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

**Worship**
**December 1, 2019**
**8:30 a.m.**

**The 1st Sunday in Advent**

***For God who said, "Let there be light in the darkness," has made this light shine in our hearts so we could know the glory of God that is seen in the face of Jesus Christ.*** 2 Corinthians 4:6 NLT

# Embracing the Ligh✞

Gathering

Glad Tidings

Prelude *Lo! How a Rose E'er Blooming* arr. C. Tornquist

God's Word Genesis 1:1-5 Liz Thorpe and Ali Toms

Centering

*You're invited to close your eyes.*
*Imagine a world that is empty…*
*Imagine a world without light…*
*Imagine a darkness so deep it conceals everything…*

Response *I Have Seen the Light* #211

Prayer

**Please stand as you are able.**

*Carol *O Come, All Ye Faithful* #199

**Please be seated.**

Special Music *Patapan* arr. Linda Lamb Hand Bells

God's Word Luke 1:26-38 ESV

Placing the 1st Light of Advent – The Holy Spirit

Advent Meditation **Let There be Light!** Pastor Joel

Anthem *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* by John Behnke
Chancel Choir

Our Prayers

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

Offertory *O Little Town of Bethlehem* arr. M. Kim

*Doxology #668

*Carol *Mary, Did You Know?* #209

*Benediction I Peter 2:9-10 Good News Translation

*Postlude *Fanfare* arr. J. Dixon

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**Greeters** Robert and Janet Deardorff
Sidney and Hope Parson Family

**Ushers** Ray Burkholder, Robert Frazer
Luke Preso and Carl Allison

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**Thank you to all who serve us in worship today:**
Worship Leadership Judy Witter
Organist Pamela Wert
Music Leadership Elizabeth Thorpe

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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 Dallas and Betty Stouffer

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***Today, December 1***

**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.

***Monday, December 2***
6:30 p.m. – Pickleball – BLC

***Tuesday, December 3***
6:30 p.m. – Worship & Music Commission Meeting – CR

***Wednesday, December 4***
9:00 a.m. – Pickleball – BLC
5:30 p.m. – Mid-Week Connection – Hand Bells & Christmas Music
6:00 p.m. – KidNection – BLC
6:00 p.m. – Revolution – Sanctuary
7:15 p.m. – Chancel Choir rehearsal - Sanctuary

***Thursday, December 5***
6:30 p.m. – Properties Commission Meeting – CR

***Saturday, December 7***
6:00 p.m. – "An Evening in December" hosted by our youth group

***Please take Note***

**2019 Advent Devotionals** published by Brethren Press entitled ***"Ready"*** are available in the Narthex and BLC Lobby. There are a limited number of large print available also. Enjoy!

**Bulletin Covers –** Last week's bulletin cover photo was taken by Judy Witter and Ali Toms created the Advent bulletin covers. Thanks to these ladies for our beautiful bulletins!

**Church Board Minutes** from the meeting held November 4, 2019 are posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex and BLC Lobby for anyone to view.

**Worship and Music Commission** will meet on Tuesday, December 3, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. in the Conference Room.

**Mid-Week Connection, Wednesday, December 4, 2019** – Chambersburg Church of the Brethren's Hand Bells will be playing and Christmas carols. Dinner at 5:30 p.m. Menu is Breakfast food!

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

**Properties Commission** will meet on Thursday, December 5, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. in the Conference Room.

**Thank you for your continued support of S.O.N**. Our neighbors are being served by your donations. For Christmas, we would like to give our neighbors $10 gift cards from **Target, Wal-Mart, Giant or Aldi's.** We will collect them in marked boxes in the Narthex and BLC Lobby. Money or checks can be placed in the boxes and we can purchase the gift cards for you. **S**erving **O**ur **N**eighbors at Christmas can be a special joy!

**Salvation Army Red Kettle Project.** Volunteers needed for one hour shifts to ring the bell for Salvation Army's Red Kettle Project on Friday and Saturday December 6 and 7. Friday we will be at Sunnyway Market and Saturday we will be at The Butcher Shop. Please see the sheet in the Narthex to sign-up for your preferred time and location.

**Church Board** will meet on Monday, December 9, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. in the Conference Room (open to church members).

**Loving Hearts Christmas** will be held on Thursday, December 12, 2019 at 12 noon in the Brethren Life Center. Lunch will be catered by Hickory Ridge. Christmas music and a short program will follow.

**Church Library Users (Past & Present) –** Before our schedules get busy preparing for Christmas – please take a few minutes to look around for any books/DVD's that belong to the library. We have several books/DVD's that are way overdue! Please return them ASAP.
--Thanks for your cooperation!

