

Our Mission

- Enabling our church family to know and live the Christian way of life as revealed in Christ
- Serving the community and the world so that all may experience our love and the love of God

Worship
December 18, 2011
8:30 a.m.

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Gathering Together

Welcome and Announcements Michael Preso Family

Prelude

Call to Worship Luke 1:5-25 Michael Preso Family

Invocation (Unison) Insert

A Pause to Listen

Scripture Reading Luke 1:78-79

**By the tender mercy of our God,
 The dawn from on high will break upon us,
 To give light to those who sit
 in darkness and in the shadow of death,
 To guide our feet into the way of peace.'**

Advent Candle Lighting Megan and Luke Preso

*Hymn *Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne* #217

Special Music *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*
Mixed Ensemble

Bringing our Gifts to God

Offertory Invitation

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

Hymn *How Great Our Joy* #202

*Prayer of Dedication (Unison) Insert

Coming Before God in Prayer

Communal Prayer

Anthem *O Come, O come, Emmanuel* Chancel Choir

Seeking the Word

Scripture Reading Luke 1:57-80

Meditation "A Song From God: Zechariah's Song"
Pastor Daniel

Responding to the Word

*Hymn *Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light* #210

*Benediction

*Postlude

***All who are able may stand.**
Audio enhancement for the hearing impaired is available.
 Please check with the head usher.

Greeters Robert and Linda Gorman
 Jerry and Joanne Walls

Ushers Eugene Hawbaker, William Green
 Donald and Annette Lehman

Thank you to all who serve us in worship today:
 Worship Leadership/Advent Lighting:
 Michael, Renee, Megan & Luke Preso

Music Leadership Jacqueline Picking
 Organist Sandy Sleichter

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Worship
(in Brethren Life Center)
December 18, 2011
10:45 A.M.
Fourth Sunday of Advent

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Invocation (Unison) Insert

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Scripture Reading Luke 1:78-79

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Advent Candle Lighting Norma Cherry Family

*Hymn *Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne* #217

Offertory *How Great Our Joy* #202
(Offering to be received while this song is being sung.)

Prayer of Dedication (Unison) Insert

Hymn *Child in the Manger* #189

Scripture Reading Luke 1:57-80

Meditation "A Song From God: Zechariah's Song"

*Hymn *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* #175
***Benediction**

Thank you to all who serve us in worship today:
 Advent Lighting Norma Cherry Family
 Music Leader Jacqueline Picking
 Greeters/Ushers Gary and Donna Meyers

Schedule of Events and Activities

Today, December 18

Childcare is available for infants thru age 3 in the Crib Room during the 8:30 a.m. service.

Preschool Sunday School Class has been moved to Toddler I & II Rooms for the month of December.

Wednesday, December 21

8:30 a.m. – Quilting
1:00 p.m. – Tables Games – MFH
7:00 p.m. – Missions & Service Commission - CR

Friday, December 23

Church Office Closed – Merry Christmas!

Please take Note

Pastor Daniel needs a place to stay Christmas Eve. If you can host him, please contact the church office.

Please have all bulletin announcements to the church office by noon on Wednesday, December 21, 2011. The Church Office will be closed on Friday, December 23rd and Monday, December 26th.

Terry Koons has volunteered to assist with managing public relations activities for the church starting January 1, 2012.

Missions & Service Commission will meet on Wednesday, December 21, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room.

Wishing you a “Merry Christmas” – The church staff would like to invite members of the congregation to drop by the office during regular hours on December 19-22. Allow us to offer our hospitality and wishes for a blessed Christmas as you help yourself to cookies and punch.

Christmas Eve Service – December 24, 2011

6:30 p.m. – 7:15 p.m. –Live Nativity by the Youth – Front Lawn

7:15 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. –Organ Recital - Sanctuary

7:30 p.m. – Christmas Eve Worship in the Sanctuary

Offering Envelopes – Offering envelopes are available today. If you do not presently have offering envelopes and would like offering envelopes, contact the church office and you will be issued envelopes for 2012.

Contributions for 2011 Giving – Special gift contributions need to be in the Church Office by noon on Wednesday, December 28th. Any giving received after December 28th, will be credited to 2012 giving.

2012 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.

End-of-Year Puddin’ & Pancake Breakfast – Saturday, December 31, 2011 from 7:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. in the Brethren Life Center. Breakfast prepared and served by the men of the church. Donations will be accepted.

The Church Board Reorganization Meeting will be held on Saturday, January 14, 2012 beginning at 8:00 a.m. in The Brethren Haus.

Needed: A chest of drawers for a local family. If you can help, please contact Don Fogelsanger at 263-1025.

An Indoor Yard Sale will be held in the Brethren Life Center on Friday & Saturday, January 13th & 14th. Hours will be on Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and on Saturday from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. A free lunch will be available and is open to the community. If you have any items to donate for the yard sale, please contact a member of the Searchers Sunday School Class or bring your items in on Thursday of that week. Proceeds from the yard sale will benefit The Good Samaritan Fund.

Nursery Care for the 8:30 a.m. service has been completed. Your schedule is in your church mailbox today. Many thanks for those who have agreed to help.

Your Board has approved the purchase of new drapes for the sanctuary at a cost of \$17,000., and the purchase of a new furnace for the church at a cost of \$33,000. The payment of these items will be paid out of reserves. However, the Board agreed to make the opportunity available for anyone wishing to donate funds toward these items. Please use the special offering envelopes provided in the pews and mark the donation accordingly.

An All-American Christmas Show at the Capitol Theatre in Chambersburg today at 3:00 p.m. Tickets are \$20 for Adults and can be bought online at thecapitoltheatre.org or by calling 263-0202.

In case of inclement weather on Sundays, please listen to WCRH 90.5 FM radio; check the church’s website www.chambcob.org or call a Deacon. No phone calls will be made by Deacons.

Needed: Non-perishable food items and empty egg cartons for the Food Pantry. Please place items in the barrels located in the narthex or BLC Lobby.

Church Closing Schedule: December – Donald Lehman;
January – Mike Oldham