

Welcome to Spring Creek Church of the Brethren

Words of Welcome

A blessed Advent to you! Today as we worship, we begin the season of anticipation, hope and preparation for the coming Messiah. Welcome.

Preparation for Worship

“The days are coming,” declares the LORD, “when I will fulfill the good promise I made ...” (Jeremiah 33:14, NIV). Thanks, God, that we can depend on your promises.

First Time Worshipping With Us? We are glad you have joined us and hope you will come to see us again soon. If you would like to use a hearing assistance device or large print Hymnals and Bibles, please see an Usher. We offer child care for infants and toddlers (East of the Gathering Area) and Kid's Zone for young children ages 4 through 3rd grade in the Education Building during both of our worship services.

Questions? Stop by the Welcome Center in the Gathering Area or call the church office at (717) 533-7192. We would be happy to answer them for you.

SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45 AM

Adults

Carpenters' Class: Study of “1 & 2 Peter and Jude,” by Galen Hackman. Jim Martin (Rm. 402)

Discoverers' Class: Study of “The Problem of Evil.” Greg Howe (Rm. 406)

Elective Class: Study of “Liturgy of the Ordinary: Sacred Practices in Everyday Life” by Tish Harrison Warren. Dave Shissler (Rm. 100)

Seekers' Class: Study of “God's World and God's People.” Richard Hiler (Room 200)

Youth (Grades 6-12)

Sr. Highs are studying *Live a Year with Jesus*. (Youth Room)

Middle Schoolers are studying our Biblical ancestors. (Michelle's Office)

Children

Nursery (Birth to 18 months) & Toddlers (18 months through 3 yrs.)
Pre-K to 5th Grade

SERMONS AND SCRIPTURES

December 2
Unexpected Christmas:
The Word became Flesh
John 1:1-18

December 9
Unexpected Christmas:
Cosmic Christmas
Revelation 12:1-6

December 16
Unexpected Christmas:
Sons and Daughters
Galatians 4:1-7

December 23
Christmas Sunday

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Today, December 2 - 1st Sunday of Advent

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)

9:45 a.m. Christian Education

10:30 a.m. Mt. Rock Seniors Ministry (Prayer Room)

11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship (Chapel)

11:00 a.m. Mt. Rock Church (Sanctuary)

5:00 p.m. Church Christmas Celebration (Fellowship Hall)

Monday, December 3 - 7:00 p.m. M&W (Rm. 100), Trustees (Library)

Tuesday, December 4

7:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast (Hometown Restaurant, Palmyra)

Wednesday, December 5

10:00 a.m. Quilting (Rm. 402), Balance Class (Chapel)

6:00 p.m. Spring Creek Manor (Room 100)

6:30 p.m. Praise Band (Chapel)

7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Thursday, December 6 - 7:00 p.m. Deacons (Rm. 100)

Friday, December 7 - Poinsettia Orders Due Today

6:00 p.m. Mt. Rock Student Ministry Christmas Party (Fell Hall/Kitchen)

6:00 p.m. Mt. Rock Teen Devotional (Youth Room)

Saturday, December 8 - 2:00 p.m. Advent Bible School

Sunday, December 9 - 2nd Sunday of Advent

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)

9:00 p.m. Mt. Rock Silver Stars (Choir Rehearsal Room)

9:45 a.m. Christian Education

11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship (Chapel)

11:00 a.m. Mt. Rock Church (Sanctuary)

12:15 p.m. Sr. High Lunch Out (Cocoa Beanery, Hershey Lodge)

SPRING CREEK STAFF

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Sunday, December 2, 2018



Join us in the Sanctuary at 8:30 A.M.

Preparation for Worship

"The Word became flesh and blood, and moved into the neighborhood. We saw the glory with our own eyes, the one-of-a-kind glory, like Father, like Son, Generous inside and out, true from start to finish." —Eugene Peterson, *The Message* (John 1:14)

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *The First Noel* ~ *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring* Traditional
Luke Sheppard, Piano

Scripture

John 1:1-18, NRSV

Lighting the First Advent Candle

*Hymn

Emmanuel

Brown Hymnal #243

*Affirming Our Faith (in unison)

*WE BELIEVE in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.*

*We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.*

*For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.*

*For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.*

*He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.*

*We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.*

Ministry of Music *Let His Love Be Found in You* Besig/Price
Sanctuary Choir
Madison Dove, Violin

A Time of Prayer

***Hymn** *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* Brown Hymnal #245
verses 1, 2 & 4

A Time of Offering

Call to Giving
Offertory *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* McConnell
Please sign and pass the Friendship Register.
Prayer of Dedication
Children may come forward following the prayer.

Message for Young Disciples Pastor Adam
Children ages 4 through 3rd grade are dismissed
for Kids' Zone with Cara Engle as leader.

Message *The Word Became Flesh* Pastor Adam

***Hymn** *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly* Brown Hymnal # 279

***Words of Sending and Benediction**

***Time of Meditation** *Let's Worship and Adore Him* Fettke

***Postlude** *The Birthday of a King* Southbridge

*Stand in body or spirit.

Message for Today
Unexpected Christmas: The Word Became Flesh

Primary Text: John 1:1-18

John 1:1-5

- John goes back to the very beginning to tell his version.
- "Word" means something like "rational explanation of..."
- "In the beginning..." Sound familiar?

1:6-8

- Introduced to John the Baptist
- John's job was to testify about the Word moving into historical reality

1:9-13

- The world, created through the Word did not recognize its creator
- John lays out the saving work of the Word, the Gospel, at the very beginning of the book.

1:14-18

- The Divine became human (fully God and fully human)
- "He lived among us." (NRSV), "Moved into the neighborhood." (Message), "Made his dwelling." (NIV)
God's physical manifestation comes in the midst of humanity.
- The Eternal Divine Creator of All, Alpha & Omega becomes a human named Yeshua Bar Yoseph.

So what?!

Homework

- Read Revelation 12:1-6 for next week.



Join us in the Chapel at 11:00 A.M.



*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
Glory To God Forever
Do It Again*

*Light Of The World / Here I Am To Worship - Offering
Forever Reign*

PERSONAL CONCERNS

Caring for one another, especially during times of personal celebration and need, is important for a faith community. In addition to our caring through prayer, we encourage caring through sending cards and notes, and personal contact where appropriate.

Pray for Our Residents of Nursing Centers

This Week Pray for the ministry of Indian Mobile Mission in Snowflake, Arizona.

Also this Week Pray for our Sister Church, Philadelphia First Church of the Brethren. The Quakertown CoB is praying for us.

December deacon on call is Brenda Etter; KC Thomas is back-up.

This Week's Denominational Mission Prayer Focus

Pray for Global Mission worker Grace Mishler as she travels in Hong Kong and presents at an international forum at the City University of Hong Kong. Grace is sharing with faculty, students, and the blind community about her work with babies afflicted with the vision-impairing condition of Retinopathy of Prematurity (ROP) in Vietnam. Pray that her presentation can increase awareness of ROP and help generate resources to prevent the condition.



TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

Acolyte: Addison Sheppard
Kids' Zone: Cara Engle
Organist: Judy Hiler
Pianists: Luke Sheppard, Cindy Fasnacht, Janet Myers
Violinist: Madison Dove
Worship Leader: Jim Martin
Reader: Micah Sheppard
Sound: Mike Blizzard
Video: Kyle Blizzard
Projection: Sheppards

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

Acolyte: Jacob Gesford
Kids' Zone:
Sound: Mike Blizzard
Projection: Dawn Early
Praise Band