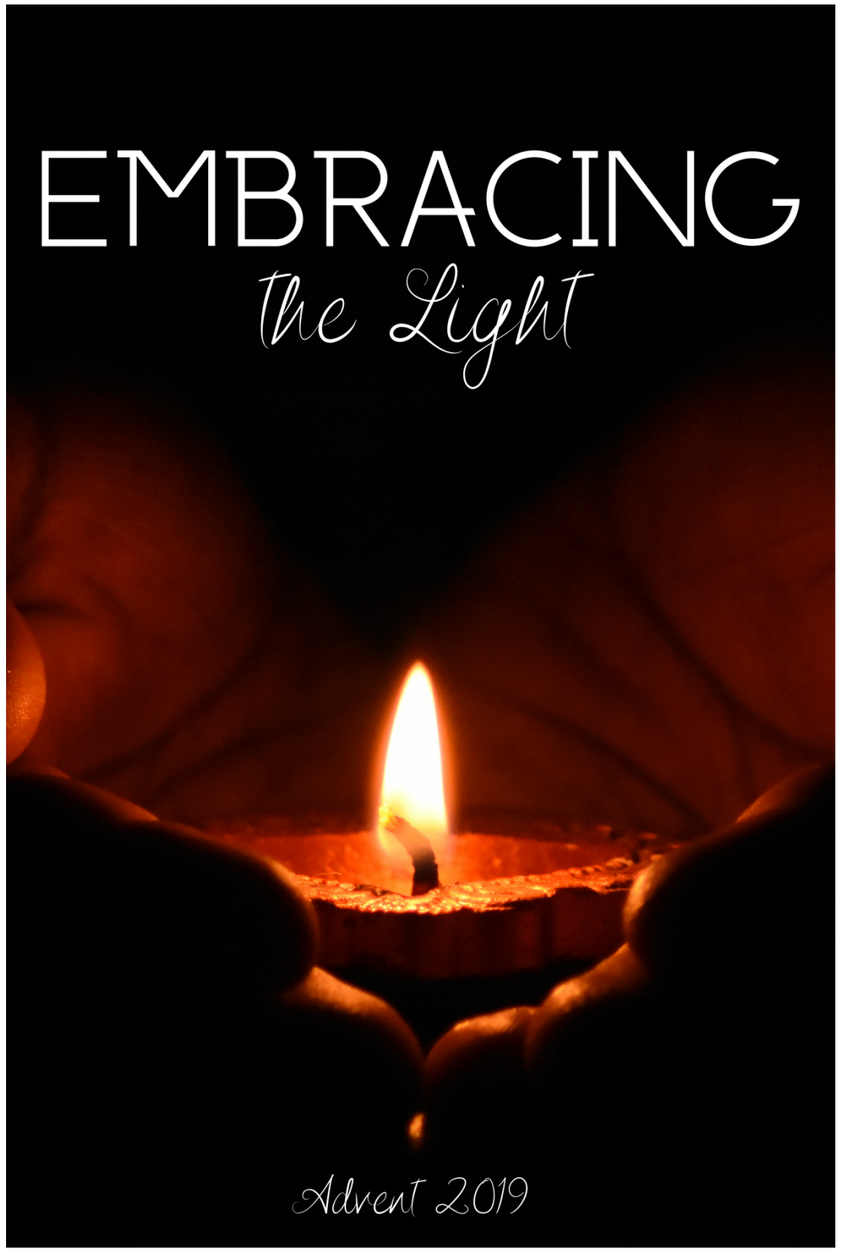
**Mark your calendars: Saturday, December 14th** is our Drive-Thru Live Nativity for the church and for the public. Mary and Joseph and the whole Christmas cast will be in the stable in our parking lot! Cars will enter via 4th and Elm Streets, drive through our lot and exit via Elm to 6th.
WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO PORTRAY THE CAST -- ANY AGE. **Sign-up sheets are in the lobby.** No one has to stand in the cold for a prolonged period, but you can take a double shift if you wish. Let's make this a church family Christmas project to bless others with the good news of Immanuel (God with us)!

**Friday, December 20th** we are holding a **Longest Night Service** in our sanctuary at 6:30 PM. This time of year can be stressful. Some people are affected by the scarcity of light. Many just need to tend their spirits in the midst of holiday planning. **We have a 45-50-minute worship service planned that will allow you to renew, breathe and go into that "dark night" with the Light of the World and the hope it brings.** Come reflect, listen, engage and re-commit. You'll still have time to get some of the "last minute" things done that night.

**CCOB Food Bank Challenge for December** - Help fill the Barrel with our ***DECEMBER* Challenge** which is ***Winter Warmth.*** Our Friends at the Food Bank are asking for: **Hats, Scarves, Gloves, Mittens & Socks for all ages.** FACT: The Food Bank Gives to 500 People each month. Sooooo……. Can we help each one keep warm this winter??????

**Mark Your Calendar – 2020 Church Yard Sale** Friday, January 17th from 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. and Saturday January 18th from 8:00 a.m. until 12 Noon. Lots of great items! Proceeds will benefit Smart Cookies Preschool and Chambersburg COB Youth Group.

**Church Closing Schedule –** December – Terry Gibbons;

November 24, 2019
U.B. = Unified Budget)
Worship – 149 Sunday School – 48

*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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