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Children's Time.....Jessica Jasitt
Audio/Visual.....Dave Witkovsky, Jay Crist
Ushers.....**Leader – Barry Stehr**
.....John & Mary Esther Anderson, Justin Tomevi, Rob Wuhrman
Coffee/Hospitality.....Jeanette Brickner
Greeter Today..... Sheldon & Doris Markel
Greeters Next Week.....Leonard & Helen Stoner
Nursery Attendant.....Angie Robinson

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

Please see one of our ushers at the entrance to the sanctuary prior to worship 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.
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Worship attendance last Sunday: 64
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**WELCOME TO WORSHIP:
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

“Light is Coming: Peace”

Isaiah 11:1-10, Matthew 3:1-3



December 7, 2025



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FIRST CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

*"To become a community of committed Christians
who Love God, Share Christ, and Serve the World"*

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

10:30 AM

December 7, 2025

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

PRELUDE *"Arioso from Cantata 156"* Bach arr. Issac

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

Reading
Lighting the Candle of Peace
Testimony

***HYMN** *"My soul cries out"* verse 2 (insert)

*UNISON PRAYER

Loving God, in this time of preparation and planning,
We thank you for the hope and peace you unfailingly
offer us.
Show us the creative power of hope.
Teach us the peace that comes from justice.
Prepare our hearts to be transformed by you,
That we may walk in the light of Christ.
Amen

CHILDREN'S TIME

ANTHEM *"What Child Shall Come?"*

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Joys and Concerns
Prayers of the Church
Concluding with the Lord's prayer (unison)

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Isaiah 11:1-10 (Page 595)

Matthew 3:1-3 (Page 836)

HYMN *"Comfort, comfort, O my people"* 176

MESSAGE "Light is Coming: Peace"

***HYMN OF RESPONSE** *"Come, thou long-expected Jesus"* 178

GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

Invitation
Offertory *"In the Bleak Midwinter"* Holst arr. Hayes
*Offering Response *"Grant us, Lord, the grace"* 388
*Offering Prayer

***SENDING SONG** *"Go now in peace"* 429

*BENEDICTION AND BLESSING

Take your encouragement from Christ,
that your joy may be complete.

We will share in the Spirit;

We will find consolation in love.

Practice a ministry of humility and compassion
For God is at work in you, empowering you

We will welcome Christ into our hearts.

We will lives worthy of the Gospel.

We will go forth in hope and in peace.

POSTLUDE *"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"* Mendelssohn arr. 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.

White Poinsettia is placed in loving memory of
Lucille Stoner by the Leonard Stoner family.

My soul cries out

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1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the
 2 Though I am small, my God, my all, you—
 3 From the halls of power to the for - tress tower, not a
 4 Though the na - tions rage from age to age, we re -



God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the
 work great things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the
 stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your
 mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait. You
 depths of the past to the end of the age to be. Your
 jus - tice tears ev - 'ry ty - rant from his throne. The
 liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp. This



fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my
 ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to
 hun - gry poor shall weep no more, for the
 sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the -



weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my
 those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the
 food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread, ev - 'ry
 prom - ise which holds us bound, 'til the spear and rod can be

