

Our Mission

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

Chambersburg Church of the Brethren
December 31, 2023
9:30 AM

Knowing God in Jesus Christ's Love

Gathering to Worship

Greetings and Announcements

PRELUDE *On Christmas Night All Christians Sing* arr. M. Kim

CANDLE LIGHTING

*CALL TO WORSHIP HYMN *"The Light of the World Is Jesus"*

*RESPONSIVE WORSHIP: -adapted from 1 John 1:5-7
One: This is the message we have heard from Jesus Christ
and proclaim to you –
Many: That God is light and in God there is no shadow at all!
One: If we live in the light, as God is in the light –
Many: then we share a common life with one another ...
**All: and the blood of Jesus, God's Son, cleanses us
from all sin!**

*Praise Songs *"Sweet, Sweet Spirit"* # 328
"Spirit Song" # 329

INVOCATION

Giving to Share in the Work of the Church

PRESENTING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly* arr. M. Kim

*Doxology # 668

*Offertory Prayer

Special Music *Joseph's Lullaby* by Mercy Me

Robin Faust-Hambright

Proclaiming

SCRIPTURE

1 John 1:1-10

SONG *"They'll Know We Are Christians"* # 385

MESSAGE Tim Monn
"The Love of God in Jesus Christ, and (hopefully) in Us"

Praying

OUR PRAYERS:

- Praying for our Leaders, and leaders around the world,
- Praying for our Church, and the Church around the world.
- Praying for the victims of war & terrorism around the world,
- Unison Prayer: The LORD's Prayer
*Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth, as it is in
heaven.
Give us today our daily bread. And forgive our sins as we
forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into
temptation but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory,
forever. Amen.*

Scattering To Share the Gospel

*SINGING BENEDICTION *"The Light of the World"* verse 1

*POSTLUDE *O Come, All Ye Faithful* arr. M. Kim

*Thank you for sharing this worship hour with us. We invite you to
become a part of our Church Family.*

An asterisk () indicates standing, if comfortably able.*

Today, December 31st

Childcare is available for infants thru age 4 in the Crib Room
during the 9:30 a.m. worship service and the Sunday School hour
following.

Reminder: There is no Sunday School today. Classes will resume
on Sunday, January 7th.

The Church Office will be closed on Monday, January 1, 2024 in
observance of New Year's. Happy New Year!

Deacons Commission will meet on Tuesday, January 2, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. in the Mini-Fellowship Hall.

Mid-Week to Go.....plan to join us on Wednesday, January 3rd between 5:30 p.m. - 6:15 p.m. for a meal delivered to your car! First come-first served basis.

Please take note that the next newsletter will combine the months of January/February. Deadline for January/February Pastor's Pen is Sunday, January 7th. Please submit all information to the church office.

Fellowship and Recreation Commission will meet on Monday, January 8, 2024, at 4:30 p.m. in the Conference Room.

The Church Board will meet on Tuesday, January 9, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. in the Mini-Fellowship Hall (open to church members).

Christian Education Commission will meet on Thursday, January 11, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in the Conference Room.

News from Christian Ed Commission: Immediate help needed in Nursery/Toddler, Preschool, 1st-5th Grade & Youth Sunday School Classrooms. Volunteers needed to Sign up for these areas.
Nursery/Toddler – 1 or 2 hours a month - Times: 9:30-11:30
Preschool – 1 or 2 hours a month OR a month at a time
Times: 9:30-11:30
1st-5th Grade – Preferably Teach a month at a time –
Time: 10:30-11:30
Youth Sunday School Class – Teach month at a time
Time: 10:30-11:30

Please sign up in the Narthex or Brethren Life Center Lobby
The Child Clearances needed can be taken care of by the Church Office.

2024 Flower Chart – A New Flower Chart is posted in the Narthex for altar flowers for worship. Altar arrangements are \$35.00.

Church Board Minutes from the meeting held December 12, 2023, are posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex and Brethren Life Center Lobby for anyone to view.

Church Closing Schedule - December – Luke Preso;
January – Ray Burkholder

Table Games are held every Wednesday in the Brethren Haus from 1-4. All are welcome for this fellowship. We decide what to play once gathered. If you wish you may bring a game. Snacks are welcome, but not necessary.

Needed: Non-perishable food items for the Food Pantry. Place items in the barrel located in the Brethren Life Center Lobby. Please check expiration dates on the items as some have been outdated.

To give online, please scan



Unified Budget Needed to Date	\$487,743.89
Actual Income through 11/30/23	\$392,862.83
Actual Expenses through 11/30/23	\$376,934.29
Net as of 11/30/23	\$ 15,928.54

Pastor of Administration and Congregational Life: Elizabeth Thorpe
Administrative Assistant: Carol Wingert
Associate Pastor of Christian Education and Youth Ministries: Gretchen Sortzi
Sunday Worship – 9:30 AM - Sunday School – 10:30 AM
Office Hours 8:00 AM – 3:30 PM - Monday – Thursday– Lunch 12:30 – 1:00 p.m.
Friday – 8:00 a.m. until 12 Noon
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