

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

**Worship**  
**December 15, 2019**  
**8:30 a.m.**

**The 3rd Sunday in Advent**

*The people walking in darkness  
have seen a great light;  
on those living in the land of the  
shadow of death  
a light has dawned.* Isaiah 9:2 NIV

## Embracing the Light

Gathering

Glad Tidings

Prelude      *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*      arr. C. Tornquist

God’s Word      Isaiah 11:1-5 NRSV

**Please stand as you are able.**

\*Carol      *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*      #176

\*Prayer

\*Carol      *The First Noel*      #180

God’s Word – **A Dialogue**    Matthew 2:1-12 NKJV

**Congregation:** In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it is written  
by the prophet:

**“But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,  
Are not the least among the rulers of Judah;  
For out of you shall come a Ruler  
Who will shepherd My people Israel.”**

Placing the 3<sup>rd</sup> Light of Advent – The Magi

Anthem      *Star of Advent* by Pepper Choplin      Chancel Choir

Invitation

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

Offertory      *Carol of the Bells*      arr. J. Dixon

\*Doxology      *I Have Seen the Light*      #211

Advent Meditation      **That’s Some Tree Topper!**  
Pastor Joel

\*Carol      *Silent Night, Holy Night*      #206

\*Silent Meditation

\*Postlude      *O Come, All Ye Faithful*      J. F. Wade

**Greeters**      Robert and Linda Gorman  
Judy Witter

**Ushers**      David McCleary, Donald Lehman  
Eugene Hawbaker and Jerry Moore

**Thank you to all who serve us in worship today:**  
Worship Leadership      John and Carol Van Horn  
Organist      Pamela Wert  
Music Leadership      Elizabeth Thorpe

**Wednesday, December 18**

9:00 a.m. – Pickleball – BLC  
6:00 p.m. – Hand Bells rehearsal  
6:00 p.m. – Revolution Christmas Party in BLC  
7:15 p.m. – Chancel Choir rehearsal - Sanctuary

**Thursday, December 19**

6:00 p.m. – Smart Cookies Preschool Christmas Program - BLC

**Friday, December 20**

6:30 p.m. – Longest Night Service in Sanctuary

**Please take Note**

**The Flowers to the Front of the Altar** are presented to the Glory of God in Celebration of the 55<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary of Jacob and Lora Bucher on December 19, 2019.

**Contributions for 2019 Giving** – Special gift contributions need to be in the Church Office by Sunday, December 29th. Any giving received after December 29th will be credited to 2020 giving.

**2020 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 \$35.00.

**2020 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 2020.

**Missions & Service Commission** will meet on Tuesday, December 17th at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room.

**The Helping Hand Circle Christmas Party** will be held on Tuesday, December 17, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at the home of June Hawbaker, 181 Tobin Drive, Chambersburg. Bring a finger food to share and a gift.

**Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup>** 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.

**Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>** is **Christmas Eve on 4<sup>th</sup> Street.** Come at 6:30 PM and hear **seasonal sounds** from our gifted church musicians. The **family service** will begin at 7:00. Carols, story, meditation, candlelight and holy communion will all be part of our celebration of the birth of Jesus and the true Light that has come into the world. Glow-sticks and a special snack will be available for young children to use during the communion and candle lighting portions of the service.

**The Church Office will be closed** on Wednesday, December 25, 2019 and Thursday, December 26, 2019 in observance of Christmas! Merry Christmas!

**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?????

**S.O.N. - Your continued support of donations for Serving Our Neighbors deserves a THANK YOU!** It has been a great success throughout the year as we have collected and gave out many items at our monthly Mid-Week program. During December and January, we will be collecting: hats, gloves/mittens and scarves for men, women and children. These donations will be given out at both January and February Mid-Week nights.

**The Towne Singers Present...The Sound Of The Season** today at 7:00 p.m. at Calvary United Methodist Church, 150 Norlo Drive, Fayetteville and on Sunday, December 22, 2019, 7:00 p.m. at Memorial Lutheran Church, 34 E. Orange Street, Shippensburg. Admission to the concerts is free; a goodwill offering will be taken at each concert.

**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.

**Church Closing Schedule** – December – Terry Gibbons;  
January – Rick Shreiner

December 8, 2019  
U.B. = Unified Budget)  
Worship – 230                      Sunday School – 79

*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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