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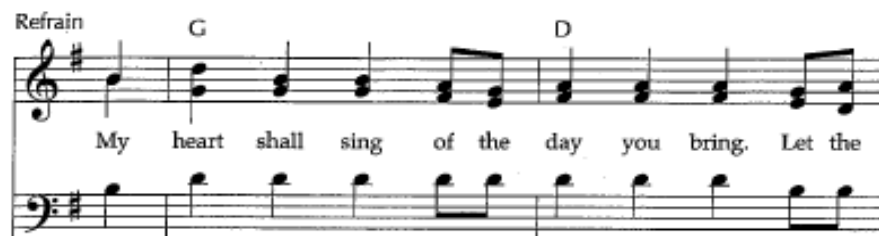
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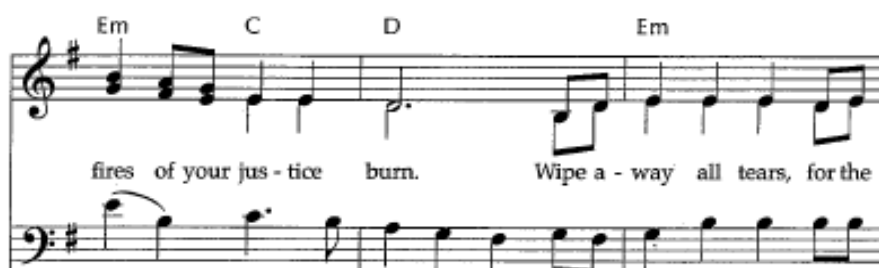
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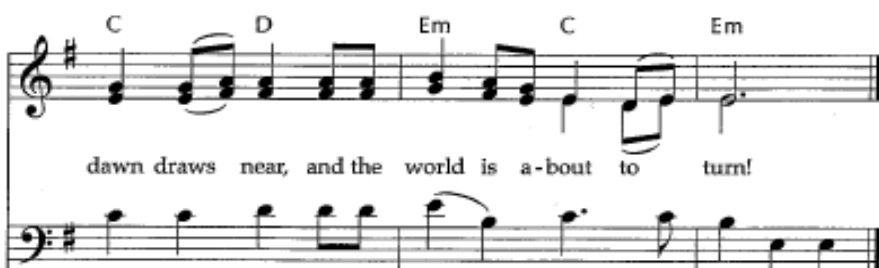
name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?
 strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.
 mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.
 crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.



My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the



fires of your jus - tice burn. Wipe a - way all tears, for the



dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn!



York First Church of the Brethren
 2025 Advent/Christmas Season
 Calendar of Events

Worship each Sunday 10:30 AM, Classes 9:00 AM

December 7: Second Sunday of Advent: Peace
 Christmas Caroling 3:00 PM

December 14: Third Sunday of Advent: Joy
 Strings Concert 3:00 PM, Sanctuary

December 17: Advent Season Bible Study
 12:00 PM, Gathering Area

December 21: Fourth Sunday of Advent: Love
 Christmas Cantata within Worship
 10:30 AM “The Greatest Story Ever Told”
 Longest Night Service 6:30 PM, Chapel

December 24: Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
 7:00 PM, Sanctuary

ALL ARE WELCOME!



This Week at a Glance:

Today	12:00 pm	Witness Team – Multi-Purpose Room
	3:00 pm	Christmas Caroling
	5:30 pm	Soup Dinner – Gathering Area
Mon 12/8	6:45 pm	Worship Team – Anna Mow Room
Tues 12/9	6:30 pm	Leadership Team – Room 154
Wed 12/10	6:30 pm	Women’s Bible Study – Ann Mow Room
Thurs 12/11	5:30 pm	CDC Christmas Craft Night – Fellowship Hall
	6:30 pm	Chancel Choir Practice – Sanct.
Fri 12/12	8:30 am	Soup Kitchen – Casseroles due at church by 8:30 am
	9:30 am	Book Club – Anna Mow Room
Sat 12/13	10:00 am	Food Pantry Open 10:00 am to 12:00 pm
Sun 12/14	9:00 am	Sunday School
	10:30 am	Worship Service – Sanct.
	3:00 pm	Holiday Strings Concert – Sanctuary

Caroling & Soup Dinner, Today

Please sign up in the gathering are to attend and/or contribute food for this event. We are excited about these opportunities for fellowship and spreading joy. Our Caroling will involve driving to visit and sing for some of our church members after gathering at 3:00 PM. We’ll return to the church afterward for a soup dinner at 5:30 PM.

Strings Concert December 14

Plan to join us for a special Christmas concert featuring Christine Wuhrman (cello) and friends. Wednesday December 14 at 3:00 PM in the sanctuary. We are grateful for this opportunity and expect a lovely time together, blessed with the gift of music.

Advent Lunch Bible Study

Wednesday December 17, we will host an Advent Bible Study at 12:00 noon at our church. Bring your own bag lunch and Bible and join us for fellowship and conversation together. Pastor Joel will lead an exploration of some of the scriptures that point us toward the birth of Christ. All are welcome!

Offering Project: Heifer International

This Advent Season, culminating at our Christmas Eve Service, we are committing to support the work of Heifer International by raising money for their “living gifts’ of animals for families in need. Our goal is to fund a “Gift Ark” by raising \$5,000 as a church. Please consider giving this season. Thank you.