

**MINISTERS - ALL MEMBERS OF THE CONGREGATION**

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**Pastor**.....Joel Gibbel  
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**ASSISTING IN WORSHIP**

**Advent Candle Acolyte**.....Tomevi Family  
**Music Director**.....Rebecca Wolf  
**Accompanist**.....Becca Miller  
**Worship Leader**.....Justin Tomevi  
**Children's Time**.....Pastor Joel  
**Nursery 9:00 am**.....Jen Smart, Kim Tomevi  
**Nursery 10:30 am**.....Jen Smart, Ava & Lisa Klinedinst  
**Audio/Visual**.....Jason Wolf, Jay Crist  
**Ushers**.....**Leader – Becky Wenger**  
.....Darrell Gipe, Marjorie Schardt, Steve Hoover  
**Worship Center Team**.....Judy Yingling, Bev Raney

**THIS WEEK'S GREETER(S)**

Main Entrance: 8:40 am - 10:05 am – Leonard & Helen Stoner

**NEXT WEEK'S GREETER(S)**

Main Entrance: 10:05 am – Jeanette Brickner

**DEACONS** are available and their responsibilities include assisting the pastor with the needs of the church. Please welcome these Deacons when they call upon you. Each member and friend has been assigned a deacon. If you do not know who your deacon is, please contact the church office. If you have a need that a deacon may help you with, please contact your deacon or contact Pastor Joel.

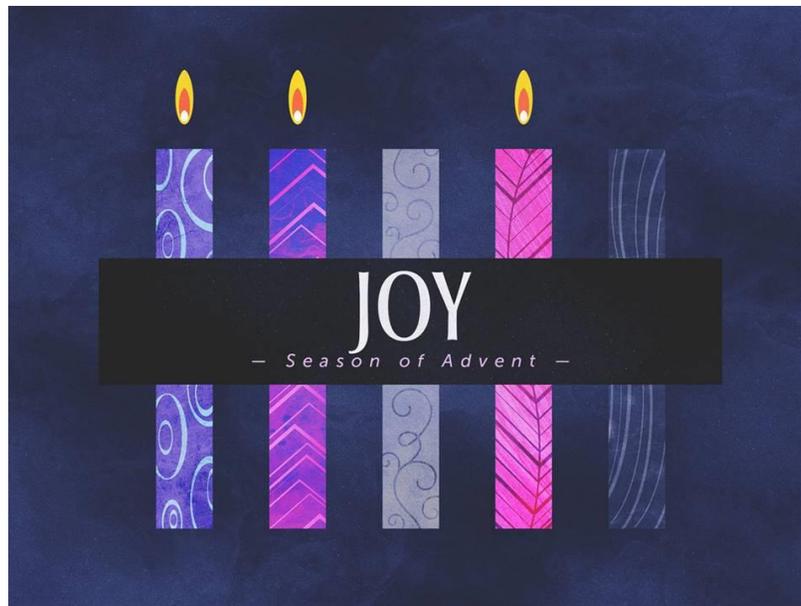
A copy of the weekly e-newsletter can be picked up in the gathering area. If anyone would like to receive the e-newsletter by mail, please send your request to [secretary@yorkfirst.org](mailto:secretary@yorkfirst.org)

**Would you like a Listening Assistance Device?** Please see the AV person in the AV booth for a device OR search for "WaveCAST Audio Receiver" on your smartphone app store and be connected to the church WIFI password (SimplePeace2gether) to listen.

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP**

**"The Gift of Joy"**

Isaiah 35:1-10, Psalm 146:5-10,  
Matthew 11:2-5



Continuing the work of Jesus  
Peacefully  
Simply  
Together

**YORK FIRST CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN**

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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"*  
2710 Kingston Road, York Pennsylvania

## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**10:30 AM** **December 11, 2022**

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRELUDE** *"All the Earth Rejoices"* Hayes ft. Handel

### OPENING PRAYER

### LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF JOY

Processional *"Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah"*

Verse 1 (Choir)

Light one candle to watch for Messiah:  
let the light banish darkness.  
He shall bring salvation to Israel.  
God fulfills the promise.

Verse 2 (Congregation Joins)

Light two candles to watch for Messiah:  
let the light banish darkness.  
He shall feed the flock like a shepherd,  
gently lead them homeward.

Verse 3

Light three candles to watch for Messiah:  
Let the light banish darkness.  
Lift your heads and lift high the gateway  
for the King of glory.

Reading

**\*HYMN** *"Come, thou long-expected Jesus"* #178

**CHILDREN'S TIME** Pastor Joel

### PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Joys and Concerns

Song *"How Great Our Joy!"*

Pastoral Prayer

**ANTHEM** *"Joy to the World, Noel!"*

**SCRIPTURE LESSON** Isaiah 35:1-10 (Page 615)  
Psalm 146:5-10 (Page 545)  
Matthew 11:2-5 (Page 844)

**MESSAGE** "The Gift of Joy"

**\*HYMN OF RESPONSE** *"Good Christians friends, rejoice"* #210

### GIFTS AND OFFERING

Call to Giving

Offertory *"Sing We Now of Christmas"* Hayes ft. Grieg

\*Offertory Response *"Praise God from whom"* #118

\*Offering Prayer

**\*SENDING HYMN** *"Angels we have heard on high"* #197

### \*SENDING PRAYER

**POSTLUDE** *"Joy to the World"* Larson ft. Handel

\*The asterisk indicates that worshipers should stand, however, please feel free to sit or stand as your personal needs determine! Please see one of our ushers at the entrance to the sanctuary if you need LARGE PRINT bulletins or hymnals. Face coverings are optional for all attendees.

Activity bags for children to use during worship are available. Please ask an usher for assistance. Nursery care is available and the "worship nursery" in the rear of the sanctuary is open for use anytime.

The White Poinsettia is placed in loving memory of  
Bill Eisenhart by Elizabeth Eisenhart and family.

**Please see back of bulletin for those assisting in worship**