

**FIRST CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN**

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**November 28, 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:** Linda Young

**Prelude:**

**Lighting of the Advent Candles:** Charlie & Shryl Carothers

**Call to Worship:**

**L:** O God, our light, if ever there were a people who need your light, it is us.

**C:** **If ever there were a place where hope needed to be born, it is in the manger of our hearts.**

**L:** The work of your hands surrounds us, the miracle of your coming confronts us.

**C:** **God of Hope come be present in our worship.**

**OPENING PRAYER:**

Lord, as winter approaches, the days are short, the darkness of our despair encroaches soon...

Still, You call us out of this darkness into your great light.

The winds of our icy discontent swirl all about us, to freeze our faith and numb our courage...

but you are our light and salvation, why should we be afraid?

God, enter with us into this place, your house.

Here, may all that troubles us melt in the light and warmth of your care.

Special Music: "O Tannenbaum"  
by the Handbell Choir

**Children's Story:** Francine Moody

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

**Hymn:** #215 What Child Is This

**Scripture Lesson:** Luke 2:1-12, Mark 10:45

**A Time Of Sharing and Prayer**

**Sermon:** Better Than True  
(Luke 5-6)

**Closing Hymn**

#178 Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

**Benediction:**

Go now into this cold world, warmed by the very presence of God.

Go in safety, for there is no place that God has not already been.

Go in joy, for Jesus has already gone ahead of us, and we gladly follow.

Go in confidence, for we are kept in God's care.

**\*Postlude**

**\*Stand as you are able**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

### THURSDAY, December 2, 2021

1:00 pm Quilting

### SUNDAY, December 5, 2021

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