

MINISTERS - ALL MEMBERS OF THE CONGREGATION

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ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Music Director.....Rebecca Wolf

Accompanist.....Becca Miller

J.A.M. Choir Director.....Diane Gobble

Handbell Director.....John Gobble

Worship Leader.....Angie Robinson

Advent Candle Acolytes.....Rebecca & Ava Soyke

Children's Time.....Michele Gibbel

Audio/Visual.....Dave McCracken, Jay Crist

Ushers.....**Leader – Sheldon Markel**, Bob Drawbaugh

.....Jess Dietrich, Jeanette Brickner, Jeffrey Miller

Today's Greeters.....Barry & Tammy Stehr

Next Week's Greeters.....Rebecca & Ava Soyke

Nursery Attendants.....Kim Tomevi, Michele Gibbel

DEACONS are available and their responsibilities include assisting the pastor with the care of the congregation. If you have a need that a deacon may help you with, please contact your deacon or contact the church office or Pastor Joel.

Please see one of our ushers at the entrance to the sanctuary if you need LARGE PRINT bulletins or hymnals. Hearing Assistance Devices are available from the A/V booth in the back of the sanctuary.

Activity bags for children to use during worship are available as you enter the sanctuary. Nursery care is available and the “worship nursery” in the rear of the sanctuary is open for use anytime.

The church issues a weekly e-newsletter each Friday. To subscribe, please email secretary@yorkfirst.org

Worship attendance last Sunday: 103

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP

“My Spirit Rejoices”

1 Samuel 2:1-10, Luke 1:46-55



December 15, 2024



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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

10:30 AM

December 15, 2024

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

HANDBELL PRELUDE "O leave your sheep" traditional Thompson

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

Reading

Processional Hymn "Hope is a candle" verse 4 (insert)

Lighting the Candle of Joy

Responsive Prayer

Leader: In a world with much to lament, Advent reminds us that joy is subversive.

Congregation: As God's beloved children, we are called to be people of joy.

Leader: Upon bearing a child, Hannah offered a prayer of praise to the Lord. In her joy, she drew near to God.

Congregation: May we, too, be like Hannah in offering prayers of praise to the Lord.

Leadership: Mary offered a song of joyous praise upon learning she was to be the mother of Christ.

Congregation: May we, too, be like Mary in offering songs of joyous praise to God.

Leader: Through pain, heartache, and fear, we have access to God's everlasting joy. A joy that is deeper than momentary pleasure or fleeting happiness, but a rooted confidence in Emmanuel, God With Us.

All: As God's beloved children, let us be people of joy.

J.A.M. CHOIR ANTHEM "Light One Candle"

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CHILDREN'S TIME

Michele Gibbel

***HYMN** "The angel Gabriel" #180

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Joys and Concerns

Handbell Anthem "Carol of the bells" Leontovich arr Thompson

Pastoral Prayer

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

1 Samuel 2:1-10 (Page 235)

Luke 1:46-55 (Page 888)

CHANCEL CHOIR ANTHEM "When Will We See The Little One?"
Albrecht & Althouse

MESSAGE "My Spirit Rejoices"

***HYMN OF RESPONSE** "My soul proclaims with wonder" #181

GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

Invitation to Give

Offertory "Sussex Carol" with "Waltz of the Flowers"

Trad English Carol, Tchaikovsky arr. Tom Fettke

*Offering Response "Grant us, Lord, the grace" #388

*Prayer of Blessing

***CLOSING SONG** "How Great our Joy!" (insert)

*SENDING WORDS

POSTLUDE "Gloria in Excelsis Deo" Mark Hayes

We kindly request that you be seated for the Postlude or leave quietly so that others may appreciate the conclusion of the service. Thank you.

*Please stand in body or spirit.

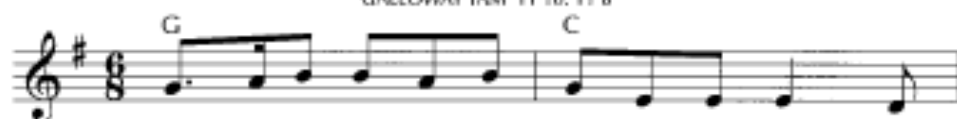
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Bill Eisenhart by Elizabeth Eisenhart and family.

Lucille Stoner by the Leonard Stoner family.

Hope is a candle

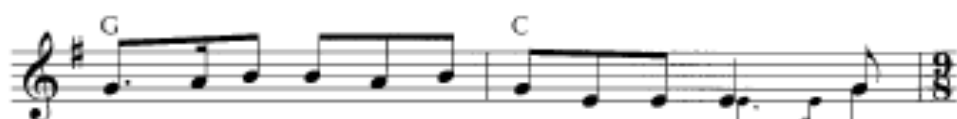
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- 1 Hope is a can - dle, once lit by the proph - ets,
 2 Peace is a can - dle to show us a path - way,
 3 Love is a can - dle whose light makes a cir - cle,
 → 4 Joy is a can - dle of mys - t'ry and laugh - ter,
 5 Christ is the light that the proph - ets a - wait - ed,



- 1 nev - er con - sumed, though it burns through the years;
 2 threat - ened by gusts from our rage and our greed.
 3 where ev - 'ry face is the face of a friend.
 4 mys - t'ry of light that is born in the dark;
 5 Christ is the li - on, the lamb, and the child.



