

FIRST CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

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**WE ARE CALLED TO BE A CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY
SHARING THE LOVE OF GOD**

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Welcome/Announcements (not included in the bulletin)

Worship Leader: Ike Tritt

Preparing for Worship: *“Our joy is vested in the future that God promises for His people. Our joy as strangers and sojourners in this valley of tears is that God has prepared a place for us—a better world that will be consummated at Christ’s return.” – RC Sproul*

Prelude

Lighting of the Advent Wreath, Readings by Thomas and Andrew Damiter

People: *“Today we give thanks for the shepherds among us, back-breaking laborers on whom our economy stands, those we overlook or rarely see, yet rely on for our very survival, the ones who have much to teach us about watching for God in the darkness.”*

Song of Praise: “Gloria” No. 204

Opening Prayer

***Hymn of Advent:** “O Come, O Come, Immanuel” No. 172 Vs. 1,2,3,6

Presentation of the Rose from St. Patrick’s Catholic Church

Presenters: **Pete & Nancy Conklin**

Sharing our Joys and Concerns

Uniting Our Hearts in Prayer

Special Music: “A Tiny Little Baby” Price/Besig Adult choir

Sharing our Tithes and Offerings: *“For the needy shall not always be forgotten, and the hope of the poor shall not perish forever.”* Psalm 9:18

Offertory

***Offertory Response:** “O How Shall I Receive Thee” No. 182 Vs.1

***Offertory Prayer**

***Hymn of Promise:** “While Shepherds Watched” No. 196 Vs. 1-4

Junior Church Dismissed

Scripture: Isaiah 11:1-5; Luke 2: 8-20 Pew Bible: Old Tst p.640, New Tst p.58

Message: “Why Shepherds?”

***Hymn of Commitment:** “Joy to the World” No. 318

***Benediction:** *“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.”*

Romans 15:13

***Postlude**

***Stand as you are able**



ANNOUNCEMENTS

In the event of inclement weather during the winter months, any cancellation or alteration of our regular Sunday morning schedule will be announced via local television stations CBS-21 and ABC-27. Our church name will be listed as "Carlisle Church of the Brethren".

Gene Roth has moved to Chapel Point. His address is 770 S. Hanover Street, Room North **117**, Carlisle, PA 17013 in Personal Care. His phone number is **(717) 713-2316** (note corrections).

The church directory is being updated for 2020 and we ask that you help out by notifying Judy as soon as possible at office@carlislecob.org of any changes that may be needed. Thank you.

Puzzle Time is scheduled for the **17th** and **24th** of December.

Christmas Caroling is this evening at 6:00. Nurture will provide hot chocolate or coffee. Dress warm and meet here at the church!

The Women's Fellowship is reminding us that wrapped gifts can be placed in the large box in the narthex **today** for the family we are sponsoring. Thank you for helping to give this mother and her three girls a bright Christmas.

Carlisle Area Religious Council asks for your help in getting one dozen cookies to each one of the inmates at the County Prison. We prefer homemade cookies but store-bought are acceptable. Please put your cookies in a non-returnable container. You may bring them to church **tonight** and place in a designated spot in the narthex. Linda Wilson will get them to Project Share. Or you can drop them off at Project Share on Orange Street on Monday, December 16th or Tuesday, Dec, 17th. Mark your container from Carlisle Church of The Brethren. The goal is 400 dozen. The Council will be packing them.

The Witness Commission has scheduled a Kettle Bell-Ringing day at the Pointe Mall where we have worked before. Please check your schedules for **December 23rd**. A sign-up sheet will be on the bulletin board today. We will work 2-hour shifts. Any questions, see Gloria.

The 31st annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemoration Service will take place on Sunday January 19, 2020 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Carlisle. The schedule for this year is as follows: 2:30pm meet at St. Paul's on the corner of West Louthier and North West Street. 2:45pm march from church to the old courthouse on the square for the MLK celebration. 4:00 pm back at St. Paul's for the commemoration service. Some people just go to one or two of the above.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

TODAY

- 9:00 am Sunday School
- 10:15 am Worship Service
- 6:00-8:00 pm Christmas Caroling

WEDNESDAY, December 18

- 9:00 am Birthday Breakfast @ Cracker Barrel
- 9:00 am CCNS Concert & Cookie Sale
- 6:00 pm Praise Team Rehearsal
- 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, December 19

- CCNS 3's class Holiday Party
- 6:30 pm SOPA Meeting

FRIDAY, December 20

- CCNS Pre-K class Holiday Party

SATURDAY, December 21

- 2:00 pm Engle Piano Servicing

SUNDAY, December 22

- 9:00 am Sunday School
- 10:15 am Worship, Sermon Title: "Why Joseph?"
Scripture: Isaiah 7: 10-16; Matt. 1: 18-25