

**Our Mission**  
**-A family of God growing in Christ, empowered to serve -**

**Worship**  
**December 30, 2018**  
**8:30 a.m.**

## The First Sunday of Christmastide

**Because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in our transgressions – and God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms, in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace...** Ephesians 2:4-7 New International Version

Gathering

Welcome

Prelude *Away in a Manger* arr. A. Frackenhohl  
Celebrating the Light of Christ among us

Centering *The Cross in the Manger*  
by Ann Barr Weems  
©1980 The Westminster Press

Prayer

Praise

*Isn't He?* #214  
*There's a Song in the Air (verses 1 & 2)* #185  
*Gentle Mary Laid Her Child* #212  
*It Came upon the Midnight Clear (verses 1, 2 & 3)* #188

*The Christmas Song*  
Original music by Torme and Wells  
Revised lyrics by Kathie Nogle

**See the candles as they light the way;  
Hear the music softly play.  
Silent Night being sung by a choir;  
The Son of God is born today.**

**Sent to earth from Heav'n – Hope  
and peace and joy, forgiveness too  
All from Father, Lord above.  
Angels sing the Messiah has come,  
The long awaited Holy One.**

**A light shines bright, it leads the way  
Tow'rd Bethlehem – where in the manger Jesus lay.  
The Gift of God come down, Immanuel;  
His promised Savior born among us to dwell.**

**And so God's offering this special gift;  
The age old story still is true.  
Although it's been said many times, many ways  
God's Great Love is for you!**

Seed Thought for Stewardship

Offering

**(Please print your name on the attendance register. If you are a guest, please include your address and/or telephone number.)**

Offertory *Joy to the World* arr. L. Smith  
piano/organ duet with Robin Hockenberry

\*Response *Doxology* #668

\*Prayer of Dedication

Meditation *It Isn't Over* Pastor Joel

\*Sending *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* #176  
Taking the light of Christ into the world

\*Benediction

\*Postlude *The Divine Infant Is Born* arr. W. I. Nevins

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**Greeters** Phil and Tenni Pyles  
Linda Hawbaker

**Ushers** Bo Frazer, Harold Yeager  
Galen Yeager and Terry Gibbons

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**Thank you to all who serve us in worship today:**  
Worship Leadership Larry Bricker  
Bringing/Taking the Light Michael and Gloria Oldham  
Music Leadership Elizabeth Thorpe  
Organist Pamela Wert

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## PERK Worship

10:45am

*Praise* God through song and dance for he is worthy of our praise!

*Psalm 150:1-2, 6*  
*Praise the Lord. Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens...Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.*

*Engage* in worship through different styles of prayer, skits, videos, and offering.

*Matthew 7:7-8*  
*Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock and it will be opened to you.*

*Reflect* on the living Word and how it speaks to your life.

*Psalm 119:105*  
*Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.*

*Koinonia:* Spend time in community with fellow believers.

*Romans 12:4-5*  
*For as in one body we have many members and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.*

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**Thank you to all who serve us in worship today:**

Music Leaders Praise Team  
Greeters/Ushers Jere and Deb Stouffer

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### **Schedule of Events and Activities**

**Today, December 30**

**Childcare is available** for infants thru age 3 in the Crib Room during the 8:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. worship services.

**Tuesday, January 1**

Office Closed – Happy New Year!

### **Wednesday, January 2**

8:30 a.m. – Pickleball - BLC

5:30 p.m. – Mid-Week Connection - BLC

6:00 p.m. – Revolution

6:00 p.m. – Handbell Rehearsal

7:15 p.m. – Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### **Thursday, January 3**

1:00 p.m. – Table Games - BH

6:30 p.m. – Properties Commission Meeting - CR

### **Please take Note**

**The Church Office will be closed** on Monday, January 1, 2019 in observance of New Year's Day!

**Contributions for 2018 Giving** – Special gift contributions need to be in the Church Office TODAY. Any giving received after December 30th will be credited to 2019 giving.