- 1 dim in the day - light of pow - er and priv - i - lege—
 2 Friend, feel no en - vy for those in the shad - ows—
 3 Wid - en the cir - cle by shar - ing and giv - ing—
 4 laugh - ter at hear - ing the voice of an an - gel,
 5 Christ is the love and the mys - t'ry and laugh - ter—



- 1 when they are gone, hope will shine on.
 2 vio - lence and force their dead - end course.
 3 God's ho - ly dare: love ev - ery - where.
 4 ev - er so near, cast - ing out fear.
 5 can - dles, make way! Christ is the day.

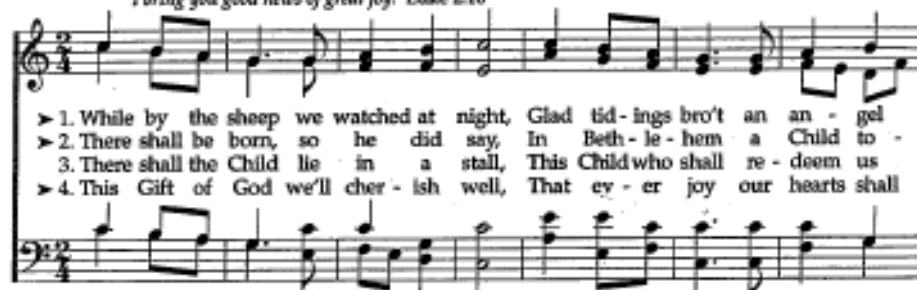
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Music: Scottish folk melody

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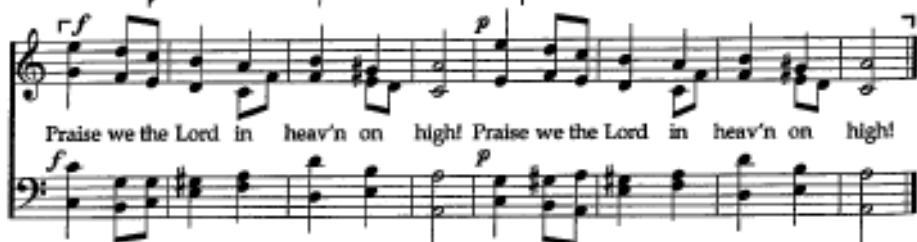
I bring you good news of great joy. Luke 2:10



- > 1. While by the sheep we watched at night, Glad tid - ings bro't an an - gel
 > 2. There shall be born, so he did say, In Beth - le - hem a Child to -
 3. There shall the Child lie in a stall, This Child who shall re - deem us
 > 4. This Gift of God we'll cher - ish well, That ey - er joy our hearts shall



- bright.
 day. How great our joy! Great our joy! Joy, joy, joy! Joy, joy, joy!
 all.
 fill.



- Praise we the Lord in heav'n on high! Praise we the Lord in heav'n on high!

TEXT: Traditional German carol

MUSIC: Traditional German melody; arranged by Hugo Jungst

JUNGST

Irregular meter

Today:

12:00 pm Deacons Meeting – Anna Mow Room
3:00 pm Christmas Caroling
5:00 pm Fellowship Supper – Fellowship Hall

Christmas Caroling and Fellowship Supper

Please join us in a celebration of music and a meal together! If you would like to join, meet at the church at 2:45 p.m. to receive your caroling song sheets and directions on where you will be caroling. We will break into small groups and share our music with our friends near and far.

Then we will return to the church between 5 and 5:30 p.m. to gather for a hot meal of soup and chili, hot beverages (including hot chocolate) to warm our bodies and our souls and sweet treats to top off the evening!

Everyone is invited to the meal, whether you carol or not! This is just another opportunity for us to come together to serve our brothers and sisters in joy and also enjoy a meal together with much fun and fellowship!

This Week at a Glance:

Tues	12/17	4:00 pm	Food Pantry Open – 4:00 to 5:30 pm
		6:00 pm	CDC Ministry Team – Anna Mow Rm
		6:45 pm	Worship Design Team – Multi-Purpose Rm
Wed	12/18	9:00 am	Staff Meeting – Multi-Purpose Rm
		5:30 pm	CDC-Crafts with Santa – Fellowship Hall
		5:45 pm	Longest Night Service – Chapel
Thurs	12/19	10:00 am	Prayer Shawl – Anna Mow Rm
		6:00 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary
		7:30 pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal – Bell Choir Rm
Sat	12/21	9:00 am	Cantata Dress Rehearsal – Sanctuary
Sun	12/22	9:00 am	Sunday School
		10:30 am	Worship Service with Christmas Cantata – Sanctuary

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Advent Season at First Church of the Brethren “A Baby Changes Everything”

Sunday December 1 – Candle of Hope
Hanging of the Greens 10:30 AM Worship

Sunday December 8 – Candle of Peace
Advent Breakfast 9:00 AM

Sunday December 15 – Candle of Joy
Caroling 3:00 PM with Soup Dinner 5:30 PM

Wednesday December 18
Longest Night Service 5:45 PM Chapel

Sunday December 22 – Candle of Love
Christmas Cantata 10:30 AM Worship
“A Baby Changes Everything”

Tuesday December 24 – Christ Candle
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 7:00 PM
Pre-Service Music 6:30 PM

All are welcome!

