

**FIRST CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN**

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**December 5, 2021**

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

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**Welcome & Announcements (Updates – Not in bulletin)**

**Worship Leader:** Dave Wampler

**Prelude:** Debbie Meenan - It Came Upon a Midnight Clear,  
arr. R.S. Willis

**Opening Prayer:**

We have prepared our homes and our gifts, Lord, but we need help in preparing our spirits to receive your message of Peace. Free us from the stresses and strains of this time, and place your peace which passes all our understanding in our hearts. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

**Call to Worship:**

**L:** Darkness has been upon the land. Fear and Anxiety seek to claim our lives. To whom can we turn in our trouble?

**P:** **Seek the Lord. In God there is peace and hope. A voice has proclaimed it so.**

**L:** In the midst of all turmoil, the word rings strong and true. God is faithful, loving and just.

**P:** **Prepare us for this journey, O Lord. Help us to bold proclaimers of your love.**

**Lighting of the Advent Candles:** Mike & Pam Lebo

**Opening Carol**

#172 O Come, O Come Immanuel

**Choir Anthem:** Where Will We See Him  
Price & Besig

**Children's Story:** Dave Wampler

(Immediately following the story, the children are invited to attend Children's Church)

**Scripture Lesson:** Luke 5:1-11

**A Time of Sharing and Prayer**

**Message:** Leveling The Playing Field  
(Luke 5:1-11, Romans 3:23-24)

**Closing Carol:**

#211 Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming

**Benediction:**

Peace be with you and with all whom you love. Go now into God's world with God's peace in your hearts and lives. Go in hope and peace. AMEN.

**\*Postlude**

**\*Stand as you are able**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

We will begin having choir rehearsals again on Wednesdays. Please bring your calendars so we can schedule when we can sing during Advent. Hope to see you at 7:00...Debbie

Men's weekly online Bible study is open to all. Contact Mike Strickler for link.

There will be a children's Christmas party on Sunday, December 19 during the usual meeting time. There will be short classes first and then a party in the fellowship hall with games, a craft, and refreshments. If there are any questions, please call Francine at 717-245-2951. Thank you.

**Correction on newsletter calendar - the Scott Memorial will be held on December 11<sup>th</sup>, not the 18<sup>th</sup>.**

Gloria thanks everyone who contributed cookies for the Truck Stop Ministry's Cookie Sharing for the Truckers. Also, thanks to those who helped pack the cookies into decorated bags. We were greeted with awe when the 8 large boxes of cookie bags arrived. We shared 164 bags, each containing 7 cookies....do the math! Thanks to you who participated in some way!

A lady's ring was found in the parking lot near one of the handicap spots on Tuesday, Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>. It will be kept in the church office for the owner to claim it.

The Women's Fellowship is again sponsoring a family for Christmas. This year we are buying gifts for **a mom and dad and their 3 children**. The list of suggested items needed is on the bulletin board. **Please add your name** next to the gift(s) you would like to purchase. Wrapped and labeled gifts may be placed in the Christmas box in the narthex by **December 12<sup>th</sup>**. Thank you for supporting this outreach project!

**Camp Eder's Christmas Tree Festival** Friday & Saturday, December 10 & 11 from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Flyer on bulletin board.

Nurture Commission is raising money for NYC through Rada Cutlery sales. See flyer on bulletin board if you would like to purchase an item (or two).

Because of the pandemic, Christian Aid Ministries will NO LONGER be collecting medicine containers. The containers that had been sent to various countries can no longer be shipped.

## THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

### TODAY

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

### MONDAY, December 6, 2021

7:30-8:30 pm Men's Online Bible Study

### TUESDAY, December 7, 2021

9:00 am PA Pastors' Meeting  
6:30 pm SOPA

### WEDNESDAY, December 8, 2021

7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

### THURSDAY, December 9, 2021

6:30 pm SOPA

### SATURDAY, December 11, 2021

10:00-6:00 pm Scott Memorial

### SUNDAY, December 12, 2021

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