

First Church of the Brethren

Roaring Spring, PA

December 15, 2024

Welcome! Isaiah declares: "With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation" (12:3, NRSV). May we be nourished by God's gift of salvation as we worship.

Community Gathering

Welcome & Announcements

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

Choral Call to Worship

Invocation Bobbi Beers

Carols of Christmas

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

Lighting the Advent Candle

Choir Anthem

Sharing of Joys & Concerns
Congregational Prayer

Offertory Thought

Offertory

*Doxology

*Offertory Prayer

Praise Through Video

Scripture Luke 2:10-11

Sermon Rev. Dr. David A. Crumrine
Good Tidings of Great Joy

*Closing Hymn # 210 *Good Christian Friends Rejoice*

*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.

The bulletins are given in loving memory of Chuck Piper by his family.

The Christian Life Candle is lit in memory Joan Johnson who joined the Church Triumphant on December 6, 2024.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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

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

Serving Today	Serving Next Sunday
Candlelighter	Skyee Thompson
Organist	Nicholaus Neal
Pianist	Cathy Neal
Worship Leader	Bobbi Beers
Storyteller	Traci Totillo
Children's Church	Angie Russell
Welcome Center	Darlene Wyland
Nursery	
Parking Lot	Rick Carrier
Greeters	Carol Emerick
Deacon Greeters	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	



This is the last morning that the youth will deliver Christmas cards to regular attenders. You, of course, can deliver them to mailboxes yourself.

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.

The 2025 budget and slates from the Nov. 24 Forum were passed by the members present. In addition, Becky Bryson was appointed by the Leadership Team to fill the 2025 vacant SS Superintendent position. Our thanks to Becky for volunteering.

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.

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

Messenger, the Church of the Brethren Magazine, is delivered 10 times a year. The cost is \$14.50 per year or \$27 for a two-year subscription. First time subscribers get the promotional rate of \$7.25. Please contact Jan in the office to renew or start a new subscription by the end of January.

Stewardship Report for December 8, 2024

Worship attendance	107
Sunday School	70
Actual Income	\$ 281,354.42
Budget Income	\$ 269,971.15
Actual Expense	\$ 271,958.91



December 23 – 27, 2024
January 1, 2025

ReCharge is such a blessing to our church family. Looking towards 2025, Christian Education is looking for teachers for January, February, and March for the following classes: nursery, preschool, k - grade 2, and grades 3-5. Please consider volunteering your time so that this program can continue to strengthen our church. Please see Angie Russell or call her at 814-327-0145.

The 2025 Flower and Bulletin Chart is now posted by the church mailboxes. They may be given in memory or honor of a person or special event. Payment may be made through the offering by noting either “bulletins” or “flowers”.

December 15 - 22, 2024

Today	9:25 am	Worship
	10:30 am	Sunday School
	11:45 am	Deacon Prayer Gathering
	1 pm	Newsletter Submission Deadline
Monday	10 am	Book Group
Tuesday	9:30 am	Bible Study
	6 pm	Sisters of Faith
Wednesday	9 am	Ladies Aid Quilting
	1 pm	Prayer Shawl Ministry
	6:15 pm	Virtual Bible Study
	6:30 pm	Chancel Choir Practice
Thursday	9 am	Bulletin submission deadline
		Breakfast Fellowship @Traditions
	6:30 pm	Knitting Group in Parlor
Friday	5 pm	Wedding Rehearsal
Saturday	8 am	Men's Fellowship Breakfast
	3:30 pm	Wedding
Sunday	9:25 am	Worship
	11 am	Sunday School
December 23 – 27		Office Closed

District Youth Retreat at Camp Blue Diamond

Grades 9 to 12 will be January 31 to February 2. The cost is \$85.00 but only \$75.00 if you register by January 17. Registration forms are in the Senior High Youth room.

Grades 6 to 8 will be February 14 to February 16 --- More information will be shared as it is available.

Grades 3 to 5 will be February 28 to March 2 --- More information will be shared as it is available.

Missions & Service team thanks the congregation for the donation of 2 clean up buckets and 10 hygiene kits last month.

Next Sunday morning, Dec. 22, we will be including a time to support those in our church family who may be experiencing a period of grief, or who are, during this season, remembering loved ones and feeling a sense of sadness. “Blue Christmas” will be a part of our morning worship and those who choose to do so will have an opportunity to light a candle in remembrance of loved ones and may also be anointed for comfort and healing. Others in the congregation will also be invited to be anointed. If you have questions, please speak with Pastor Dave.



**7 pm
Candlelight
Service**