

“Three Kinds of Hope”
Hebrews 11:1, 39

December 1, 2024 1st Sunday of Advent

Pianist: Geoffrey Zimmerly Organist: Phyllis Snyder

Hope as _____

Welcome

Prelude: “Angels From the Realms of Glory” -
piano/organ

Lighting of the Advent Candle

*Invitation to Worship:

The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;

**Those who lived in a land of deep darkness—
on them light has shined.**

Come, let us worship the God

Whose light brings hope to a weary world.

(based on Isaiah 9:2, written by Joan Delaplane, O.P.)

***Song:** “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” page 271

Scripture: Hebrews 11:1, 39 page 1874

Prayer

Special Music: Bell Choir -
“Christmas Time”
“The First Noel”

***Song:** “Sing We Now of Christmas” page 275
*Children 4-9 years old are released to the
back of the sanctuary for Children’s Church*

Message: “Three Kinds of Hope”

***Song:** “Hark! the Herald Angels Sing” page 277

***Closing Prayer and Response**
“Emmanuel” page 243

**If able, please stand*

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SMITHVILLE BRETHREN CHURCH

*INTRODUCING PEOPLE TO CHRIST—
TOGETHER BECOMING COMPLETELY
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First Time @ Smithville Brethren?

Welcome, we are thrilled to have you as our guest today. Here is some information you will find helpful.

First, there is a gift waiting for you at our welcome center in the main lobby. Please stop by so we can give it to you.

Second, we would like you to know that we have two worship services here at Smithville Brethren. We have a 9:00 a.m. service in the Sanctuary with a traditional feel and an 11:30 a.m. service in the Upper Fellowship Hall with a contemporary feel.

Third, we believe that the responsibility to support the church financially rests upon the members and friends of this church and not on you, our guest. Please do not feel obligated to participate in the offering today.

Fourth, during the 9:00 & 11:30 a.m. services we have Jr. church for children ages 4-9. Jr. church begins partway through the service and allows your child a chance to learn about God in a more age appropriate environment. Jr. church is located in the lower level. You will see a slide on the screen that tells when to send your child out for Jr. church, if you desire to do so.

Fifth, we love children here at SBC so we have a nursery which is open for children from birth to 3 years old during the worship services and birth to 2 years old during the Sunday school hour. You may bring your child to the lower level during either of the worship services and Sunday school. Our nursery is staffed by loving people who would enjoy caring for your child. If you desire to keep your child in the service, that is perfectly fine also.

Volunteers for today are:

Nursery

9:00 a.m. Erica Shaffer, April Pearce
10:15 a.m. Beth/April Pearce, Sylvia King
11:30 a.m. Bridgett Collins, Ashley Burns

Children's Church

9:00 a.m. Emily Chenevey, Jessie Dravenstott
11:30 a.m. Russ King, Sabrina Brandenburg

Weekly Calendar:

Wednesday, December 4th

6:30 p.m. Prayer Meeting
7:30 p.m. Choir Practice

Friday, December 6-Saturday, December 7

5:00 p.m.-8:00 a.m. Element 412 Annual Christmas Party/Overnighter

Saturday, December 7th

9:00 a.m. Bell Choir Practice

Wi-Fi: SBC Guest Password: Bashful01

Prayer

- Dale/Donna RuLon
- Family of Jim Cline
- Dick/Joyce Zimmerly
- Nely Harris

New to SBC?
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ELEMENT 412 EVENTS (6th-12th grade)

- December 6 & 7 5 p.m.-8 a.m. Annual Christmas Party & Overnighter—RSVP on the church website for dinner, and bring a gift for Snoops, if you wish to participate.

FRIENDS' CLUB EVENTS (age 5-5th grade)

- Sunday, December 15 5-8 p.m. Christmas Caroling w/ Element 412 Drop off at the west entrance; gather in the LFH. Dinner provided; wear your favorite Christmas sweater and hat. Sign up on the church website. Adult volunteers are needed to drive.

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING ROOM CHANGES FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES, EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 24:

Beacon Light Class, led by Marion Hochstetler, will meet in the library.

FOCUS Class, led by Chet Underwood and Scott Meech, will meet in Room 202.

Sanctuary Class, led by Scott Fetter, will meet in the upper fellowship hall on a 4-week trial basis.

2024 Christmas Challenge—This year we have the opportunity to come alongside another Brethren church, Smoky Row Brethren, which is located in Columbus, Ohio. As we have gotten to know the story of Smoky Row, we believe we could be of some help to them with their specific challenges. This year's Christmas Challenge will go to address some needs they have currently as we help them discover what the next season of ministry will be. So add up what you spend on Christmas, designate that amount for the Christmas Challenge, and it will be used to bless this Brethren church.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Thank you for the overwhelming response by so many in support of Operation Christmas Child. Thanks to everyone who packed a box, brought in items to go in boxes, prayed for the ministry, supported financially, helped during collection week, and the list goes on and on. Your efforts combined with many others from all over the world allow God's word to be spread to the far corners of the earth. Thanks be to God!

The Christmas Carol Celebration will be held Sunday, December 8 at 2 p.m. Invite your family and friends to join us for an afternoon of lovely Christmas music to celebrate the season. A punch and cookie reception will follow. **Please sign up at the Information table to provide cookies; they should be labeled and put in the upstairs kitchen by the morning of Saturday, December 7, if possible. Thank you!**

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2025 Offering Envelopes—Pick up your 2025 offering envelopes from the table in the entryway starting today. If you haven't had envelopes in the past and would like them, please call the church office or call/text Jeff Borah at 330-391-1813.

2025 Flower Chart—If you would like to donate flowers in 2025 for the 9:00 a.m. worship service, the sign-up chart is located near the welcome center. Cost is \$40; checks should be payable to Smithville Brethren Church with "flowers" on the memo line and placed in the offering. If you donate online, you are able to designate an amount for flowers. Thank you!

Primetime (55 and over) lunch will be held Monday, December 16 at noon in the UFH. Sign up on the church website, smithville.church, or call the church office at 330-669-2267. We hope you will join us as we fellowship and enjoy a wonderful meal together. Please make those that are new feel welcome and invite them to join you.

Christmas Food Distribution—December 18

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Thanksgiving food distribution. We are doing it again for Christmas. There is a sign-up sheet at the Information table; we will be setting up at 9:00 a.m. and distributing from 2:30-4:00 p.m. and 6:00-7:30 p.m. Come out and be a part of helping our neighbors in the community and sharing the hope of Christmas.

Christmas Eve Service Please join us at 7 p.m. as we celebrate the birth of our Savior with carols, special music, a children's story, and a message. No nursery provided. We invite you to make this special service a part of your Christmas celebration with family and friends.

Our Daily Bread Devotionals are available at each entrance, including the newest regular print issue for December, January, and February. Please help yourself.

Minutes for the October Official Board meeting are available in the last church mailbox. Feel free to take one.

Prayer Chain: Please share any prayer requests with one of the following:

- Bev Kail at 330-201-6449 or rka6616@gmail.com
- Barb Mast at 330-201-1748 or barbmast@aol.com
- Church office at 330-669-2267 or sbrethren@earthlink.net

If you are not currently on our email prayer chain and would like to be added, please contact one of the above.