

# First Church of the Brethren

## Roaring Spring, Pennsylvania

### December 21, 2025 - Fourth Sunday of Advent

Community Greeting

Announcements

Enter the Light of Christ Hymn: While We Are Waiting, Come

Call to Worship Linda Steele

One: In the midst of this usually joyful season, some have experienced the loss of loved ones. Others feel the burden of not being where they wish we were in life. Some are simply worn down and weary by life.

All: **Come, God of power and Light, help all of us feel your presence.**

One: In the midst of cheerful gatherings of the season, some feel alone, alienated and carry the burdens of life.

All: **Come, God of peace and Hope, hear our cries.**

One: In the midst of the world's celebration, some hearts cry out. May we find rest in the Advent message of hope, love, joy and peace.

All: **Lord, hear us, and come to us. Bring us peace, AMEN.**

**Hymn:** 199 *The First Noel* vs. 1,2,3

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

**Lighting of the Advent Candle**— Tammy Dell, Jessica, Evelyn and Alexandrea Messick

**Chancel Choir** *Rejoice! Your Light Has Come ar. McDonald*

Sharing of Joys & Concerns

Congregational Prayer

Offertory Thought

Offertory

\*Doxology

\*Offertory Prayer

Praise Through Video *I Still Believe In Christmas*

Scripture Psalm 80:1-7

Sermon Do You Still Believe?

Blue Sunday Candle Lighting

\*Closing Hymn # 212 *Oh Come All Ye Faithful*

\*Benediction

\* Postlude

\*Those who are able are invited to stand.

**Bold print indicates congregational response.**

Some parts of this service were adopted from The Abingdon Worship Annual and also from "A Weary World" by Kathy Escobar

**Please include in your prayers:** Barb Black, The Grubb Family, Jane Thompson, Tick Wyland, Joe & Debbie Surin, Erin Kennedy-Foster, Dan Musselman, Colby Seibert, Lorie Carrier, Tom Love, Sandy Smith, Elaine Frazier, Bob Delozier, Nevin Dell, Dan & Carol Emerick, Signe Dellinger, Fred Beers, Paul Unger, Bill & Carolyn Grubb, Herb Burns, Tom & Janis Thompson, Tommy Smith, Karen Long, Audrey Smith, Gary & Connie Fluke, Jim Hoover, Pete & Carol Imler, Eric Thompson, Dorothy Holsinger, Sharlene Wood, Barbara Roush, Betty Estep, Chuck Kuntz, first responders, Camp Blue Diamond, those affected by natural disasters, our church family.

**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.

**IN HONOR & MEMORY**



**TODAY'S BULLETINS ARE IN MEMORY OF BONNIE MCKINNEY**

<b>Serving Today</b>		<b>Serving Next Sunday</b>
Candlelighter	Finn Croft	
Organist		Cathy Petre
Pianist	Brenda Fluke-Garber	Marcia Fleck
Worship Leader	Linda Steele	Mark Robertson
Storyteller	Sandy Norris	Betsy Garach
Children's Church	Angie Russell	Terra Gartmann & Melinda Green
Welcome Center	Darlene Wyland	Darlene Wyland
Parking Lot	J.D. Barry	Don Myers
Greeter	Don & Diana Bookhammer	Don & Diana Bookhammer
Deacon Greeters	Travis & Angie Russell	Travis & Angie Russell
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		
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### **Stewardship Report for December 14, 2025**

Worship attendance	111
Weekly Budget Offering	\$ 5,872.55
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YTD Budget Income	\$ 293,627.45
Year to date Income	\$ 293,817.18
Year-to-date Expenses	\$ 285,385.84

### **Dear Church Family**

A huge shout out to everybody who helped to make the ReCharge Christmas party possible. From the behind-the-scenes helpers, the kitchen help, the activity helpers, and the crowd control folks, you have not gone unnoticed and are greatly appreciated! A special thanks to our church family for supporting this ministry financially and prayerfully. Love the ReCharge family.

### **December 21-28, 2025**

Today	9:25 am	Worship
	10:30 am	Sunday School
	Noon	Christmas Card Delivery
Monday	10:00 am	Youth Christmas Party /Lunch
Wednesday	ALL DAY	Christmas Eve – Office Closed
Thursday	Merry Christmas!!	Office Closed
Friday	9:00 am	Bulletin Deadline
Sunday	9:25 am	Worship

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

\*Reminder that the Deacons will gather for prayer following Sunday School today.



We will be including a time to support those in our church family who may be experiencing a period of grief, or who are remembering loved ones and feeling a sense of sadness. "Blue Christmas" will be a part of our morning worship today 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 as well, if they would like to draw closer to God today. Slips of paper are available this morning at the Welcome Center and at the rear of the Sanctuary to write down the names of loved ones to be remembered. You will give your slips to Pastor Dave as you come forward.



Love Them Through It will be held Monday, January 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in the Parlor.