

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

Worship
December 14, 2025
9:30 a.m.

The 3rd Sunday of Advent

Special Music

Carol of Christmas (Dick Anthony & Norman Borge)
Wayne Knepper, acc. by Robin Faust-Hambright

Welcome and Informal Moments

Prelude *Carol of the Bells* arr. A. Fedak

Call to Imagine and Worship
Lighting the Candle of Joy

*Hymn *O Come, All Ye Faithful* (#199)

*Prayer

Anthem *God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen* Chancel Choir
(arr. H. Sorenson)

Pastoral Prayer

Special Music Men's Chorus (Directed by Jennifer Davis;
acc. by Robin Faust-Hambright)

Behold the Star (Ken Bible/Traditional; arr. by Tom Fettke)
Beautiful Star of Bethlehem (Adger M. Pace & R. Fisher Boyce)

Offering Prayer

Offertory *Sussex Carol* arr. L. A. Koch

*Sung Response to offering *Christmas Doxology* (insert)
(tune: O Tanenbaum)

Teaching Scripture Luke 1:39-50 (NIV)

Sermon *Imagine Joy!* Pastor Mark

*Sending *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice* (#183)
(alt. lyrics on the screen)

*Benediction

*Postlude *Bring a Torch, Jeanette, Isabella* arr. L. A. Koch

(*All who are able, please stand.)

Thank you to all who serve us in worship today:

Director of Music and Organist
Worship Leadership

Pamela Wert
Janet Deardorff

Today, December 14th

Childcare is available for infants through Kindergarten during the 9:30 a.m. worship service, as well as during the Sunday School hour. Nursery/Toddlers (age 0-2) are in room #4 on the lower level. Pre-school/Kindergarten (age 3-5) are in room #6 on the lower level.

Thank you to all who donated cookies for the Carlisle Truck Stop Ministry. We made 100 bags, 75 dozen, 900 total cookies for distribution to truckers and travelers in south central PA during the holiday season.

Contemporary Worship Service TODAY at 10:45am! “Coffee Corner” will be open 15 minutes prior to that time for fellowship and light refreshment. While we see this service as a mission to reach young adults and families, it will relate to all ages. The short sermons speak to real life experiences, and the hands-on interactions help make faith personal and build community. If you do not attend Sunday School, come join us at 10:45 am in the Brethren Life Center.

Church Board Minutes from the meetings held December 2, 2025 and December 9, 2025 are posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex and Brethren Life Center Lobby for anyone to view.

Smart Cookies Preschool Committee will meet on Tuesday, December 16, 2025, at 3:00 p.m. in the Conference Room.

4th Street Youth & Kids Invite All to a Christmas Dinner on Wednesday, December 17th at 5:30 pm with supper served at 6:00 p.m. in the Brethren Life Center. All are Welcome! Dinner, music, movie, Christmas family photos & Holiday crafts for all ages! Kids area – Birthday Party for Jesus!

The Loving Hearts Group will meet on Thursday, December 18, 2025, at 12 Noon at Stoner’s Family Restaurant for our Christmas Get-Together.

The Smart Cookies Preschool Christmas program will be held on Thursday, December 18, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. All are invited to attend.

2026 Flower Chart – A New Flower Chart is posted in the Narthex for altar flowers for worship. Altar arrangements are \$45.00.

Please join us on Sunday, December 21, 2025, at 10:45 a.m. for guest singers from our Smart Cookies Preschool. They will be sharing their Christmas songs during our contemporary worship service. Plan to attend!

Christmas Eve Service – December 24, 2025
will begin at 6:00 p.m. with pre-service music in our sanctuary,
followed by a family-friendly traditional candlelight service at
6:30 p.m.

Our Christmas Eve service will be a family-friendly service, filled with carols and special music, the preaching of God’s Word, and, of course, the traditional candle lighting. Plan to bring your friends and family to celebrate the birth of Jesus together.

The Church Office will be closed on Thursday, December 25, 2025 and Friday, December 26, 2025, in observance of Christmas! Merry Christmas!

Contributions for 2025 Giving – Special gift contributions need to be in the Church Office by 9:00 a.m. on Monday, December 29th. Any giving received after December 29th will be credited to 2026 giving.

The Church Office will be closed on Thursday, January 1, 2026 in observance of New Year’s. Happy New Year!

Smart Cookies Preschool is looking for several people who can be Substitute Teachers and/or Substitute teacher's Assistants in our program. Our staff is rarely ill, but when they are we need a list of willing and able subs. When you substitute, you are paid for your time. To apply please contact Amy Kobie by email at Amy.Kobie@chambcob.org, or call the church office to express your interest. We are also looking for a Santa Claus for our December 18th Christmas Party for the students and their families. Volunteer to either Ms. Kobie or Tim Monn.

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.

Church Closing Schedule – December – Donald Lehman;
January – Terry Gibbons; February – Sam Wingert

Bus Trip to see Joshua at Sight and Sound! - A Bus Trip is planned to Sight and Sound in Lancaster to see “*Joshua*” on Tuesday, April 28, 2026. Depart church at 8:00 a.m. with show time at 11:00 a.m. Enjoy a family style meal at Riehl’s Quilts and Craft Shop, an authentic Amish Home beginning at 2:15 p.m. Departure for home at approximately 4:15 p.m. Cost for bus, tickets, and meal is \$170 for Adults and \$109 for Children (ages 3 thru 12 yrs.) Payment is due upon sign-up and payable to Chambersburg Church of the Brethren. If you are unable to attend after signing up, you are responsible for getting a replacement. Sign-up in the Brethren Life Center lobby.

To give online, please scan



December 7, 2025

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Unified Budget Needed to Date	\$509,994.72
Actual Income through 11/30/25	\$411,781.68
Actual Expenses through 11/30/25	\$448,945.23
Net as of 11/30/25	\$ -37,163.55