

FIRST CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

1340 Forge Road, Carlisle, PA 17013

Church Phone: 717-243-4984

Ministers: Every follower of Jesus

Pastor: Doug Miller

Cell: 717-870-1263

Email: dmiller1827@gmail.com

office@carlislecob.org

carlislecob.org

December 4, 2022

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

+++++

Any New Announcement not printed in the Bulletin

Hymn Sing – Christmas Favorites

Welcome

Worship Leader: Brandon Miller

Prelude: Lighting of the Advent Candle of Preparation Doris and Deanna Marks

Lighting of the Advent Candles: Doris & Deanna Marks

Call to Worship:

L: The prophet Isaiah declared that justice and peace shall come through the family of Jesse.

P: This justice shall be for all of creation.

L: Peace shall be established in all the world.

P: Get ready! Prepare for God’s peace to reign!

L: Blessed be God who does such wondrous things!

P: We give thanks to God for this time of healing and hope. AMEN.

Invocation:

Patient and loving God, we so easily launch ourselves in preparation for the secular festival of giving and parties and the

swirl of social events; but we forget that the true preparation is the readiness of our hearts to receive you. Help us look again at our lives and turn them around so that they may be in tune with your will. We ask this in Jesus’ Name, AMEN.

Opening Carol: #211 Lo, How A Rose Er’r Blooming

Children’s Story: Pat Tritt
(Immediately following the story, the children are invited to attend Children’s Church)

Sharing Joys and Concerns
(Those not previously shared or in the bulletin)

Scripture Lesson: Matthew 2:1-8

Morning Prayer

Message: King, Jesus!
(Matthew 2:1-8)

Closing Hymn: #206 Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

Benediction:

Prepare for the coming of the Lord! Make way in your hearts for love! Get rid of all anger and fear, for God is about to bring incredible light to the world! Go in peace and confidence as witnesses to God’s love. AMEN

Postlude

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Music and Worship Commission is offering an additional way to share announcements, joys and concerns. On the table in the narthex, next to the bulletins, paper will be available for you to write down any additional items that are not already in the bulletin. Prior to the start of worship, write your message then give it to the worship leader to be shared from the pulpit. You may still call Judy if you would like an item included in the bulletin.

Music and Worship is organizing a women's ensemble to sing one song on Christmas Eve. All ladies of the church are invited to participate. Please let Rita know if you will be singing so she will have enough copies of the music. Practice will be Dec. 7th and 14th at 7:00 pm.

The Truck Stop Ministry thanks everyone who baked cookies for the truckers. We delivered over 240 bags of cookies to the Truck Stop Monday morning and they were surprised at how many boxes of cookie bags came out of my car. Thanks to everyone in the church who helped bake cookies and who helped bag them. Thank you for adding a little Christmas joy to those who are on the road and struggling due to shortages, the disruption of the supply chain, and the cost of transporting everything. Keep them in your prayers.

Information has been received from the Salvation Army about the family we are supporting for the Christmas holiday. Ages and gift ideas are listed on the bulletin board. Please sign your name next to the gift(s) you wish to purchase. Wrapped and tagged gifts may be placed in the box in the narthex by **December 11th**. Thank you for your generosity at this holiday time.

“Cookie Pack to Benefit the Cumberland County Prison” - Project SHARE needs your help to gift one dozen cookies to every individual housed at the Cumberland County Prison over the holiday season. Please see the flyer hanging on the bulletin board or call (717) 574-0521.

Please see the flyer on the bulletin board from Heifer International and help lift families out of poverty. Read how you can make a charitable gift today to a family in need.

December 18 is Women's Fellowship's Bible Study about Mary at 2:00 pm with Linda Maifair. Finger foods will be available.

The Witness Commission will be needing a volunteer to keep track of the Disaster Relief Auction and needs. Please see Gloria Ramirez if you can help.

Reminder that the special congregational business meeting is being held right after church today.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

TODAY

9:15 am Sunday School
10:30 am Worship Service
Special Congregational Meeting after church
Christmas Dinner after church

TUESDAY, December 6, 2022

1:30 pm Music & Worship

WEDNESDAY, December 7, 2022

12:00 pm Ladies' Bible Study

THURSDAY, December 8, 2022

1:00 pm Quilting
6:30 pm SOPA

SUNDAY, December 11, 2022

9:15 am Sunday School
10:30 am Worship Service