity. Please mark the date on your calendar now.

On December 7th from 6 – 8 pm, the Nason Auxiliary is having a **live nativity** at the gazebo in front of Nason Conemaugh Hospital. Refreshments will be available and 25% off in the Gift Shop.

Stewardship Report for November 24, 2024

Worship attendance	126
Sunday School	29
Actual Income	\$ 269,373.04
Budget Income	\$ 258,951.92
Actual Expense	\$ 262,840.18

Advent books for adults, children and youth are available in the Overflow Room. Please help yourself to one each per family, as needed. If you have any questions, please speak with Angie Russell or Kaye Russell.

Don Bookhammer thanks everyone for their kind words and sympathies, food, cards, calls and texts, during the recent hospitalization and passing of his wife Nancy. He is so grateful to have a supportive and loving church family. You may contact him at 814.327.9430. He has disconnected his landline.

December 1 - 8, 2024

Today	8:45 am	Children’s Practice in FH
	9:25 am	Worship
	10:30 am	Sunday School
	11:45 am	Deacon Prayer Gathering
Tuesday	9:30 am	Bible Study
	6 pm	Leadership Team Meeting
Wednesday	9 am	Ladies Aid Quilting
	1 pm	Prayer Shawl Ministry
	5:45 pm	ReCharge
	6:15 pm	Virtual Bible Study
Thursday	6:30 pm	Chancel Choir Practice
	9 am	Bulletin submission deadline Breakfast Fellowship @Traditions
	6 pm	Christian Education Team mtg
Sunday	6:30 pm	Knitting Group in Parlor Food Bank Collection
	9:25 am	Worship
	10:30 am	Fellowship Time
	11 am	Sunday School
	6 pm	MUM Activity



If you are 55+ we invite you to join us in the Fellowship Hall from 10 am to noon on Thursday, December 12th for our annual Christmas Party. We gather to fellowship and to share wonderful food.

Please sign up at the Welcome Center so we know how many to plan for.



Poinsettia order forms are available at the Welcome Center. Orders with payment are due next Sunday.