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Audio/Visual.....John Gibble, Jay Crist
Ushers.....**Leader – Sheldon Markel**
.....Jeanette Brickner, Jess Dietrich, Bob Drawbaugh, Jeffrey Miller
Coffee/Hospitality.....Jason Wolf
Greeter Today.....John & Mary Esther Anderson
Greeters Next Week.....Sheldon & Doris Markel
Nursery Attendant.....Bri Herbst

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: 83
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WELCOME TO WORSHIP: FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

“Light is Coming: Hope”

Isaiah 2:1-5, Romans 13:11-14



November 30, 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"

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

10:30 AM

November 30, 2025

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

PRELUDE *"Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne with Andante Cantabile"*
Matthews, Tchaikovsky arr. Tom Fettke

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

Reading
Lighting the Candle of Hope
Testimony

***HYMN** *"My soul cries out"* verse 1 (insert)

*UNISON PRAYER

**Loving God, as we enter this Advent season,
We open all the dark places in our lives
and memories to the healing light of Christ.
Show us the creative power of hope.
Prepare our hearts to be transformed by you,
That we may walk in the light of Christ. Amen**

CHILDREN'S TIME: Hanging of the Greens

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Joys and Concerns
Prayers of the Church

ANTHEM *"Angel's Advent Carol"*

SCRIPTURE LESSONS Isaiah 2:1-5 (Page 587)
Romans 13:11-14 (Page 987)

MESSAGE "Light is Coming: Hope"

***HYMN OF RESPONSE** *"Christ, whose glory fills the skies"* 216

GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

Invitation
Offertory *"Master's in This Hall"*
Traditional English Carol arr. Larson
*Offering Response *"Grant us, Lord, the grace"* 388
*Offering Prayer

***SENDING SONG** "Christian, let your burning light" 402

*BENEDICTION AND BLESSING

Take time, in the busyness of this season, for quiet reflection—
For the light of God's love is discernible everywhere.
**We will let ourselves be surprised by wonder,
And set aside time to offer quiet thanks.**
The good news of Advent is this:
Christ is coming. Christ is always coming.
**We will welcome Christ into our hearts.
We will let ourselves be guided by his ministry.
We will go forth from this place in hope.**

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.

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

This Week at a Glance:

Tues	12/2	4:00 pm	Food Pantry 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm
Wed	12/3	9:30 am	Staff Meeting – Multi-Purpose Room
		12:00 pm	Advent Season Bible Study – Gathering Area
Thurs	12/4	6:30 pm	Chancel Choir Practice – Sanct.
Sun	12/7	9:00 am	Advent Breakfast – Fellowship Hall
		10:30 am	Worship Service – Sanct.
		3:00 pm	Christmas Caroling
		5:30 pm	Soup Dinner – Gathering Area

My soul cries out

STAR OF THE COUNTY DOWN 98, 10 8D with refrain



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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Text: Rory Cooney, based on Luke 1:16-18

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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



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



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



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



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York First Church of the Brethren

2025 Advent/Christmas Season

Calendar of Events

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

November 30: First Sunday of Advent: Hope

December 3: Advent Season Bible Study
12:00 PM, Gathering Area

December 7: Second Sunday of Advent: Peace
Advent Breakfast 9:00 AM, Fellowship Hall
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!