**2019 Offering Envelopes** are available today in your church mailbox. If you do not presently have offering envelopes and would like offering envelopes, contact the church office and you will be issued envelopes for 2019.

**2019 Flower Chart** – A New Flower Chart is posted in the narthex for altar flowers for 8:30 a.m. & 10:45 a.m. worship. Altar arrangements are \$30.00.

**Mid-Week Connection, Wednesday, January 2, 2019** – Come and join us for a night of Bingo! Dinner begins at 5:30 p.m. Menu is BBQ, Mac-n-Cheese, Green Beans and Ice-Cream.

**Properties Commission** will meet on Thursday, January 3, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. in the Conference Room.

**Please take note that the next Pastor's Pen** will combine the months of January and February. Deadline for the January/February Pastor's Pen is Sunday, January 6<sup>th</sup>. Please submit all information to the church office.

**Smart Cookies Nursery School Committee** will meet on Monday, January 7, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. in the Conference Room.

**Mid-Week Connection Planning Committee** will meet on Tuesday, January 8, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room.

**KidNecton:** For Children in Pre-K (age 4) thru 5th grade. Come and join us on **Thursday, January 10th**, and will continue every 2nd Thursday of the month. We will be meeting in the BLC for Worship, Bible Story, Games and a Craft!!

**The Church Board Planning Meeting** will be held on Saturday, January 12, 2019 beginning at 8:00 a.m. in the Mini-Fellowship Hall.

**S.O.N. - It's cold outside, but within our church there is a warm feeling** as we collect hats, gloves/mittens and scarves for men, women and children of all ages. During the month of January, we will continue to collect these items and give out at our February 6th Midweek evening. What a great way to warm the hearts of our neighbors!

**Church Yard Sale 2019** - Friday, January 18<sup>th</sup> - 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. and Saturday, January 19<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m. – 12 Noon. Lots of great items, clothes, toys, decorations, books! Proceeds to benefit Smart Cookies Nursery School and Chambersburg COB Youth Group. Please **DO NOT** bring the following items for the Yard Sale: Electronics, televisions, computers, computer monitors, encyclopedias, and textbooks.

Items can be brought to the church Monday through Thursday the week of the sale. Please make sure clothing is clean and in good condition and that other items are in good working order and will provide good service to our neighbors. **Drop Off - January** 14-17 (M-TH) 9 AM - 3 PM January 16 (W) 5 PM - 8 PM. We **need your help** on Wednesday and Thursday (January 16 and 17) to set the items on the tables and Friday and Saturday to assist shoppers or help in the kitchen. Please prayerfully consider helping to make this another successful Yard Sale.

**Church Weather Related Closings** - If you would like to be notified by phone of Sunday morning weather cancellations, you are invited to sign up for this service. Calls should arrive between 6:30 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. Sign up forms are available in the BLC Lobby area and Narthex. You can still check the church's website at [www.chambcob.org](http://www.chambcob.org) or call and check for a message on the church's answering machine. If you need to update contact information, please use this form to do so. If you have previously signed up, you do not need to resubmit. If you wish to be taken off the call list, please notify the office.

**Needed: Non-perishable food items** for the Food Pantry. Place items in the barrels located in the narthex or BLC Lobby. Please check expiration dates on the items as some have been outdated. **Empty egg cartons are no longer needed. Please do not bring them to the church any longer.**

**Church Closing Schedule** – December – Judy Witter;  
January – Terry Gibbons

*Senior Pastor: Joel Nogle*  
*Minister of Music and Congregational Life: Elizabeth Thorpe*  
*Director of Christian Ed and Youth: Jamie Rhodes*  
*Administrative Assistant: Carol Wingert*  
*Sunday Worship – 8:30 AM \* PERK – 10:45 AM*  
*Sunday School – 9:35 AM*  
*Office Hours 8:00 AM – 3:30 PM - Monday – Friday – Lunch 12:30 – 1:00 p.m.*  
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