

DECEMBER 13, 2015

- * PRELUDE: *“Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow”*
WELCOME AND SHARING OF NEWS
CALL TO WORSHIP:
Leader: Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors! That the King of glory may come in.
People: Who is this King of glory?
Leader: The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle.
People: Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors! that the King of glory may come in.
INVOCATION AND LORD’S PRAYER
+ HYMN OF PRAISE: (Red) No. 168
“Angels from the Realms of Glory”
LIGHTING OF THE THIRD ADVENT CANDLE
Sandra and Bill Sibert
THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM
+ **NICENE CREED:** (Red) Front No. 12
+ GLORIA PATRI
QUIET MEDITATION: *“I Wonder As I Wonder”*
PASTORAL PRAYER AND CHORAL RESPONSE
TITHES AND OFFERINGS
OFFERTORY ANTHEM: *“Come To Us O Promised One”*
+ DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION
+ HYMN OF PREPARATION: (Red) No. 160
“It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”
SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 3:7-18
SERMON: *“John’s Prophecy”* **Lee Thomas**
+ HYMN OF RESPONSE: (Red) No. 169
“While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night”
+ BENEDICTION
+ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: *“Away in A Manger”* (Verse 3)
Be near me Lord Jesus, I ask Thee to stay. Close by me forever and love me I pray.
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care. And fit us for heaven to live with Thee there.
+ POSTLUDE: *“I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day”*

+ **CONGREGATION IS INVITED TO STAND**
*** USHERS MAY SEAT THOSE WAITING**

THIS WEEK’S CALENDAR

SUNDAY:

- 10:00A.M. Morning Worship Service
Attendance last week: 168
Offering last week: \$1,872.35
11:00 A.M. Sunday School for all age groups
6:00 P.M. Christmas Program

THURSDAY:

- 6:30 P.M. Choir Rehearsal (Church of the Brethren)

Our greeters today are Carol and Nel Empet.

Our prayer family this week is Summer and Nathan Sheets and Kipton.

For SACRA in December we will be collecting non-perishable breakfast foods such as cereals, cereal bars, boxed juices, pop tarts, etc.

This morning we will celebrate the baptism of Robert Warren Harvill, V (son of Casey and Rob Harvill) and Patrick Reid Weller (son of Maegan and John Reid Weller).

The combined choirs of Olivet and Staunton Church of the Brethren will present a joint program of Christmas music at the Brethren Church this morning at 11:00 a.m. and again at the Brethren Church at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 10, 2016 as a fund raiser for our local Food Bank.

There will be an informal Candlelight Service on Thursday, December 24, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

Please join us for Doughnut Sunday with doughnuts, cookies, cider and coffee at 11:00 a.m. next Sunday morning compliments of the OYF.

There is a flower calendar on the bulletin board in the vestibule where you may sign up to put flowers in the sanctuary for any Sunday in honor of, or in memory of someone, or for a special occasion. Instructions are with the calendar.